

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2021** commencing at **9.30am**.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Chairperson)
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr CA Eyre
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr RC McGuire
Cr FM McInally
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr TG Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager, Service Delivery)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager, Community Growth)
Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager, Customer Support)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager, Community Growth)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager)
Ms J Wymer-Bell (Corporate Planner, Community Growth)
Mr G King (Chief Information Officer)
Mr P Ellis (Solid Waste Team Leader)
Mrs GJ Kanawa (Democracy Team Leader)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Church)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan Hearings & Deliberations held on Tuesday, 25 May 2021 to Thursday, 27 May 2021 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT the Supplementary agenda (I) for the meeting of the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan Hearings & Deliberations held on Tuesday, 25 May 2021 to Thursday, 27 May 2021 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED

WDC2105/24

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Gibb and Sedgwick advised that they would declare a non financial conflict of interest in all submissions relating to the District Plan Review and would withdraw from the meeting during these submissions.

REPORTS

Long Term Plan 2021-31 Hearings & Deliberations Agenda Item 4.1

The report was received [WDC2105/02 refers]. The Planning & Policy Manager – Community Growth summarised the report and process for the next few days.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Sedgwick)

THAT the Waikato District Council:

- i) receives the verbal and written submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 from those submitters that have indicated that they wish to be heard (Attachment 2);**
- ii) receives the submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 from those that do not wish to be heard or were unable to attend the hearings (Attachment 3);**
- iii) receives and accepts the following late submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 (Supplementary Agenda 1) for consideration:**
 - a) Raglan Community Board**
 - b) Te Kowhai Community Group**
 - c) Waikato Screen**
 - d) Isabelle & Spencer Wheeler (tabled item – 4.1A)**
- iv) receives the submissions to the draft User Fees and Charges Schedule 2021-2024 (Attachment 5);**
- v) receives the submissions to the draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 (Attachment 6); and**
- vi) receives the submissions to the Community Hall Catchment Review (Attachment 7).**

CARRIED

WDC2105/25

Long Term Plan 2021-31 Hearings – Verbal Submissions

The Chairperson summarised the process for the hearings.

The following submissions were presented, and submitters responded to questions:

Russell Preston (Submission ID 1321, Page 18)

Russell noted the following matters:

- Rates – no options were given to the ratepayers. Do not sell assets unless those assets become a liability. 1 or 2 page executive page on the budgets on how you arrive. Supports option 2.
- Operative Plan – include an exceptions policy in the DP in respect of unusable farming land.
- Strategic pillar in strategic development. Sleepyhead project is supported.
- Service to the community – Sport Waikato had restructured and would continue to support North Waikato.

Huiroa Tamati (Submission ID 1464, Page 30)

Huiroa noted the following matters:

- Younger generation are suffering with mortgages and rates when parents pass away.
- Proud of living in Ngaruawahia.
- Financial hardship rate remission policies are in place.

Kimai Huirama (Submission ID 1639, Page 32)

Tabled Item (4.1B): Powerpoint presentation – WĀHIA NGĀ RUA|OUR VISION :
OPEN THE FOOD PIT

Kimai noted the following matters:

- Haapu vision for future generations in the community.
- Provide education opportunities.
- Vision is to open the food pits.
- Koha presented – large kumara in harakeke basket.
- Seeking a partnership between Council and haapu.
- A “give a little” page had been set up to raise funds towards the opening of the food pits. Currently 14 days into the six (6) month period.

**Greg Wiechern on behalf of the Ngaruawahia Community Board
(Submission ID 1749, Page 39)**

Greg noted the following matters:

- Rates increases – would like to see 6% each year for 3 years. Maintain what we have and pay debt.
- Pensioner housing – ownership should be retained by Council. Rent relief cannot be provided by Council.
- Retain inorganic collection.

