
Minutes for a meeting of the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board to be held at the Naike Community Hall in Naike on **THURSDAY, 4 April 2024** commencing at **6.34pm**.

Present:

Mr B Cameron (Chairperson)
Ms L Fry (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms F Coker-Grey
Ms R Costar
Cr C Eyre

Attending:

Mr T Rowland (Democracy Advisor)
Mrs M May (General Manager Service and Delivery)
Mr R Turner (Recovery Manager/Customer Experience)
Mr A Boldero (Te Miro Water)
Mr M Curtis (Waikato District Council)
Ms P Storey (Waikato Regional Council Chairperson)
Ms E Welch (Waikaretu School)
Mr S Welch (Waikaretu School)
Mr R Walker (Waikaretu School)

The meeting opened with a karakia at 6:35pm.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (L Fry/F Coker-Grey)

THAT the Rural Port Waikato Community Board receives the apologies for non-attendance from Cr Eyre and Cr Matatahi-Poutapu.

CARRIED

RPWCB2404/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (R Costar/F Coker-Grey)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Rural Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 4 April 2024 be confirmed and that all reports be received, and that Item 6.4 be moved to after Item 4.

CARRIED

RPWCB2404/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interests were made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (R Costar/L Fry)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Rural Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 29 February be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

RPWCB2404/03

Discretionary Fund Applications

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [RPWCB0404/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- Sam Welch, Emily Welch and Ray Walker presented on their application for their Wellbeing Fund Application.
- They noted that any funding received would help cover any costs, but they would also fundraise to help towards the cost.
- They noted their work to bring the community together and that over 165 people had registered to attend the centenary and 150 people for the dinner.
- Ms Coker Grey commended the presenters for doing great work for the school.
- Ms Costar congratulated the presenters for the work they have done for the school.

Resolved: (B Hall/F Coker-Grey)

THAT the Rural Port Waikato Community Board:

- a. approves \$7,600.00 (excl. GST if any) from their Wellbeing Fund account to:**
 - i. Waikaretu School Centenary Committee,**
 - ii. to support the 100-year commemorative activities at the school.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2404/04

PUBLIC FORUM

- A presenter for the Naikē Community Gym noted the work that had been done renovating the gym.

Pamela Storey – Waikato Regional Council

- Ms Storey presented on the Waikato Regional Council's upcoming LTP noting that Regional Council did not get the option for an Annual Plan due to their non-participation in Water Infrastructure.
- Ms Storey noted that the Regional Council had a focus on finding savings and efficiencies.
- Ms Storey noted the timeline for the Regional Council's LTP.
- Ms Storey noted that WRC would have a proposed rates increase of six percent in 2024, eight per cent in 2025 and three per cent in 2026.

- Ms Storey noted increased levels of predator control within the LTP.
- Ms Storey noted a proposal from WRC to collect all Public Transport Rates across the districts.
- Ms Storey noted that the best way for the public to get involved in the conversation was to submit on the plan.

REPORTS

Port Waikato Flood Resilience Funding Project

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*RPWCB0404/02 refers*] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- Staff presented an update on the cyclone recovery of Port Waikato.
- Staff noted that \$2.35 million was put towards Flood Resilience at the Port.
- Ms Fry queried if the presentation would be available at the Port Waikato Enhanced Annual Plan Drop-in Session.
- Staff noted that they are currently modelling potential flood resilience projects such as pump upgrades, larger pipe channels and road protection.

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items October 2023

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*RPWCB2404/02 refers*] and discussion was held on the following matters:

Missing Chevron Sign

ACTION: Remain on the report.

Onewhero Reserve

ACTION: Remove off the report.

Freedom Camping

ACTION: Remove off the report.

Discretionary Fund Applications

ACTION: Remove off the report.

Onewhero Bus Turnaround to return to Works Actions Register Report.

- Ms Costar noted that Council could provide more updated communications around the project.

ACTION: Add to the report – Line marking on the Onewhero Bus Turn Around.

Water Tables Cleanout

- Ms Costar noted that worked had not been done on the Water Tables cleanout since 2023.

ACTION: Add to the report.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [RPWCB2404/02 refers] and no discussion was held:

2024-234 Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [RPWCB2402/02 refers] and discussion was held.

Executive Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.6

Ms May provided a verbal report was received [RPWCB2402/02 refers] and the following discussion was held.

- Ms May noted the changes with Watercare and with their ending of the contract with Waikato District Council.
- Ms May noted that asset management would be brought back in house to give WDC more control over the level of service.
- Ms May noted that consultation with enhanced annual plan has begun and there are drop-in sessions across the district.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.7

The Chairperson provided a verbal report which was received [RPWCB2402/02 refers] and no discussion was held.

Community Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.9

The members provided verbal reports which were received [RPWCB2402/02 refers] on the following items.

- Mrs Costar noted that the community response group had been well received and had purchased radios for their group.
- Ms Coker-Grey noted that she would work on tidying up the Discretionary Fund Report with Democracy.
- Ms Fry noted that work had been done on the Community Board Plan.
- The board members discussed the Community Board Plan and whether feedback was needed from the community. The chairperson called it a living document that could be upgraded as it goes.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed with at 9:29pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2024.

B Cameron
CHAIRPERSON