

Minutes for a meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board (OTCB) held at the Board Room, Tuakau Memorial Hall, George Street, Tuakau on **TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2022** commencing at **6.05pm**.

Present:

Ms C Conroy (Chairperson)
Mr S Jackson
Cr CA Eyre
Cr SL Henderson
Ms K Ngataki
Mr VL Reeve
Mrs BI Watson
Mr J Lovatt

Attending:

Nine (9) members of the public
Ms J Wild (NZTA)

Staff

Ms S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr P McPherson (Community Projects Manager)
Ms M Tarawhiti (Facilities Team Leader)
Mr R Rink (Contracts Team Leader)
Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Ms Ngataki)

THAT apologies from Mr Walsh and Cr Church be received for non-attendance.

CARRIED

OTCB2209/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Mr Jackson)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for the meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 be confirmed, with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

OTCB2209/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Mr Jackson)

THAT the minutes for a meeting for the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 19 July 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

OTCB2209/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency

Ms Jenni Wild from Waka Kotahi - New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) delivered a verbal update to the Board and the following discussion was held:

- An update was provided regarding the SH1 Papakura to Drury project – a \$655 million project being delivered as part of the NZ Upgrade Programme.
- This project would support growth in South Auckland with improved highway access, safety, resilience and capacity between Papakura and Drury.
- Project would include an additional lane in each direction; wide shoulders for future bus services; a shared walking and cycling path connecting into local networks; interchange improvements; improved access across SH1; improved safety, environmental and amenity features.
- Project was being consented in stages and would be constructed over the next five years.
- Ms Wild also provided an update on the Stage IA Construction project regarding motorway widening and noise walls, Parke Estate Bridge and upcoming works.

- Ms Wild also provided an update on the Bombay interchange – nine different options were modelled, and two options shortlisted to take forward for further analysis. Consultants had completed a review of the two shortlisted options.

Tuakau Community Patrol

- Locals spoke to their intention to re-establish a Tuakau Community Patrol.
- The group were waiting to be vetted, then would start a Facebook page and fundraising events.
- Asked the Community Board to spread the word and attract support for the initiative.
- Staff suggested the group pop into the local library and see if the team could help with the creation of a poster.
- Noted that issues of concern included drug dealing, theft from building sites, vehicle and property theft.

REPORTS

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items Agenda Item 6.2

Lighting at Port Waikato

- Noted that the local Residents and Ratepayers Association had an application with Counties Energy for the funding of solar lighting.

Onewhero Area School Road Safety

- Options to increase safety around the school were still under development.

George Street/Buckland Road corner

- Staff were investigating options around funding this project.

Speed Bend on Jellicoe Avenue, Tuakau – to be installed

- There was no update at this stage, staff were awaiting a service request.

Tuakau Youth Centre Building Project

- The Community-led Development Advisor met with the Open Spaces team and outlined three (3) possible ideas for the Youth Group facility.
- Board was happy with how the project was progressing

Rubbish in the Tuakau CBD

- No update – awaiting results of audit which was scheduled to have taken place in June 2022.

Port Waikato Blueprint

- The Port Waikato and Gordonton Area Blueprint was adopted on Wednesday 3 August 2022. The Blueprints were available on the Council's website and the public had been notified through various channels, e.g., social media.

ACTION: The Port Waikato Blueprint update to be removed from the Works, Actions and Issues report.

Upgrade to the Tuakau Domain Toilets

- No further updates until September 2022. Awaiting new financial year for consideration.

Review of Pedestrian Crossing in Tuakau Main Street

- Waiting on update from Mr Reeve.

Renovations to Lightbody Clubrooms, Escott Road

- This item had been actioned.

ACTION: The Renovations to Lightbody Clubrooms, Escott Road item to be removed from the Works, Actions and Issues report.

Tuakau Hall Kitchen

- The fridge in the Tuakau Hall kitchen had been exchanged and the new fridge's door opens correctly.

ACTION: The Tuakau Hall Kitchen item to be removed from the Works, Actions and Issues report.

Te Kohanga Playground

- Cr Eyre completed consultation for the Te Kohanga playground (through the Te Kohanga Hall Committee and Te Kohanaga Primary School).

Buckland Road Development Park

- Staff in the process of identifying who the key stakeholders were.

OTCB Rooding Network

- Churchill Road, Glen Murray Road, and Bollard Road to be added to the agenda for the new Board. Wanting to identify all the problematic areas.

