

MINUTES for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held at The Huntly Civic Centre - Riverside Rooms, 148 Main Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2024** commencing at **6.02pm**

Present:

Mr GB McCutchan (Chairperson)
Mr F McNally
Mr J Sandhu
Ms E Wawatai
Cr D Whyte

Attending:

Mrs V Jenkins (People & Capability Manager)
Mrs G McCutchan (Huntly Bridge Club)
Mrs E Lumsden (Huntly Bridge Club)
Mrs J Craig (Huntly Bridge Club)
Ms K Moana (Huntly South Rugby League Football Club)
Ms S Ngare (Huntly South Rugby League Football Club)
Ms S McGoughran (Friendship House – Creative Huntly)
Ms E Shead (Friendship House – Creative Huntly)

Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

The meeting opened with a karakia and the Board members wanted to acknowledge and extend their heartfelt sympathies and condolences to Cr Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu and her wider whaanau on the passing of her father, Mr Pukeiahua Poutapu.

“Moe mai ra e te Rangatira – moe mai ra”

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr McNally/Cr Whyte)

THAT the Huntly Community Board accepts the apologies from:

- a. Ms S Matenga (Chairperson), Ms K Bredenbeck and Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu for non-attendance**

CARRIED

HCB2402/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Wawatai/Cr Whyte)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 27 February 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received;**
- c. Mr McNally to address the Board re: Discretionary Fund.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

A declaration of non-financial interests were made by the following Board members:

- Mr G McCutchan – Huntly Bridge Club (Family Member is on the Committee)
- Eden Wawatai – Huntly South RLFC (Family Member is the President)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Wawatai/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 12 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

HCB2402/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed under Public Forum:

- Ms E Shead expressed her concern at the number of Potholes along the northern section of Great South Road (Ohinewai end). Ms Shead has raised service requests with Council however the potholes always seem to reappear. The Chairperson will look into this further and follow up with Council.

ACTION: Chairperson to follow up with Council on the status of the Service Requests raised for the Pot holes at the northern end of Great South Road

REPORTS

NZ Police Update

Agenda Item 6.1

There was no member of the NZ Police present for the meeting and no discussion was held.

Discretionary Fund Report – 31 January 2024

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*HCB2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Mr McNally raised some concerns with the Board in relation to the applications for funding that have been received over the course of the last 15 months; particularly those that have been received from local sports clubs and activity-based community groups.
- The main concern raised by Mr McNally is the eligibility criteria for Discretionary Funding and his feeling that these applications are not in line with the current guidelines. Mr McNally spoke to his long 30 year history as a Community Board member and gave an overview of what the Discretionary Fund was originally designed to achieve.
- It was also noted by Mr McNally that the local sports clubs and community groups that are applying for funding do not appear to be seeking any other sources or options for funding (i.e – The Lion Foundation; WEL Energy Trust) and the pressure on the ratepayer to now fund these groups through the Discretionary Fund will increase especially with the cost of living at an all time high.
- Whilst the concerns of Mr McNally were acknowledged by the Board it was clearly stated by the Chairperson that all applications for funding that are included in the agenda for Huntly Community Board meetings are thoroughly vetted by the Funding Representatives for the Board first to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and are within the guidelines. It was further confirmed that all applications received in the last 15 months met the eligibility criteria.
- The Discretionary Fund Guidelines (as advertised on the council website) was included in the agenda at the Huntly Community Board meeting in December 2023 – these guidelines will be included in all agendas moving forward to ensure transparency and clarity if any further concerns arise.

ACTION: Senior Democracy Advisor to include the Discretionary Fund Guidelines as an attachment for this item in all Board agendas moving forward.

Discretionary Fund Application Report

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*HCB2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

Huntly Bridge Club

- Mrs G McCutchan spoke to the application and noted that the building the Bridge Club is located in was a Council owned building.
- A brief overview of the application was provided along with an outline of the work done to date at the club and the other sources of funding that the Bridge Club have actively applied with.

Mr G McCutchan (Chairperson) acknowledged his conflict of interest and did not take part in the discussion and did not vote on this item.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Ms Wawatai)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$3,000.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Huntly Bridge Club**
 - ii. towards the costs of an internal refurbishment of the Clubrooms.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/04

Huntly South Rugby League Football Club (GST Registered)

- Ms S Ngare spoke to the application and gave a brief overview of the history of the club and the work that has been undertaken to reinvigorate the Junior Rugby League numbers in the club.
- It was noted that the club had been out to local businesses and other funding options to seek sponsorship for the junior players. The club is currently going through a re-building phase and was really starting from scratch in regards to playing uniforms and other playing gear for the kids.
- Cr Whyte asked the age-range of the junior members of the club and the number of players that are currently registered. There are quite a few young players wanting to get involved and the club is hoping those numbers grow.
- It was noted that there is a great history of Rugby League in the Community of Huntly with both Taniwharau and Huntly South clubs having long and proud histories.