Kenneth Soanes (Submission ID 1665, Page 35)

Kenneth noted the following matters:

- Raglan Museum funding - requesting further funding assistance through the LTP process.
- Raglan Whaingaroa Destination Management Organisation (RWDMO) is based at the front of the museum building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.22am and reconvened at 10.49am.

Grace (Maggie) Wilcock (Submission ID 1577, Page No. 44)

Tabled Item (4.1C): Waikato District Council LTP 2021-2031 Consultation Document

Maggie noted the following matters:

- Supports stopping of the inorganic collection.
- Urban Miners' – Rotary Cambridge Recycling E-Waste. Collection every third Sunday outside Cambridge High School.
- Pop up shops for the collection of farm waste.
- Supports option to dispose of pensioner housing.
- Did not support the rates increase.

Gary McGuire (Submission ID 1686, Page No. 46)

Tabled Item (4.1D): WDC Submission Notes

Gary noted the following matters:

- Tuakau Rail Station reinstatement.
- Increase to the number of councillors in the Tuakau ward.

Cr Smith left the meeting at 11.12am during discussion on the above submission.

Vern Reeve (Submission ID 1823, Page No. 48)

Vern noted the following matters:

- Transport – Bus service usage in Tuakau was low.
- General rates increase – causing concerns to ratepayers in Tuakau. Supports option 2.
- Inorganic waste collection – supports a pop up shop arrangement. There was a need for a refuse recycling centre in the North Waikato area.
- Supports the sale of pensioner housing.

Cr Smith re-entered at 11.20am during discussion on the above submission.

Russell Gibbs and Leo Koppens - Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (Submission ID 1693, Page No. 53)

Russell and Leo noted the following matters:

- Focus of the trust is the gully networks in the Tamahere ward.
- Supports the blueprint and community initiatives.
- Seeking funding for the Tamahere Reserve.

John Mitchell - Onewhero Citizens & Ratepayers (Submission ID 1790, Page No. 64)

John noted the following matters:

- General Rates Increase - supports option 2.
- Future of Pensioner Housing – supports option 2.
- Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection – supports option 1.
- Onewhero Recreation Reserve – does not have a blueprint document.
- Waikato District Council should continue with UAGC rating.
- Leases were required for the Onewhero Society for Performing Arts, Tennis Club, Bowling Club, Rugby Club and BMX Track.

Ariana Hawkins (Submission ID 1699, Page No. 63)

Ariana noted the following matters:

- General Rates Increase - should not be increased at this time.
- Future of Pensioner Housing – does not support the disposal of these.
- Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection – supports option 1.
- Supports Council being able to fine business owners for not keeping their properties in a clean and tidy manner.

Nicole Stone (Submission ID 1736, Page No. 66)

Tabled Item (4.1E): Waikato District Council Rates Petition
(not accepted as a petition but as part of the submission – voting results and comments only attached to minutes – not names and addresses)

Nicole noted the following matters:

- General Rates Increase – does not support a rates increase.
- More community consultation was required.

Marae Tukere on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui) (Submission ID 1838, Page No. 67)

Marae noted the following matters:

- General Rates Increase – does not support a rates increase. Seeking submissions and rebates for the community.
- Future of Pensioner Housing – supports disposal of the housing but with conditions as set out in the submission document.
- Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection – Supports discontinuing the service but with conditions as set out in the submission document.

The meeting adjourned at 12.25pm and resumed at 1.00pm.

Robert Hyslop (Submission ID 1623, Page No. 81)

Robert noted the following matters:

- General Rates Increases – does not support either option.
- A library is not required in Pokeno.

Chuck Bird (Submission ID 1659, Page No. 85)

Chuck noted the following matters:

- Trains burn more fuel per person than cars/buses. Does not support the train service.
- Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection – supports continuing the collection.
- Future of Pensioner Housing – supported option 2.

Frank Wood and Juliana Mui (Submission ID 1632, Page No. 83)

Frank and Juliana noted the following matters:

- The LTP document was well written and presented.
- General Rates Increase – spread the increase.
- Future Pensioner Housing – retain the service.
- Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection – does not support this service.
- Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives – supports this initiative.
- Development of villages/satellite towns.
- Land use of productive soils.

