
MINUTES of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2020** commencing at **6.03pm**.

Present:

Mr G Wiechern (Chairperson)
Ms K Morgan
Mr J Ayers
Ms D Firth
Ms R Kirkwood
Ms V Rice
Cr JM Gibb
Cr E Patterson

Attending:

Mr R Brown (KiwiRail)
Mr P Marino (KiwiRail)
Mr J Manhood (KiwiRail)
Mr A Reeves (Ngaruawahia High School)
Sylvea (Ngaruawahia High School)
Mr B Schmitt (Citycare)
Ms N Burwell (Citycare)

Cr AD Bech (Deputy Mayor)

Mr J Wilson (Youth Engagement Advisor)
Mr G Bellamy (Senior Transportation Engineer)
Ms N Armstrong-Neild (Iwi & Community Partnership Advisor)
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnership Manager)
Ms A Parquist (Change Manager)
Mrs S Jenkins (Executive Assistant)

Members of the Public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Ms Rice)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 1 December 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED

NCB2012/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Ms Firth advised members of the Board that she would declare a conflict of interest in item 5 (Public Forum – Ngaruawahia High School and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Bernard Fergusson) and item 6.1 (Discretionary Fund Report) – declared at the time the items were discussed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Mr Ayers)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 20 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

NCB2012/02

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed:

KiwiRail – Relationship/Safety

- KiwiRail had carried out work within the community and with the previous Community Board. There was now an opportunity to keep the relationship going with the current Community Board.
- KiwiRail would support whatever action the community and Council were doing to stop pedestrians on the rail bridge.
- The Community Board had committed funding to alternative community activities including subsidising 50% of the Ngaruawahia Pool entry fee, purchasing inflatables for use at the pool, installing a water feature at the Point Playground and changing the narrative on what was available to do in Ngaruawahia.
- KiwiRail were talking to junior schools around Ngaruawahia to assist with changing behaviours.

- Cr Gibb confirmed that the Safe Kids Day normally held in November each year had been postponed to March 2021.
- KiwiRail's long term goal was to install forward facing cameras on locomotives to assist with footage of incidents instantly.
- KiwiRail were looking to reduce graffiti along the rail corridor and were keen for some locals to do artwork.

Ngaruawahia High School ("NHS") – Ngaruawahia Dog Agility Park project

- Mr Adrian Reeves (NHS Teacher) and Sylvea (student) presented on the Ngaruawahia Dog Agility Park project. An overview of the project was provided.
 - Project had been on hold as the NHS workshops were demolished in the first stage, but would be open again in 2021.
 - Students brief was to design the layout in accordance with Dogs New Zealand Agility recommendations and Council constraints.
 - Design had been partly approved by Council. NHS required funds, flexibility and understanding to complete the project.

ACTION: Council staff to provide support to Ngaruawahia High School with security fencing and signage/communication with the public while the install is happening.

- Students wanted to design an identity (logo) and instructional signage for the whole park. They had used a laser cutter to develop a prototype logo.
- NHS received half of the original park equipment. NHS would like the opportunity to re-use the other half for another NHS project if possible.

ACTION: Cr Patterson to investigate if the other half of the original park equipment is available for NHS use.

- Mr Reeves was asked to share with the students how proud the Community Board was of them and the work that they had done.
- NHS to work with Council's Communications Team on a media release when the project was completed.

ACTION: Ms Rice to be the Community Board contact for the project.

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Bernard Fergusson ("Bernard Fergusson") – Speed Limit

Ms Firth declared a conflict of interest and did not speak to this item.

- The Iwi & Community Partnership Manager and the Chair had visited the Bernard Fergusson School to hear and discuss their concerns on traffic speed past the school.
 - There was no 50km/hr signage from Starr Road to the school.

- The Senior Transportation Engineer advised that the Roothing Team had commenced a roll out of ‘dragons’ teeth’ road markings and consistent signage across all urban schools in the district. All urban schools should be completed by the end of the financial year.
- The local Police Commissioner had indicated that the speed limit would be strictly enforced and there would be zero tolerance around schools.
- Staff were preparing a report for the Policy & Regulatory Committee February 2021 meeting recommending consultation with the public on the reduction of speed limits to 40kms/hr around urban schools, 60kms/hr around rural schools and 40kms/hr in all residential areas.
- NHS was currently being rebuilt. There would be no off-street parking for staff and visitors while construction was happening.

ACTION: Cr Patterson and the Senior Transportation Engineer to discuss NHS concerns offline.

Citycare – Community Initiative

- Citycare had the Open Spaces contract for the Waikato district.
 - Citycare were reaching out to community contacts and looking for opportunities where Citycare could provide additional support. Some initial suggestions were canvassed including cleaning up projects around the Waikato River.
 - Citycare had connected with Council staff and had a walk around Ngaruawahia CBD with Ms Anne Ramsay from the Ngaruawahia Community House.
- The Community Board thanked Citycare for graffiti guarding the two murals on the Squash Club building.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report to 12 November 2020 Agenda Item 6.1

Ms Firth declared a conflict of interest and did not speak to, or vote on, this item.

