

MINUTES for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held at Waahi Marae, 177C Harris Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2024** commencing at **6.00pm**

Present:

Ms S Matenga (Chairperson)
Mr GB McCutchan (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms K Bredenbeck - *(until 7.30pm)*
Mr F McNally - *(until 7.28pm)*
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu
Ms E Wawatai
Cr D Whyte

Attending:

Mrs V Jenkins (People & Capability Manager)
Cr P Storey (Chairperson, Waikato Regional Council)
Mr E Whangapirita (Procurement Manager)
Ms S McGaighran (Friendship House Huntly/Creative Huntly)
Pipanz Trust Representative *(via audio visual link - from 7.01pm until 7.05pm)*
Ms K Sikisini (Taniwharau Junior Rugby League Club)

Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McNally)

THAT the Huntly Community Board accepts the apologies from:

- a. Mr J Sandhu for non-attendance; and**
- b. Ms K Bredenbeck & Mr F McNally for early departure.**

CARRIED

HCB2404/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr McInally/Cr Whyte)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 9 April 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received; and**
- c. accept a tabled item from Mr McCutchan (Deputy Chairperson Report).**

CARRIED

HCB2404/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

- Cr D Whyte in relation to Agenda Item 6.4 (Discretionary Fund application for Waikato Role Playing Guild Inc (applicant is a family member)
- Mr F McInally declared his role as the President of the Huntly RSA.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Ms Matenga)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 27 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

HCB2404/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were no members of the public present.

REPORTS

NZ Police Update

Agenda Item 6.1

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

Waikato Regional Council – Long Term Plan Presentation
Agenda Item 6.2

The powerpoint presentation was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and Cr P Storey (Chairperson, Waikato Regional Council) addressed the Board and the following discussion was held.

- Cr Storey gave a brief overview of the geographical area that Waikato Regional Council (WRC) oversees and noted that it was one of the largest Regional Councils in the country.
- A snapshot of the impact on Regional Council rates was given and further detail was provided outlining the percentage of rates increases over the Long Term Plan period.
- The proposals for the Long Term Plan were presented and the focus for the Regional Council over the Long Term Plan period include:
 - a. Investment in the Regions Biodiversity
 - b. Simplifying public transport investment
 - c. Regional economic development funding; and
 - d. Investment and Affordability.
- The Public Transport proposal was highlighted and the current funding and rating model was noted that Waikato District Council currently collect the rates for Public Transport however Waikato Regional Council are proposing the collection of rates for public transport from Year Two.
- The Long Term Plan consultation period runs from April 2nd through to Thursday, May 2 2024 until 4pm.

Discretionary Fund Report – 25 March 2024

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- The Senior Democracy Advisor printed and distributed a PDF hard copy of the Discretionary Funding Guidelines from the Council website for the members information.
- Mr McNally raised his disappointment with the agenda not containing an application for funding for the Huntly RSA for the Anzac Day Dawn Service. The Senior Democracy Advisor advised the Board that no application for funding from the Huntly RSA was received for this year's service.
- Mr McNally advised that Council was providing funding for the Dawn Service and to date he had not had a response as to the funding that Council was providing. The Senior Democracy Advisor again advised that Mr McNally needed to follow up his application with the Council Events Planning Team as that is where the application is sitting.
- Mr McNally then raised again his concern with the applications for funding that have been included in this agenda and once again advised that his belief is that these applications do not meet the Discretionary Funding guidelines and local sports clubs and community groups should be seeking funding elsewhere.
- The Chairperson called order to the meeting due to the back and forth nature of the funding discussion with multiple members providing their thoughts on the Discretionary Funding guidelines.
- The Senior Democracy Advisor advised Mr McNally that all funding applications received to date have met the guidelines and have a right to be heard by the Board. It was further advised that the Board could decide whether to approve or decline a funding request and do not have to approve every funding request that is on the agenda – however it was reiterated again that the Board cannot stop a request from being heard.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. receives the Discretionary Fund report to 25 March 2024; and**
- b. receives the Project Accountability Forms from:**
 - i. Friendship House for the 2023 Christmas Parade; and**
 - ii. Taniwharau Netball Club for their event in September 2023; and**
- c. approves the payment of the invoice for \$2,000 from the Huntly Community Board discretionary fund for the creation of the Huntly Community Board website (as per the commitment made in December 2023).**

CARRIED

HCB2404/04

Discretionary Fund Application Report
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- A brief discussion was held in relation to the application process and the formatting of the application form itself. It was noted that it is very hard to read and it would also be appreciated if applicants could receive an email acknowledging receipt of the application form.

ACTION: Senior Democracy Advisor to follow up the Web Content Team to discuss the application form and whether an acknowledgement email could be sent to all applicants on receipt of form.

- A brief discussion was held in regards to the Project Accountability forms and how much information the Board wants to see in the agenda moving forward.

ACTION: Funding Representative to email Friendship House re: Project Accountability form.

The following applications for funding were received by the Board and the following discussion was held:

Pipanz Trust

- A representative from Pipanz Trust appeared via audio visual link at the meeting and briefly addressed the Board and gave an overview of the Trust, however the connectivity issues meant that the representative was unable to answer all questions and disconnected from the meeting.

- The Board highlighted concerns with the application and noted that the trust covers areas for Resilience that Council already have funding and other support in place for.
- It was noted that the Board would decline the application for funding.

ACTION: Funding Representative to advise applicant via email of the outcome.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. declines an allocation of \$5,000.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:
 - i. Pipanz Trust
 - ii. for the Cross-Cultural Community Resilience Events.

CARRIED

HC2404/05

Waikato Role Playing Guild Inc

- The Board approved the application with no further discussion held.

Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Mr McNally)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$275.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:
 - i. Waikato Role Playing Guild Inc
 - ii. for the Dice & Districts Event.