Robin Ranga (Submission ID 1827, Page No. 86)

Robin noted the following matters:

- Request to include the preservation of the Port Waikato wharf in the LTP.
- The wharf is inspected six (6) monthly.

Jonathan Wright – Principal, Horotiu School (Submission ID 1719, Page No. 88)

Jonathon noted the following matters:

- Request for the Blueprint to cover all small communities.
- Horotiu School provides the community with a hall, pool, fields, three (3) playgrounds, scooter track, bike track and Waikato River trail.
- Footpath safety issue at the school.

Cr Lynch left the meeting at 1.57pm, following discussion on the above item.

Aaron Mooar - Raglan Football Club (Submission ID 1778, Page No. 90)

Tabled Item (4.1F): Presentation - Raglan Football Club

Mr Mooar noted the following matters:

- Raglan school had 250 football players
- Space for sport is becoming limited
- The club grounds no longer have flooding issues
- Raglan did not feel that people had been listened to through the blueprint process.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

Cr Henderson left the meeting at 2.10pm and re-entered the meeting at 2.24pm.

Cr McNally left the meeting at 2.12pm. Cr Lynch returned to the meeting at 2.24pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.12pm and reconvened at 2.24pm.

Richard Porter - Bike Waikato (Submission ID 1785, Page No. 92)

Richard noted the following matters:

- Expansion of the transport network was required.
- Raised concern over the lack of safety of the transport network.
- Cycling would assist in reducing vehicle emissions.
- Cycle Clubs were holding more events in the rural areas. Road safety is imperative for cyclists. Narrowing of road shoulders was an issue for cyclists.
- Requested connection of new developments to existing infrastructure.

The meeting adjourned at 2.40pm and reconvened at 3.06pm

Thomas (Submission ID 1721, Page No. 364)

Thomas noted the following matters:

- No such thing as a Long Term Plan
- Objected to sale of Pensioner housing.

David Whyte – Ohinewai Area Committee (Submission ID 1830, Page No. 111)

Tabled Item (4.1G): Presentation – Ohinewai Area Committee LTP Oral Submission

David noted the following matters:

- Concern raised with lack of roadside drains being maintained to a good level which causes flooding during heavy rainfall.
- Huntly overhead transport bridge a health and safety issue in need of urgent repair.
- Flooding on roadside reserves.
- If rate increase enables core services being improved Ohinewai Area Committee supports them. However, basic Council services are still not occurring in the area.
- Toilet waste alongside main road due to no public toilets in the vicinity – real concern with the development of Ohinewai.
- Unkempt entrances to townships on main highway.
- Concern with manhole on Ohinewai off-ramp as well as chevron facing the wrong way. Rocks on the roadside reserve/roundabout do not help with lawnmowing so are often not mown – look at planting similar to other roundabouts.

David Whyte – Huntly Community Board (Submission ID 1720, Page No. 121)

Tabled Item (4.1H): Presentation – Huntly Community Board LTP Oral Submission

David noted the following matters:

- KPIs that involve public survey must include cell phone calls as great reduction in landlines.
- KPIs not tied to job completion, need to focus on areas of risk.
- Safe Journey KPIs have to be tied to something Council can control, i.e. road factors.
- Water Loss – meters sold to the public on idea that metering each connection enabled leak minimization – KPI should be aiming for a reduction in water loss every year.
- Public Injury – No tracking of public injury caused by Council's lack of maintenance.

