
Minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held at the Te Mata Hall, 775 Te Mata Road, on **WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2024** commencing at **1.36pm**.

Present:

Mr D Amoore (Chairperson)
Cr L Thomson *from 1.45pm*
Mr R Wallis
Mr A Oosten
Mr C Rayner

Attending:

Cr P Story (Chairperson of Waikato Regional Council) *departed at 2.45pm*
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Ms E Lane (Community Venues Officer) *departed at 2.55pm*
Ms T Lange (Events Officer) *departed at 2.55pm*
Mrs K Brotherston (Democracy Advisor)

Six (6) members of the public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agenda Item 1

Resolved: (Mr D Amoore/Mr R Wallis)

THAT the Raglan Community Board accepts apologies from:

- a. Mr S Bains, Ms K Binnersley, Cr Turner for non attendance; and**
- b. Cr Thomson for lateness.**

CARRIED

RCB2403/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 2

Resolved: (Mr D Amoore/Mr A Oosten)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 27 March 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. noting that the Storm Management Committee be added to the agenda and be considered as part of the Actions Register - Item 6.6; and**
- c. all reports be received.**

CARRIED

RCB2403/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Agenda Item 4

The report was received [*RCB2403/02 refers*] and no further discussion held.

Resolved: (Mr R Wallis/Cr Thomson)

THAT the Raglan Community Board confirms the minutes as a true and correct record for the meeting held on Wednesday, 14 February 2023.

CARRIED

RCB2403/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were six (6) members of the public present for the meeting.

- Clarification was sought in relation to the inclusion of traffic lights as part of the Enhanced Annual Plan (EAP) and it was noted that this concept arose from the draft Transport Strategy.
- A query was raised in relation to the priority of upgrading the bridge from one to two lanes and it was noted that the new subdivision had increased traffic volume which highlighted ongoing safety concerns.
- Clarification was sought and received in relation to timelines for funding projects, EAP consultation period and Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade.

- A query was raised in relation to seating regulations on public footpaths and it was noted that several cafés were taking up excessive space on the footpath making it hard for pedestrians to navigate.
- Discussion ensued with some of the key topics considered including community priorities and feedback into the Enhanced Annual Plan, Transport Strategy's holistic approach, alternative routes in/out of Raglan (Te Hutewai Road),

Whaanga Road Residents

- A letter written by Mr T Newton on behalf of the residents of Whaanga Road was tabled and read aloud to the board members.
- The letter noted the poor condition of Whaanga Road and expressed concerns for the safety of drivers. The residents expressed a desire for regular dialogue between themselves and Waikato District Council staff, and asked for a commitment to improve the safety of local roads and reduce maintenance costs.
- In response to the letter, it was noted that there was consensus that there was metalling work required.
- It was suggested that the speed limit be reduced to help alleviate safety concerns, and potentially the installation of further signage to advise of the sharp turns/layout may reduce wear and tear on the road.

ACTION: Mr D Ammore to consult with the roading team and reiterate that metalling work was urgently required on Whaanga Road.

ACTION: Mr D Ammore to consult with Council staff about enforcing the footpath obstruction regulations with cafés

REPORTS

Greenslade Playground Update

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*RCB2403/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- A natural playground concept had been circulated to the board prior to the meeting. The Project management team are seeking feedback on the plans.
- It was noted that a letter box drop will be conducted with residents to obtain feedback.

Waikato Regional Council – Long-Term Plan Consultation Presentation

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*RCB2403/02 refers*] and Cr P Story, Chairperson for Waikato Regional Council (WRC) was present at the meeting to present their Long-Term Plan (LTP) and the following discussion was held:

- A brief overview of WRC's area was provided along with a brief explanation of the difference between a Regional Council and a District Council.
- WRC's LTP opens for consultation on 2 April 2024 and closes on 2 May 2024, with final decisions to be made in June 2024.
- It was noted that the focus from WRC was acknowledging the affordability issues currently facing communities and a snapshot of the impact of rates was provided.
- WRC outlined proposals with a focus on Biodiversity, Public Transport, Regional Economic Development Fund (RDF), Infrastructure Strategy, and Investment and Affordability.
- Other works being prioritised included: Whangamarino Wetland, Lake Waikare, water security, coastal marine areas, pest management, the Science around Peat land use, Wharekawa Coast 2120, Regional Spatial planning, Te Huia (passenger rail service).
- Other works withdrawn from LTP Eco Retrofit and On the House Project.
- The Chairperson thanked Councillor Story for taking time out of her busy schedule to present to the Raglan Community Board.