- Cr Whyte advised that he would be happy to partially approve some funding for the club in the form of \$1,500.00 towards the cost of Food for the family fun day and Mr Sandhu is happy to second the motion.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr Sandhu)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$1,500.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Huntly South Rugby League Football Club**
 - ii. towards the costs of Food for the family fun day/club muster.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/05

Huntly Arts – Friendship House

- A revised budget was sent to members of the Board via email which shows a reduced amount of funding being requested.
- The new amount that Creative Huntly is seeking from the Board is \$1,500.20.
- Other funding sources have been sought for this event including the Council Event Budget.

Resolved: (Ms Wawatai/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- b. approves an allocation of \$1,500.20 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Creative Huntly (Friendship House)**
 - i. for the Community Arts Festival.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/06

Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items December 2023

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*HCB2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Hoarding at Garden Place

- Painting has been done and it looks much more pleasing.

ACTION: Item to be removed from the Schedule.

Huntly Railway Station – Historic Station Building Relocation:

- Still waiting on insurance to be completed.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Tumate Mahuta Drive Park

- Cr Whyte to follow up further.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Inground garden lights, Main Street, Huntly

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Planned Projects (Roading/Projects/Waters Teams)

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Jakeman Place – Huntly Road Naming Policy:

- Workshop needs to be scheduled with the Board as soon as possible to start updating the Road Naming list. Once a workshop date has been set the Board will advertise to the Community to capture as many voices as possible.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Community Safety

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Social Procurement

- Cr Whyte met with the Procurement Manager today and he is wanting to sit down with the Board to go over some further ideas and details.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Traffic Barriers – Tumate Mahuta Drive:

- There appears to be no action at all on this item and it has been some time since the Board received an update on the Council actions to date. Cr Whyte will follow this up and will ask for an update from Council for the next meeting.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

New Works & Issues Items – To Add:

- A Parks Service Request that was lodged with Council roughly six months ago (REF #RDG0116/24) and there has been no action at all to date or no response from Council or update as to what actions they are taking with this request. It was noted that this seems to be a trend and actions and updates are necessary.
- Mr McCutchan was going to keep following up with Council to ensure the service request was being actioned and an update provided.

ACTION: Great South Road Parks Request (REF #RDG01166/24) to be added to the Works & Issues Report moving forward with an update to be provided at the next meeting.

- Ms Wawatai raised a discussion in relation to Lake Puketirini and the feedback from members of the Community that it would be great to see this Lake more utilised for community events.
- Was there a possibility that Council could look at upgrading the Lake facilities themselves at the Lake and even look at having barbecue areas and diving platform and really make the Lake a family friendly venue in the Community.
- Can this item be added to the Works & Issues schedule with a view of developing the concept further and maybe look at Long Term Plan funding.

ACTION: A new Works & Issues Item to be added to the Schedule for a “Lake Puketirini project

Planned Projects:

- The updates from the Planned Projects section of the report was highlighted by the Board and each item was discussed.

Long Term Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.5

A verbal update was provided by Cr Whyte as part of his Councillors Report (Agenda Item 6.8) and discussion was held under that item.

Community Board Plans

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [*HCB2402/02 refers*] and no the following discussion was held:

- The Chairperson wanted the Board to meet on Monday, 4th March to discuss this further and it was noted that a meeting/workshop with the Council Community Led Development Advisor can be arranged for the Board to action this plan.

ACTION: Community Led Development Advisor to confirm workshop date with the Board once the Board have a discussion on Monday, 4 March 2024.

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.7

Due to the apology of the Chairperson there was no verbal update for this meeting.

Councillors & Community Board Reports

Agenda Item 6.8

The written report from Cr Whyte was received [*HCB2402/02 refers*] and taken as read and the following discussion was held:

- Cr Whyte provided a verbal update on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan (LTP) and highlighted the discussions that have been taking place at Council and the move that Council has made to look at an Enhanced Annual Plan and defer the LTP until next year.

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the email that was sent on Monday, 26 February by the Chief Operating Officer which explained the Enhanced Annual Plan approach.
- Cr Whyte acknowledged the very high costs that the Huntly Community faces particularly with General Rate increases at a time when a lot of whaanau in the community are struggling with cost of living increases.
- Cr Whyte provided an update to the Board on the issues of 'Boy-racers' in the community after a conversation he had with the Acting Area Commander. It was noted the legislation around police led chases for Boy Racers and what steps Police can take.
- Cr Whyte spoke to the highlights in his report and will continue to keep the Board informed and updated on any projects.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.56pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2024.

Mr G McCutchan
CHAIRPERSON