Leah Fry – Port Waikato Residents & Ratepayers Assn (Submission ID 1837, Page No. 102)

Leah noted the following matters:

- Expressed appreciation for the resilience work already undertaken and noted that additional funding was required to continue work.
- Stormwater issues when flow to open drains into a creek and creek not maintained for some time.
- Wharf significantly utilised, need to recognise as a regional asset and have separate line item within Council budgets as it has taken over 3 years to get maintenance
- Need for more street lighting as it is too dark and dangerous after the sun goes down. They were currently getting more information for Council on solar lighting options.
- The library building had been undermined by rabbits – suggest returning to model of community running the library.
- Appreciated that three playgrounds have been identified for renewal in their area.
- Parking plan needed at boat ramps and queried if second ramp was Council land. Investigation was being undertaken as to who owns and maintains this land.
- Grateful for bollard installed at Maraetai Bay.
- Support Option 1 for rates.

Don Good, Waikato Chamber of Commerce

(Submission ID 1418, Page No. 104)

Mr Good noted the following matters:

- Thanks to Mayor & Councillors for supporting attraction of business and getting Sleepyhead across the line.
- Prioritise need to haves rather than nice to haves.
- Focus on core tasks and prioritise asset maintenance.
- Be serious about cost savings and find what you can to keep rates at a reduced level.
- Increase in rates unfair, investigate alternative tools to fund growth and lobby government for funding.
- Strategic national assets in Waikato, lobby for an increase to these as expressways have attracted commerce.
- Project suggestion – Port of Auckland moved to Firth of Thames with connection through to Mercer.
- Amalgamation needs to be discussed as no one voice for Councils across the region.
- Blueprint – community advised quite strongly what they want.

David Whyte (Submission ID 1844, Page No. 129)

Tabled Item (4.11): LTP Oral Submission

David noted the following matters:

- Difference in service between Huntly and Huntly West.
- A lot of time spent on reporting rather than ensuring the jobs are done. Council advised conscious decision not to ring customers back but perhaps need to revisit this.
- Remove roadblocks and let the community be involved with local projects.
- Blueprint process required in Huntly.

Wendy Harrod (Submission ID 1796, Page No. 132)

Wendy noted the following matters:

- Not opposed to development it has to happen, however there are services that need to grow with it.
- Developers continue to be responsible for roading and infrastructure assets. How do we get them to contribute to what implications they are creating for communities.
- Nothing for the children – skate park or the like.

The Chairperson adjourned at 4.25pm and advised it would be resumed at 1.00pm Wednesday, 26 May 2021.

The meeting was reconvened on **WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2021** commencing at **1.00pm**.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Chairperson)
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Cr JA Church
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Janice Lapwood & Steve Gow – Momentum Waikato Community Foundation (Submission ID 1492, Page No. 135)

Janice & Steve noted the following matters:

- Established from Wellness Fund with a vision of connecting communities.
- Add value for projects – contribute / unlock projects (creating partnerships)
- Community rural projects have provided job opportunities.
- Kainga Ora – provide capability and expertise. Look to attract other investors.
- North Waikato – Community Lakes project – lack of potential projects and partially capability of resources.
- Affordable housing – depends on who owns land, who are we trying to serve. Project by project situation.

Derek Tate (Submission ID 1518, Page No. 138)

Derek noted the following matters:

- Premature to put in place Significant Natural Areas (SNAs).
- Opposed to funding for conservation – repurpose.

Liam McGrath – Mercer Community Committee (Submission ID 1637, Page No. 139)

Tabled Item (4.11): Presentation Long Term Plan 2021-2031

Liam noted the following matters:

- Offer apprenticeships to keep pensioner housing.
- Keep inorganic collection – but perhaps hold every second year.
- Community facility required for Mercer.
- Mercer wharf should be added to asset list.
- No 24/7 facility in Mercer as reported in 2015 toilet strategy.

**Richard Coventry & Lale Ieremia - Te Awa Lakes
(Submission ID 1771, Page No. 145)**

Tabled Item (4.1K): Long Term Plan Submission – May 2021 – Te Awa Lakes

Richard & Lale noted the following matters:

- Te Awa Lakes was a mixed use Master Planned Community, utilising integrated mixed use typologies, i.e. apartments, terraced, detached, affordable etc.
- Opportunity for recreation precinct at gateway to Hamilton.
- Connecting to strategies for the region.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

Patricia Hubbard (Submission ID 1732, Page No. 143)

Patricia noted the following matters:

- Rates increases. Proposed double digit challenging as rates already high.
- Transparency – surprised WDC did not provide average residential rates.