ACTION: Churchill Road, Glen Murray Road, and Bollard Road to be added to the Works, Issues and Actions report so that the Board can also receive updates regarding road upgrades, identification of problematic areas, etc, on these three roads.

Tuakau Skatepark

- An update would be provided by the General Manager Customer Service later in the meeting.

Planned Works for the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board's area

Community Projects Team – Project Update

Sunset Beach Toilet

- Work was being carried out on the carpark; construction was scheduled for late summer.

Maraetai Bay Playground Update

- Designers continued to develop the carpark concept plan. There had been an issue regarding the carpark which was worked through with residents.

Tuakau Skatepark

- Works have continued onsite where possible (weather allowing). Great progress had been made recently with the slightly better weather.

Lightbody Reserve Carpark

- The Board had no comment on this project.

St Stephen's Carpark

- The Board had no comment on this project.

West Street Carpark

- The Board had no comment on this project.

Te Kohanga Carparks (x2)

- Design was complete. Waiting for final pricing before building commences.

Te Kohanga Playground

- This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

Buckland Rd Development Park

- This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

Harrisville Bridge Replacement

- The Board had no comment on this item.

Lightbody Reserve Courts Resurfacing

- This project was in it planning phase.

Tuakau Memorial Hall Flooring Recoating

- Various works were being undertaken on this project.

Tuakau Aquatic Centre

- Preliminary designs for upgrades to the Aquatic Centre entranceway were attached to the agenda for Board members to review. Members of the Community Projects team were in attendance to respond to queries and receive feedback.
- Staff confirmed design would have clear sightlines from the inside counters to the pool.
- Board expressed dislike of barbed wire fencing. Suggested bollards in the front instead.
- Staff would come up with different options (instead of barbed wire) with the consulting architect.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [OTCB2209/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Board held a discussion regarding an application from the Pukekawa Community Hall Committee. The application is tabled in this document.
- The Pukekawa Hall Committee sought funding towards a 'Neighbours Day' initiative to reintroduce and re-engage residents in the community.
- The concept of a Neighbours Day came from www.neighbours.org.nz.

- Felt it was a worthwhile initiative, particularly post-COVID.
- Cr Eyre spoke in support of the application and noted that Pukekawa had not received funding this triennium. Even the concept of it has brought people together – concept epitomises Council’s vision of thriving communities.
- Board agreed that the applicant should provide further information, particularly around quotes and costings.

ACTION: Staff to contact the applicant requesting further detail/paperwork before the application can proceed.

ACTION: Belgravia item to be removed from the Discretionary Fund.

ACTION: ANZAC Day receipts to be provided to Finance.

- The Board discussed the Naike Community Incorporated Society’s application for funds towards the re-painting of the local public pool. Noted it was last painted seven (7) years ago. Swimming lessons with children etc.

Resolved: (Mr Jackson/Cr Eyre)

THAT the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board:

- notes the report has been split to reflect the new representation arrangements which come into effect as of 8 October 2022; and
- notes that both funds are available to the OTCB to support pre-election discretionary fund decisions; and
- considers the application from the Naike Community Incorporated Society; and
- considers the application from the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association.

CARRIED

OTCB2209/04

Resolved: (Mr Jackson/Cr Eyre)

THAT the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board approves:

- commitment from their Discretionary Fund to Naike Community Incorporated for the amount of \$4,584.65 (excluding GST) towards the cost of repainting the local community’s public pool.

CARRIED

OTCB2209/05

Resolved: (Mr Jackson/Cr Eyre)

THAT the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board approves:

- a. a commitment from their Discretionary Fund to the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association for the amount of \$1,600.00 (excluding GST) towards the cost of Christmas/Summer events in Port Waikato**

CARRIED

OTCB2209/06

Waikato District Council Executive Update
Agenda Item 6.4

The General Manger Customer Support provided the Board with a general update:

- Council had been undertaking significant works in the area of water reform.
- Staffing levels were still being significantly hit by the effects of COVID-19. This had seen impacts on service levels in some areas of Council business.
- Council was undertaking a review of its capital programmes and a review of its customer support delivery model.
- The General Manager Customer Support thanked members of the Board for their commitment and efforts over the triennium.

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 6.5

The Chairperson noted the following matters:

- A submission on Waikato Regional Council's Public Transport Strategy had been made on behalf of the Board
- Noted that Council would be consulting on the Local Alcohol Policy. Raised a point that there was a known link between proliferation of bottle stores and increases in domestic violence.
- The Chair acknowledged and thanked all the community board member for being active participants throughout the previous three years, particularly with the COVID related challenges the Board had faced.

