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**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 7 AUGUST 2023** commencing at **6.01pm**.

**Present:**

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

**Attending:**

Her Worship the Mayor Mrs JA Church (left 6.48pm)  
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)  
Ms R Chisholm (Democracy Advisor)

Mr Tony Burgess (Taupiri Rugby Club) (left 6.48pm)  
Mr Lance McGlaggan (Taupiri Rugby Club) (left 6.48pm)  
Mr D Turner (Taupiri Marae) (left 6.48pm)

The meeting was opened with a Karakia (Mr Ebenhoh).

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

**THAT the Taupiri Community Board accepts the apologies from:**

- a. **Ms D Lovell for non-attendance; and**
- b. **Mr H Lovell and Cr T Turner for lateness.**

**CARRIED**

**TCB2308/01**

## **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Ms S Cocup-Hughes/Mr H Lovell)**

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 7 August 2023 be confirmed:**

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. in accordance with Standing Order 9.4, the order of business be changed with agenda item 5 [Public Forum] being considered at the beginning of the meeting, and**
- c. all reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**TCB2308/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Mr H Lovell)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 10 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting with the following amendments:**

- i. Amend from “Mr T Turner” ‘to Mr TK George to read “The Board would like to acknowledge the work of Mr TK George and Ms D Lovell and expresses their appreciation for the work they have done.”***

**CARRIED**

**TCB2308/03**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Agenda Item 5

### **Taupiri Rugby Club**

Mr Burgess and Mr McGlaggan from Taupiri Rugby Club were in attendance to seek endorsement from the Board and discuss potential funding opportunities for plans to upgrade the Taupiri Rugby Club facilities to include a new stand-alone changing facility, separate from the club itself and for community use.

## Questions/Discussion

- The Taupiri Rugby Club have a changing demographic and are looking at how to cater to their growing numbers, in particular the growing number of women's teams. The current changing facilities are single sex and not suitable for the changing demographic.
- Concept drawings/plans for a new changing facility have been drawn up and hard copies of these were distributed to the Board as well as handouts of budget costings. Mr Burgess advised that three (3) quotes were received, and the Taupiri Rugby Club have chosen the mid-range quote at a total of just over 1 million, including contingency.
- It was noted that Land Use Consent (valid for 5 years) has been granted based on the concept drawings and plans, and the Taupiri Rugby Club are now looking for funding to help cover costs. It is anticipated that it will be a combination of Fund Raising and Funding required.
- In discussion regarding funding, Cr Gibb suggested applying to the Momentum Fund and Her Worship the Mayor confirmed the Momentum Fund was for community projects. The Board were in agreement that the Taupiri Rugby Club proposal/project was good fit for the Momentum Fund as a community project.
- There was discussion on the suitability of including this Taupiri Rugby Club project in The Long-Term Plan (LTP) and possible funding from Council. Planning Policy Manager, Mr J Ebenhoh advised that it need to be worked through with the Legal and Property teams at Council.
- Development Contributions were also discussed, and Her Worship the Mayor advised they are allocated due to growth, and it was queried whether a portion be allocated to the Taupiri Rugby Club proposal. Mr Burgess confirmed that he is looking for some strategic feedback from Council.

**ACTION:** Mr Ebenhoh to talk to Community Growth and Service Delivery teams at Council to see if there is any funding/backing possible for this project and to have Council start discussions with the Taupiri Rugby Club about this proposal as well as to follow-up on the discussions Taupiri Club have already had with Council about the toilets.

- In further discussion regarding funding, Her Worship the Mayor advised on a 'Leasing of Public Toilets Model' previously used by Council which is a lease that covers the costs of a loan, as a possible option and there was discussion of who might want to use the facilities.
- In discussion about other sports clubs in Taupiri. The Board were in agreement that the bigger vision is one pavilion (1) for all sports in Taupiri and a strategic view is required. It was also noted that the new changing facility could possibility act as an Emergency Management facility which is another potential funding opportunity.
- It was noted that Mr Burgess has already approached Council about the toilets at the Taupiri Rugby Club with potential for them to become public toilets and Cr Patterson has been a part of that discussions. Taupiri Rugby Club is a privately owned rugby club and is one of only approximately four (4) privately owned clubs, the rest are owned by Councils.