The report was received [*NCB2012/01 refers*] and discussion was held.

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Ms Morgan)

THAT an allocation of \$2,000 is made to Ngaruawahia High School towards the costs relating to the Ngaruawahia High School - Ngaruawahia Dog Agility Park project.

CARRIED

NCB2012/03

Ngaruawahia Works and Issues Report

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [NCB2012/01 refers] and discussion was held.

- Centennial Park toilet block installed, footpath laid and grass seed to sow. The toilet block had been tagged before the fence came down. A design change meant Twin River's artwork wrap was no longer happening as the approximate cost of \$15,000 was too expensive.
- The Point Playground – cantilever swing had been redesigned and reinstated.

Year to Date Service Request Report to 30 September 2020

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [NCB2012/01 refers] and discussion was held.

ACTION: Staff to present separate statistics for Horotiu in the next quarterly Service Request report.

Schedule of Meetings 2021

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [NCB2012/01 refers] and discussion was held.

- The Community Board committed to moving its workshops around the Ngaruawahia ward with the 7 December 2020 workshop being held in Horotiu.
- Significant celebrations in 2021 – Kiingi Tuheitia 15-year tenure and Turangawaewae Marae 100 years.

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Ms Rice)

THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board continues to hold its meetings at 6.00pm on a six-weekly cycle in 2021, on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 9 February 2021**
- **Tuesday 23 March 2021**
- **Tuesday 4 May 2021**
- **Tuesday 15 June 2021**
- **Tuesday 27 July 2021**
- **Tuesday 7 September 2021**
- **Tuesday 19 October 2021**
- **Tuesday 30 November 2021**

CARRIED

NCB2012/04

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.5

The Chair summarised his report and answered questions of the Board.

Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve:

- Council staff had been supportive and wished to be involved.
- A workshop was required to plan how the Board would communicate the draft plan with the wider community.

Councillors' Report

Agenda Item 6.6

Crs Gibb and Patterson gave a verbal overview on current Council issues.

Horotiu

- A workshop had been held at Horotiu School on 17 November 2020. A spreadsheet had been circulated with items raised by the community for follow up. Draft responses were being checked by council staff before circulating to the workshop attendees and Community Board.
- Representatives from Ports of Auckland and Te Awa Lakes to address the Horotiu community in assisting with building a better relationship.
- Cr Gibb presented at the Horotiu School Duffy Book Assembly on 27 November 2020.
- Horotiu School Enviroschools Silver celebration would be held on 8 December 2020. Ms Morgan, the Chairperson and the Deputy Mayor would be attending.

Dog Agility Park Project

- The Board to ask Citycare for help with erecting fences and providing an experienced person on site as part of their community support.

ACTION: Cr Patterson to discuss Dog Agility Park Project issues with Council staff.

Climate Change Committee

- Ms Morgan attended a presentation on Council's Climate Change Policy which would be formally adopted by Council in December 2020.

ACTION: The Chair to circulate Climate Change presentation to the Community Board.

Mobility Scheme

- The Infrastructure Committee supported funding the Total Mobility Scheme – a door-to-door transport scheme to support people with mobility limitations, subsidised fares and connection to public transport.

Inorganic Collection

- Next inorganic collection was scheduled for March 2021.
- Council would consult in the New Year on ceasing the inorganic collection as it did not align with Council's climate change plan. Collection costs were also extremely high.

Huntly Rail Station

- Huntly Rail Station had been named Raahui Pookeka Huntly Station.
- The Te Huia service had some delays due to work required with Auckland's infrastructure. The station would be open by the end of March 2021.
- Fares for the Huntly to Britomart service would be under \$15.

Pensioner Housing

- A drop-in session was being held at Paul Reeves Close on 2 December 2020 to outline what was being considered in relation to the future provision of pensioner housing. This would be consulted on through the Long Term Plan.

Murals - Jesmond Street

- The artist who painted the murals between the Plunket building, public toilets and old computer shop on Jesmond Street has asked for them to be moved to another location that had a higher profile.

Cr Bech gave a verbal update on the Reshape Waikato Representation Review 2020-21.

Community Board Members' Report Agenda Item 6.7

Community Board members gave a verbal overview on the following issues:

- Ms Kirkwood – Requested that Cr Patterson survey the bus stop outside of BP Horotiu when he completed a drive around with Horotiu residents.
- Ms Rice – Received good response to roller door artwork.
- The Chairperson tabled a draft Christmas card for the Community Board's approval. There was agreement to hand deliver the cards.

ACTION: Staff to confirm number of Christmas cards printed in 2019.

ACTION: Staff to provide Ms Morgan with Christmas card graphic to upload to on the Ngaruawahia Community Board Facebook page.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.05pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2021.

Mr G Wiechern
CHAIRPERSON