CARRIED

HC2404/06

Huntly Squash Racquets Club

- Concern was raised from the Board around discretionary funding for a paid position at a sports club and it was also noted that the Board were unsure how many junior members the club actually have.
- No member of the club was present to speak to the application so further questions could be raised.

- It was advised that the club can approach either Sport Waikato or appear again in front of the Board to answer questions at a later date.

ACTION: Funding representative to advise the Squash club of the outcome and invite the club to present to the Board at another time.

Resolved: (Ms Bredenbeck/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. **declines an allocation of \$4,200.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Huntly Squash Racquets Club**
 - ii. **for their Junior Club Squash Coach.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/07

Taniwharau Rugby League Sports Club

- Ms K Sikisini presented the application to the Board and gave an overview of the funds requested.
- The need for this funding has come from Waikato Rugby League putting a requirement on all clubs to provide referees moving forward.
- Ms Sikisini acknowledged the significant amount that the club has requested from the Board and advised that they will be applying for funds with other bodies and seeking other funding sources to assist.
- The club has a significant amount of junior teams for the 2024 season and referring courses along with first aid upskilling is vital to allow local clubs to thrive and partake in competitions
- The Board noted they were happy to contribute some funds towards the Professional Development aspect of the application.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Ms Bredenbeck)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. **approves an allocation of \$1,200.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Taniwharau Rugby League Sports Club**
 - ii. **towards the cost of Professional Development for the Hei Kaiwawao Junior Club Clinic.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/08

Friendship House Huntly (Creative Huntly)

- Ms S McGaighran addressed the Board and provided an overview of the Movie Night proposal for the Huntly Community.
- This event provides a great opportunity for community members to partake in a movie night on Saturday, 25 October (Halloween Theme with R18) and Saturday, 30 November (Christmas Theme).
- The event allows the community to come along and take part in an event that doesn't cost the earth to participate in and is a fun event for the whole family.
- The costs being requested from the Board will cover the hireage fee for the War Memorial Hall; the Sound System to run the movies and a koha (donation) for the alternative venue.
- Other community groups are helping with the event by providing the kai (food) and the projector screen.

Resolved: (Cr Matatahi-Poutapu/Mr McInally)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. **approves an allocation of \$1,800.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Friendship House Huntly (Creative Huntly)**
 - ii. **for the Creative Huntly Movie Nights.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/09

Mr F McInally & Ms K Bredenbeck departed the meeting after this item at 7.28pm & 7.30pm.

Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items December 2023

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Huntly Railway Station – Historic Station Building Relocation:

- Station is moving on Tuesday – cost coming in at just on \$500,000.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Tumate Mahuta Drive Park

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Inground garden lights, Main Street, Huntly

- No further discussion was held.

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:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Community Safety

- Chairperson provided an update that work had been done to deter Boy-racers congregating in different areas in the community.
- It was noted that a response was received from the Service Delivery General Manager to Cr Paaniora in relation to a query she had for community safety.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Social Procurement

- Mr E Whangapirita (Procurement Manager) spoke to the Board and advised that he wanted to follow up with members to determine how his team can support the Board in moving this item forward
- The Procurement Manager advised that he wants to ensure the voice of the board is not only heard but is also guiding the conversation and direction for social procurement in Huntly.
- The Procurement Manager asked the Board to think about the Social Impacts on the community when delivering services, the costing of services and local employment opportunities.
- The Procurement Manager noted that he would really like to have some direction from the Board in this space to ensure the Board has a role in bringing Social Procurement to life so the Council team are able to get started with work.

- The Board will look at discussing this further at the Board workshop next week to get this moving forward and it was noted that can even look at the Board vision statement to align with this kaupapa (policy).
- Cr Matatahi-Poutapu spoke to the Board about Localism and mana whenua in the social procurement space and advised that she is look at ideas to blend these two spaces moving forward.
- The Procurement Manager advised the Board to think broadly in this space; think big and it can be narrowed down. The Procurement Manager further advised that once he has the Boards ideas he will come back to the Board with a one year plan and what is required to complete it.
- It was noted that the Huntly community has a high unemployment level and any ideas that could bring work into the community would be a great start .

ACTION: Board Workshop to be organised out of cycle to discuss social procurement and get the item moving forward.

Traffic Barriers – Tumate Mahuta Drive:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Lake Puketirini Project

- Cr Whyte advised that the idea of having the Waka Sports Club taking over the area for holding their waka inside the fencing cannot unfortunately happen as they are not are registered entity. It was further noted by Cr Whyte that he needs some help in this space.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule

New Works & Issues Items – To Add:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Planned Projects:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

2024 Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.6

Due to the Enhanced Annual Plan community engagement session taking place on Thursday, 11 April at 6.30pm no further discussion was held.

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.7

A verbal update was provided by the Chairperson and the following discussion was held:

- Social movements in the community was noted by the Chairperson and it was advised that the Christmas Eve dinner was attended by 247 whaanau (family) in the community and was really enjoyable.
- It was further noted that there was a lot of work and contributions to the Community Christmas Eve dinner from other local community groups and businesses to help make this event a great success.
- The Chairperson noted that since the closure of the Huntly Birthcare Centre there have been three childbirths that have taken place at Waahi Paa which is great for the community.
- The Chairperson acknowledged the Waitangi Day event that was held at Huntly College.
- Raahui Pookeka Rangatahi Leadership workshop day: The Chairperson gave an update on the Leadership workshop that was held at Waahi Whaanui. There was a fantastic turnout to the workshop from local rangatahi and there was great ideas and discussions had.
- The Chairperson also gave an update on the Minecraft movie that was partly filmed in Huntly on Rosser Street. It was noted that this filming was a great thing to be part of and good to see action happening in Huntly.