**Helen Clotworthy – Pokeno Community Committee
(Submission ID 1803, Page No. 155)**

Helen noted the following matters:

- Opposed to rates increase as the community are not seeing anything for what they are paying now.
- Pensioner Housing – opposed to selling.
- Inorganic Collection
- Need more Community Facilities, i.e. Library, development of Market Square.
- Roading is terrible on main street of Pokeno, large potholes and rest of road in poor state due to volume of traffic and trucks.
- Concern that the Pokeno Community Committee was losing credibility.

Helen Clotworthy (Submission ID 1799, Page No. 153)

Helen noted the following matters:

- Community frustrated with increased growth yet we need more services and feel Council are not carrying through with what they say they will do, i.e. library.
- Every community has aspirations – repurpose funding supported.
- No facilities, footpaths, public toilets etc.
- Chances of getting market square done smaller and smaller.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.30pm and reconvened the meeting at 3.10pm.

**Amy Marfell & Matthew Cooper – Sport Waikato
(Submission ID 1824, Page No. 167)**

Matthew & Amy noted the following matters:

- Blueprint supported – encourage strategy to continue.
- Support focus of walking and cycling connections.
- Rural hubs are the focus for Sport Waikato at present.
- Working with Active (Auckland body) and Sport NZ to ensure opportunities are assessed properly to ensure collaboration.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

John Olliver – Kirriemuir Trustee Ltd (Submission ID 1733, Page No. 172)

Tabled Item (4.1L): Submission on Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031

John noted the following matters:

- Pushing debt caps for Council and increases capacity issues for capital programmes.
- Developer funded growth prohibitive.
- Impact on elite soils? Tension between this factor and national intent to develop.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

John Olliver – Ambury Properties Ltd (Submission ID 1738, Page No. 175)

Tabled Item (4.1M): Submission on Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031

John noted the following matters:

- Bring forward capital projects to enable Sleepyhead Development.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

Jacqui Forbes – Para Kore Marae Inc. (Submission ID 1781, Page No. 179)

Jacqui noted the following matters:

- Congratulations for not introducing wheelie bins as this will not reduce waste.
- Removing inorganic collections – but this is supported due to the health and safety issues for Council.
- Education is the key, along with continue food collection service.

Brenda Roberts (Submission ID 1804, Page No. 160)

Brenda noted the following matters:

- Proposed rates increase – not opposed to increase, but opposed to quantum percentage.
- Alternative thinking required around rebates.
- Retain pensioner housing.
- Continue inorganic collection – coopt of recyclers could come together.
- Community facilities – library still not delivered, sports facilities - multi-purpose building not featured in the plan (huge disappointment).

Clare Jackson, Tim Newton and Phil Swann – Whaanga Road Resident & Ratepayers (Submission ID 1825, Page No. 182)

Tabled Item (4.1N): Presentation on unsealed roads

Clare, Tim and Phil noted the following matters:

- Otorohanga District have managed to seal their end of the Raglan Road, why can't Waikato seal their end.
- Minimal service for the rates paid in this area.

Hilary Walker & Bruce Cameron – Federated Farmers of NZ (Submission ID 1836, Page No. 352)

Hilary/Bruce noted the following matters:

- Conditional support to Option 1 – can improve options in longer term.
- Pensioner Housing support best outcome for ratepayers and tenants.
- Inorganic collection, stopping this will lead to dumping in rural areas.
- Reconsider preference for simple rate system – use UAGC models.
- Culverts need to be maintained better.