Soundsplash Update

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*RCB 2403/02 refers*] the Community Venues Officer together with the Events Officer were present at the meeting to provide an overview on the festival. The following discussion was held:

- It was noted the festival was a success, with lots of positive feedback being received – particularly on the changes made to this year's layout/flow which included how the buses had noticeably reduced congestion on the roads.
- The Officer's outlined ideas and improvements for the next festival before noting that the 2025 dates had been released but were not ideal. Further discussion on possible date changes were ongoing.
- Fees and charges: it was noted that Events Officer had liaised with other councils and there was potential to change the structure of the fees/charges for all major events within the district.
- It was noted that funding received from the festival goes back into the reserve and these funds are currently used for operational purposes.
- A query was raised in relation to obtaining feedback from frontline staff (camp rangers) and it was noted that frontline staff expressed concern around safety and consumption of alcohol.

- The Chairperson thanked the Officers for their time presenting to the board.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [RCB 2403/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The chairperson had followed up with the Surf Life Saving Club, who confirmed the invoice had been sent to Council approximately four months prior to the meeting.

ACTION: Democracy Advisor to follow up on the invoice thread within the Council.

Soaked in Adventure - Wander Women Adventure Race 2024

- The Funding advisor noted that initially, the project was thought to be a community-led event, however, after undertaking further research it was noted this was a national event and therefore did not meet the eligibility criteria for Discretionary Funding.

Resolved: (Mr R Wallis/Mr C Rayner)

THAT the Raglan Community Board:

- a. **declines an allocation of \$5,000.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Soaked in Adventure,**
 - ii. **for Wander Women Adventure Race.**

CARRIED

RCB2403/04

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [RCB2403/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- **Whannga Road Letter:** The Chief Financial Officer provided a brief update on the items raised in the public forum noting grading and rolling would commence in May.
- **Civil Defence and Raglan Community Response Plan:** Two board members met with Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) representatives and updated the community plan. It was noted once the contact details were finalised, Civil Defence containers would be rolled out to schools/marae. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Sound Splash Update:** Discussion/update held during the public forum.
- **CCTV Better off Funding:** The first round of Memorandum of Understanding discussion had commenced, it was expected that conversations would be ongoing for several weeks. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Greenslade Road Reserve Playground:** Discussion/update held as a separate item. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.

- **Privet:** No further update was provided. *Item can be removed from the Works, Actions & Issues report.*
- **Raglan Naturally Report:** A brief overview and recap on the project was provided along with the Youth Collective space. *Item can be removed from the Works, Actions & Issues report.*
- **Raglan Community Board plans:** It was noted that the Council's Community-Led Development Advisor would like to hold a workshop with the Board to discuss the 90-day plan and the inclusion of the 18-month plan with in the booklet. It was proposed that the workshop be held on Thursday, 18 April commencing at 2pm, with Wednesday, 24 April as a backup date.

ACTION: Democracy Advisor to recirculate Community Plans to the Board ahead of the meeting.

ACTION: Mr Rayner to contact the Council's Community-Led Development Advisor with proposed workshop dates/time.

- **Implementation of Funding Round:** Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.

ACTION: Mr Waillis to work with the Community-Led Development Team to establish clearer guidelines for applicants.

- **Stormwater Management Committee:** It was noted this was a requirement and needed to be reinstated. Item to be added to the Works, Actions & Issues report.

ACTION: Reinstate the Stormwater Management Committee and implement a programme of works.

Capital Projects Update:

- **Wharf Structural Repairs, Pontoons, and Walkways:** It was noted the antislip treatment on the stairs was still to be completed. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Wi Neera Walkway:** Work to commence in April 2024. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Manu Bay Breakwater:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.

ACTION: The Chief Financial Officer to Circulate a copy of the report

- **Holiday Park - Main Kitchen and Laundry Refurbishment:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Holiday Park - Stormwater, Water, and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.

- **Harbour Beacon Replacement:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Art Centre Carpark:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Wainui Beach Car Park:** works commencing soon. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Papahua Recreation Reserve Car Park:** working around festival/carnival date. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.

Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [*RSB2403/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Cr Thomson showed the members of the public how to find the Long Term Plan (LTP) on the website and encouraged people to read the detailed information.
- A council & community Drop-In session was scheduled for Friday, 12 April 2024 from 6.30pm-8.00pm at the Raglan Town Hall.
- Confirmation was sought and received on the 13.75% rate increase, it was noted that this was only for planned work. This increase was about revenue received from general rates.
- It was noted that a request had been made to move valuation times out of the LTP cycle.

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.8

The report was received [*RCB2403/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Councillors Report

Agenda Item 6.9

The report was received [*RCB2403/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Board Members Report

Agenda Item 6.10

No further updates were provided.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3.00pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this 8th day May 2024.

Mr D. Amooore
CHAIRPERSON