

MINUTES for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 20 MAY 2024** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Ms S Cocup-Hughes (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr J Gibb
Mr H Lovell
Cr T Turner

Attending:

Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

The meeting opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Mr H Lovell)

THAT the Taupiri Community Board accept the apologies from Ms J Morley (Chairperson) and Mrs D Lovell for non-attendance.

CARRIED

TCB2405/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Turner/Mr H Lovell)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 20 May 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received.**

CARRIED

TCB2405/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Turner/Gibb)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 8 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TCB2405/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were no members of the public in attendance.

REPORTS

Taupiri Works, Actions & Issues Report

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*TCB2405/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- **Community plan booklet:**

As per the update in the agenda both Cr Gibb and the Planning & Policy Manager have agreed to update the Council website with the new material. The Board are planning to meet with the Community Led Development Advisor to go over the Community Board plan on Thursday, 6 2024 at 5pm if this time suits all members.

- **Emergency Procedure:**

The Community Plan to be moved on by Cr Gibb as she was currently working in this space with both the Te Kowhai and Whatawhata communities. The next step was for the Chairperson and other members of the Board to have a discussion with Taupiri marae to look at the community plan in conjunction with the marae resilience plan.

- **Structure Plan:**

The plan was to be out for consultation in June 2024 and slightly ahead of schedule.

- **Roading & Traffic signs:**

Item is now considered closed as speed sign has been installed.

- **Footpaths/road signs/lighting/tunnels:**

No further updates.

- **Discretionary Fund Report - Action arising from the October meeting:**

No further updates.

- **Taupiri Netball Courts:**

The Council contractor cleans the toilets at the courts twice a week (cannot confirm which days) so Council staff will talk to Taupiri Netball about monitoring these going forward. A discussion still to be had about the Netball Courts themselves and Council Staff and the Chairperson were still in discussions around access to the courts.

- **Taupiri Rugby Club:**

No further update.

- **Memorial seat:**

An update was provided as per the report.

- **Waters:**

No further updates.

- **Enhanced Annual Plan Update - arising from the March 2024 meeting:**

It was noted that hearings took place in Council last week and deliberations are coming up in June 2024.

- **Taupiri Community Board Facebook Page:**

Cr Gibb has taken over sole administration of the Taupiri Community Board Facebook Page and it was noted that any Council updates that are shared on the Community Board FB page should also be shared from that page onto the Local Taupiri Community Facebook page so it was clear to community members that there are two pages they can follow and join for information.

Discretionary Fund Report to 23 April 2024

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [TCB2405/02 refers] and it was noted that there have been issues previously with the Council website link on the Funding page. The Senior Democracy Advisor noted that there have been issues previously but the Democracy team are in contact with the Web Content team to ensure no applications are being missed for all community boards and there has been nothing received to date for Taupiri.

The Senior Democracy Advisor also advised that if any community members have issues with applying for funding or just need some assistance then the democracy@waidc.govt.nz email address can be messaged and assistance will be provided.

2024 Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.3

- Cr Gibb gave an update on the hearings that took place in the Council Chambers last week and the sentiment around the affordability issues throughout the district.
- There were quite a few submissions received from residents and ratepayers in the district and it was good to see the engagement with our communities.
- Staff have also been proactively taking part in the Enhanced Annual Plan process and are hearing the concerns of the community.
- The main messages from community members is Council should focus on the “must haves” and not the “nice to haves” however there has been no further information from submitters received in terms of what they consider “nice to have”.
- A Rates Rebates discussion took place with the Board and how best to promote this scheme run through the Department of Internal Affairs moving forward. The link to the Rates Rebate page on the Council website is as follows:
<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/rates/rates-rebates>

ACTION Senior Democracy Advisor to advertise in the minutes the link to the Rates Rebate scheme on the Council website. Link:
<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/rates/rates-rebates>

Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.4

The Planning & Policy Manager provided a verbal report on the following items:

- The Proposed District Plan progress was moving forward and staff are nearly over the halfway point having resolved a number of appeals. Council were reaching the stage where parts of the plan can finally become operative by the end of the year.
- A Variation 3 complication with the District Plan was noted with a recommendation from the panel received and Council are still working through that process.
- A Resilience Strategy update was provided and the work that is progressing within the Marae Resilience space.
- New Executive Manager, Maaori Partnerships has started at Council in the last three months and this has brought positive moves within Council already.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.5

The Chairperson was an apology for this meeting and no update provided.

Councillors & Community Board Members Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The Councillors and Board members provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- Councillors provided the Board with an update on the maaori ward referendum discussion that occurred in the Council meeting on Monday, 6 May and it was further noted that the Waitangi Tribunal released today that the decision on the maaori ward referendum was risible.
- An update on the Fast Track Consenting Bill released by Central Government was provided and it was noted that a submission was completed by Council which was in line with most of the feeling in Local Government. Council have requested to be heard however no response to date.
- Council also submitted on the Transport plan for the Waikato Regional Council Long Term Plan and it was noted that the impact on communities in this space will be significant.
- The mana whenua forum is being worked on by Cr Turner and an update in this space was also provided at the Waikato Raupatu River Trust – Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee hui held in Hopuhopu this morning.

- The great work done to date by the new Executive Manager, Maaori Partnerships was reiterated and the steps being taken in the mana whenua forum space.
- Cr Turner advised that the conflict resolution steps taken since the last Board meeting went very well with all parties satisfied with the outcome.
- It was noted that the Taupiri School Roll has risen to 109 children – 20 kids away from needing one more teacher and classroom. New children on the roll appear to be coming from the new development which is good to see.
- A query was raised in relation to the Courts at Taupiri and whether the courts could be covered. It was noted that this is something that the Community Board can look into and start the conversation.
- Marae resilience vs Community Plan resilience and ensuring the two plans are working in conjunction with each other – a brief discussion took place and the Board will look to attend a meeting with Taupiri marae to start the conversation.

The meeting was closed with a Karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.50pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2024.

Ms S Cocup-Hughes
CHAIRPERSON