- Her Worship the Mayor noted that the Resilience Plan for Taupiri was discussed at the LTP meeting today.
- In further discussion about funding opportunities, Bunnings funding for Grassroot Rugby was suggested as a potential funding opportunity and Mr Burgess advised they were aware of this funding and confirmed they will be looking into Bunnings funding opportunities.
- Mr D Turner noted that WDC does appear to have an appetite to work with communities to support them and if all the community parts work together it is possible to achieve a bigger vision. It was noted that WDC have been encouraging the communities which has been good to see.
- The Board noted it's appreciation for the communication from the Taupiri Rugby Club.

**ACTION:** Ms Morley to send electronic files of concept plans to Democracy.

## **REPORTS**

### Works and Issues Report Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [TCB2308/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

#### Community Plan Booklet

- Ongoing - nothing further to report.'

#### WEL boxes

- It was noted this is not ongoing and it was a project to be done. There was discussion regarding placement of the art on the boxes and plant trimming and it was noted that Chorus funding was appreciated.

#### Proposal for Walkway and Cycle Track

- Mr H Lovell advised that a Strategic Plan is still being put together.
- Cr J Gibb confirmed Stages 1 and 2 are funded and a Project Manager needs to be found and appointed. A bank account needs to be opened to move forward.

#### Emergency Procedures

- Ongoing. No further updates.

#### Picnic Tables

- Ms J Morley provided the update to the Board that all picnic tables have now been delivered, except for one to go to Educare. It was noted that the reason for the delay had been due to the tables being stolen.

## Structure Plan

- No updates.

## Roading Signs

- It was noted that a request for additional signage has been added to the list for the LTP. Mr Ebenhoh confirmed that there is no budget for roading signs in current financial year and noted this needs to be on the LTP.
- It was noted that Health & Safety is the primary reason that the road signs issues need attention. Cr Gibb queried if it is possible to get costs and look at using Discretionary Fund to fund the signs.
- It was noted that only maintenance is in the City Care budget for signs.
- Ms Morley noted the importance of recording what has been done so the public can see what the Board has been doing about this.

**ACTION:** Mr Ebenhoh to follow up getting Roothing Team (Megan) to attend next meeting to discuss roading issues in general.

**ACTION:** Mr Ebenhoh to get costings so Discretionary Fund funding can possible be used for this.

## Huntly Revocation

- There was discussion on the Huntly revocation, and it was noted that Waka Kotahi requires iwi approval to close out the project so that the road (Gt South Road from Fisher Road in the north to the Taupiri Interchange) can be vested and Waikato DC can implement the approved programme of works.
- It was noted that this is only project in Taupiri that relates to threshold treatments outside the urupa on what is currently SHI (Gt South Road) and Mr J Ebenhoh advised that WDC is doing all they can and are unable to push Waka Kotahi any further. It was noted that Waka Kotahi were having discussions but we are not part of those discussions.
- There was discussion on the emphasis on the danger of lighting at Taupiri Mountain and urgency required.

**ACTION:** Ms Cocup-Hughes agreed to put in a new Service Request for the lighting at Taupiri Mountain so it is registered in the system.

## Footpaths Road Signs/Lighting/Tunnels

- It was noted that lighting in the community has been added in the Taupiri Structure Plan.

## Button Lane

- Mr Ebenhoh advised that from a subdivision perspective, requirements are being met. Mr Ebenhoh emphasised that if illegal activity is observed it needs to be reported it to Council.

