
MINUTES for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2024** commencing at **5.02pm**.

Present:

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

Attending:

Cr P Storey, Waikato Regional Council *From 5.00pm - 5.56pm*
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Ms K Brotherston (Democracy Advisor)

The meeting opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

No apologies were received; all members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Morley/Mr Lovell)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 8 April 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. the Public Forum be moved to Item 5, and**
- c. the Waikato Regional Council – Long-Term Plan Consultation presentation be moved to item 5.1, and**
- d. all reports be received.**

CARRIED

TCB2404/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Ms Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 26 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TCB2404/02

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were two (2) members of the public present at the meeting.

- The Principal and Deputy Principal of the Taupiri school were present to discuss issues with the 'Community's Facebook' page and that some comments were impacting on their relationships with the Community Board.
- A query was raised in relation to submitting posts with comments turned off, it was noted that recently the 'Post Approval' function on the page was enabled and the administration team had to pre-approve all posts before they went live.
- It was noted that the 'Community Facebook' page was run by an administration team, and the rules for conduct on the page content and comments were clearly laid out and complaints regarding the 'Community Facebook' page should be made through the administration of the page in the first instance.
- Due to the nature of the messaging and the potential for wider implications for community relationships, it was agreed the matter would be taken offline.

ACTION Crs Gibb/Turner to schedule meetings to progress positive community relationships.

REPORTS

Waikato Regional Council – Long-Term Plan Consultation presentation

Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [*TCB2404/01 refers*] and Cr Story, Chairperson for Waikato Regional Council (WRC) was in attendance 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 being 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 Cr Story for taking time out of her busy schedule to present to the Taupiri Community Board.

Taupiri Works, Actions & Issues Report

Agenda Item 5.2

The report was received [TCB2404/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- **Community plan booklet:** no further updates were provided.
- **Proposal for walkway and cycle track:** Item to be removed from the Works, Actions and Issues
- **Emergency Procedure:** no further updates were provided.
- **Structure Plan:** Everything was moving along with the Strategic Planning team's full report scheduled to be available in June.
- **Roading & Traffic signs:** Speed sign scheduled for completion in April. A service request for the Children's sign on Greenlane Road had been logged, however, no follow-up had been completed.

ACTION The Planning and Policy Manager to follow up on the service request regarding the fixing of the children's sign on Greenlane Road.

- **Footpaths/road signs/lighting/tunnels:** no further updates were provided.
- **Discretionary Fund Report - Action arising from the October meeting:** item to be removed from the Works, Actions and Issues report.
- **Taupiri Netball Courts:** Extra lighting for night games was installed in 2023, a key for the building was required to enter and turn them on. A booking system was being looked into to avoid double-up in court bookings.
- **Taupiri Rugby Club:** A letter from the Taupiri Junior Rugby Club was tabled. The letter outlined the considerable growth within the junior club, noting that practices and training went longer in the afternoons/early evenings. The letter proposed the installation of three (3) additional lighting towers to enable training and practices to run safely and the club was seeking support and endorsement from the Taupiri Community Board.

Resolved: (Ms Morely/ Ms Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the Taupiri Community Board supports the proposal from the Junior Rugby Club for the installation of three new lighting towers.

CARRIED

TCB2404/03

- **Memorial seat:** A formal request in relation to the erection of a memorial seat at Bob Byrne Park had been received from the Lions Club, they required a copy of the board's resolution.
- It was noted the community had recently lost a long-serving member and inquiries were being conducted into the erection of a plaque at Bob Byrne Park.

ACTION Cr Gibb to provide the Lions Club with a copy of the memorial seat resolution.

ACTION Mrs Lovell to provide the community board with further details on the potential plaque when available.

- **Waters:** no further updates were provided.
- **LTP Update – arising from the March 2024 meeting:** It was noted that the Rates Team advised that new rates reflecting recent development would take effect on 1 July after subdivision and/or building consent was issued.

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/ Ms Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the Taupiri Community Board endorse the erection of a memorial seat at Bob Byrne Park for F Hansen.

CARRIED

TCB2404/04

Discretionary Fund Report to 31 January 2024

Agenda Item 5.3

The report was received [*TCB2404/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

Agenda Item 5.4

- In lieu of the standing Senior Leadership and Enhanced Annual Plan Agenda items, a Community Drop-In session to discuss the Enhanced Annual Plan was taking place at the conclusion of the meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 5.5

- An updated version of the Community Board Plan was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. It was noted the Board needed to hold an additional workshop to discuss the updates prior to meeting with the Community-Led Development Advisor.

ACTION A workshop would be held on Monday, 15 April 2024, commencing at 1pm at the Hopn and Stopn café.

Community Board Members Report

Agenda Item 5.6

- It was noted that Taupiri School has scheduled a community whanau day in the coming weeks.

Councillors' Reports

Agenda Item 5.7

- No further updates were provided.

The meeting was closed with a Karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.20pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this 20th day of May 2024.

Ms J Morley

CHAIRPERSON