Bruce Cameron (Submission ID 1833, Page No. 392)

Bruce noted the following matters:

- Pensioner Housing – support not core council function
- Roading – keep maintenance up to scratch on unsealed roads/culverts
- Tikatika Road – easy to tarseal as it serves big area
- Reliant on CRMs

**Carolyn Conroy, Deputy Chairperson - Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board
(Submission ID 1835, Page No. 77)**

Carolyn noted the following matters:

- Rates increases – incredibly difficult for ratepayers – driven from CG and making it hard.
- Mayoral Forum needs to be more public
- Money could be better spent on services rather than LTP process.
- Inorganic – support but something else needs to be put in place.
- Working together – be involved earlier in the process – use zoom to enable greater engagement.
- Use webinars – reduces carbon footprint.
- CB targeted rate – concerned at sinking lid – more funding should be delegated to community boards.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5.00pm and advised it would be reconvened at 9.00am Thursday, 27 May 2021.

The meeting was reconvened on **THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021** commencing at **9.00am**.

Present:

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**Nic Greene – Habitat for Humanity
(Submission ID 1305 Nic Greene, Page No. 189)**

Nic noted the following matters:

- Habitat for humanity was a registered housing provider.
- Housing crisis issues were supply of building ready land, policy setting and appropriate financial mechanisms.
- RHI working with Mayoral Forum.
- Restrictions in place around sale – legally binding for provider to do further investment.
- Council not eligible for government subsidy unlike Community Housing Providers.
- Joint model can be made to work – but better to have simpler model.

NC & DJ Wood (Submission ID 1523, Page No. 191)

Mrs Wood noted the following matters:

- Valuations & Covid impact on low income earners who will not cope with proposed rate increase.

James Whetu (Submission ID 1627, Page No. 195)

James noted the following matters:

- Support Option 1 in regard to rates increases.
- Infrastructure spend important for Ngaruawahia.
- Pensioner Housing – support preferred option but disappointed Council can't work in conjunction with social provider to look after our elderly.
- Inorganic – discontinue individuals need to take greater responsibility for waste minimisation. Create behaviour change – having subsidised collection at refuse station won't work.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9.30am and the meeting reconvened at 9.40am.

Greig Metcalfe (Submission ID 1676, Page No. 197)

Greig noted the following matters:

- Unfunded projects for TeKowhai wastewater in Long Term Plan.
- Private development agreement needs to occur with Council and Watercare to have projects happen earlier.
- Open to bring funding forward with council paying off.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

**Graham McBride – Te Kowhai Community Group
(Submission ID 1847, Page No. 4A-6)**

Tabled Item (4.1O): Presentation Te Otamanui Walkway LTP Proposal

Graham noted the following matters:

- Walkway funded by private donations and vested to Council.
- Acknowledged Cr Smith's involvement.
- Heritage panels along the walkway.
- Shy of \$120k to finish the boardwalks.

Brett Harper (Principal), David Bestdale (Chair BOT) & Community Representative - Whitikahu School (Submission ID 1769, Page No. 198)

Tabled Item (4.1P): Presentation Whitikahu Walkway

Brett noted the following matters: David Bestdale (Chair BOT), ??? Com Rep

- School hall retrofitted to classrooms, growing population.
- Decile 9 school so funding focussed on students – minimal left over for infrastructure projects.
- Need to use community hall and roadside not safe, request for support for walkway between community hall and school.
- Landowner supportive of moving fence and having footpath.
- Ten years in planning, parents more than willing to help but design and some funding would need to come through Council.

Ant Hawes (Submission ID 1624, Page No. 193)

Ant noted the following matters:

- Appreciated support of Council building inspectors etc.
- Public think you don't care about impact on them for rates increase.
- Pensioner Housing – no – Council should continue to look after our elderly.
- Three Waters Reform – why are we putting money into these projects instead of waiting for government to take over.
- Money will always follow vision.

Jeremy Mayall - Creative Waikato (Submission ID 1840, Page No. 203)

Jeremy noted the following matters:

- Economic Investment into the Arts needs to occur and Council need to align policies, strategies and processes with their strategy.
- Requested \$10,000 support from Council.