## Discretionary Fund Report to 8 June 2023

### Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [TCB2308/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- Timing of reporting was discussed to clarify that the new financial year amount has not been applied yet because of timing of this meeting.
- Next meeting the balance will show starting balance and whatever has been spent since 31 July 2023.
- Cr J Gibb noted that the reduction from 6 to 4 members on the Board does not change the funding allocation and the Remuneration Authority is different funding from discretionary funding. It was noted that the Discretionary Funds formula and distribution process is under review at Council as part of the LTP process.
- Ms Morley gave an update on the Netball courts and advised that she has been in contact with Eastern Waikato Netball Centre who confirmed that they are seeking an upgrade of the facilities and courts. Ms Morley advised she will extend an invitation to Eastern Waikato Netball Centre to attend a Community Board meeting for further discussion.
- It was noted that Eastern Waikato Netball communications and the earlier Taupiri Rugby Club discussions fit well together and these both need consideration and to be on the Blue Print.
- Ms Morley advised that she is working hard to get the lines on the courts put in. and the next step to get the nets up and holes drilled. City Care have the contract to do this.
- Ms Morley also advised that she would approach Hayden from Sport Waikato for racquets.

**ACTION** Chairperson to advise Netball that we are on the same page and WDC has been notified.

### Mayor Community Awards

#### Agenda Item 6.3

- It was proposed that Mr Tukukino George is nominated by The Taupiri Community Board to receive a Mayors Community Award and Cr Gibb advised that Mr D Turner had helped put together the reasons for the nomination on behalf of the Board. Cr Gibb outlined the reasons for nominating Mr T George (read from Nomination Form) and it was noted that Friday is the cut-off date for submission.

**ACTION:** Cr Gibb to send nomination form to J Morley to submit to Council.

**(Mr H Lovell/Ms S Cocup-Hughes)**

**THAT the Taupiri Community Board nominates Mr Tukukino George for the Mayoral Community Awards.**

**CARRIED**

**TCB2308/04**

### Chairperson's Report

#### Agenda Item 6.4

- Ms Morley outlined an opportunity for the Board to register to have the Taupiri community participate in Clean Up Week 2023 (16-22 September 2023), an initiative of Keep NZ Beautiful. Ms Morley outlined the purpose and details from an email including the advantages of registering for Clean Up Week. There was discussion on whether the Board would like to do anything to get the community involved and it was agreed the Board will register.

**ACTION:** Ms Morley will send the details to Ms S Cocup-Hughes who will have discussions with the community and register the Board for Clean Up Week 2023.

**ACTION:** Ms Morley will put information on Clean Up Week 2023 on the Facebook Taupiri Community Page.

**ACTION:** Mr Ebenhoh agreed to approach the Waste Minimisation team at Council to see if Council are doing anything with this initiative.

### Community Board Members' Report

#### Agenda Item 6.5

- Cr T Tuner reported first time attendance and involvement at the LGNZ conference last week. Cr Turner reported that the conference was very interesting, and it is planned for others to attend in future.
- Cr Gibb noted the majority of time since the last meeting has been spent on LTP planning.

### Chairperson's Report

#### Agenda Item 6.6

- Nothing to report.

### Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

#### Agenda Item 6.7

- Mr Ebenhoh reported that the LTP workshops are underway now and Taupiri Community Board issues raised in Structure Plans, Asset Plans and the Blue Print Survey are visible now in these workshops.
- Ms Morley outlined the Taupiri submission points, and it was noted that it needs to be reviewed to ensure the Taupiri Rugby Club has been added to the submission.

**ACTION:** Ms Morley to send Mr Ebenhoh an email to please expand the Netball reference in the Blue Print to include new community facilities at Taupiri Rugby Club.

## **PROJECTS**

### Community Planting and Maintenance

#### Agenda Item 7.1

- No updates.

### Taupiri Structure Plan

#### Agenda Item 7.2

- No update.

### Taupiri School Update

#### Agenda Item 7.3

- No update.

### Emergency Procedures – Civil Defence

#### Agenda Item 7.4

- Still to catch up with people from the Marae.

### Halls

#### Agenda Item 7.5

- No update.