**Jeanie Allport – Te Kauwhata Community Committee
(Submission ID 1756, Page No. 96)**

Tabled Item (4.IQ): Presentation Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Submission

Jeanie noted the following matters:

- Support Option 1 for rates increase.
- Support Option 2 sale of pensioner housing, so long as residents retain their homes.
- Support Option 2, on proviso resource recovery centres are available and free.
- Blueprint and Community Projects – support walkway developments, Whangamarino Walkway and TeKauwhata Domain project.
- Request heavy vehicle diversion (Mahi Road).
- Request reinstatement of railway station.
- Need improved bus services.

**Stefan Pollard – Horsham Downs Community Committee
(Submission ID 1797 & 1773, Page No. 246 & 252)**

Tabled Item (4.IR): Presentation

Stefan noted the following matters:

- Intersection link to Resolution Drive should be a roundabout.
- Extension of cycleways needed.
- Horsham Downs green space and reserve – suggest strategic purchase by Council.
- School requested to increase roll to 600 next year due to community growth and our community facilities need to increase with it.
- New intersection (reverse T intersection and reinstate roundabout)– road safety needs improvement.

Brennon Lanigan – Village Church (Submission ID 1761, Page No. 254)

Brennon noted the following matters:

- Liaised with NZTA to acquire land for their turning bay at roundabout.

Kit Johnston (Submission ID 1737, Page No. 255)

Kit noted the following matters:

- Covid affected them do not support Option 1 – support Option 2.
- People barely surviving and it feels like Council doesn't care.
- Damage to road severe and not fixed yet load of traffic has increased.
- Trying to get out of Countdown is very difficult.

**Kate Wilson & Kirstie Alley – Gordonton Woodlands Trust
(Submission ID 1654, Page No. 257)**

Kate & Kirstie noted the following matters:

- Thanks to you for support to date with concept plan.
- Request for commitment to ongoing funding and development.
- Playground for children, opening up gardens more.

Charles Fletcher (Submission ID 1775, Page No. 258)

Charles noted the following matters:

- What are farms getting for their significant rates – no water, no rubbish collection etc.
- Stewards of public money – provide lip service as ability to pay not taken into account with rating systems. Stick to core business.
- Increase way above rate of inflation.
- Tamahere reserve cost excessive and not done properly – still not fixed.

David Adams (Submission ID 1709, Page No. 260)

David noted the following matters:

- Northhead forest – motorbikes banned so great for walks, cycle rides – extremely attractive and scenic resource.
- Crown agreed should be open to public and should be able to occur now that Crown Forestry has merged with Ministry Primary Industries.
- Recreation is important.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.20pm and reconvened the meeting at 1.00pm.

**Kitty Burton & David Taylor – Matangi Community Committee
(Submission ID 1764, Page No. 42)**

Kitty & David noted the following matters:

- Extension of footpaths and cycleways – connecting communities.
- Reserve Plan for Jack Foster Reserve.
- Ok for gravel paths.

Ben Burnand on behalf of Michael Foster (Submission ID 1828, Page No. 272)

Ben read Michael's written submission, which covered issues with the Port Waikato Wharf.

**Erin & Madelien Scholten – Waikato Screen
(Submission ID 1848, Page No. A4-13)**

Tabled Item (4.1R): Presentation – Waikato Screen

Erin & Madelien noted the following matters:

- Booming industry – Waikato gets 170m 4.8% yet we should get double that.
- Territorial authorities pay for a third, government a third and the balance from private partners.
- No regional film office is what contributes to this and request made to Council for \$25,000 to assist with the development of the regional film office.

Courtney Howells (Submission ID 1816, Page No. 274)

Courtney noted the following matters:

- Equestrian sport near lake.
- Retain Waerenga Road property and open up service lanes behind shops.

Megan Gaukrodger & Dna Wells (Submission ID 1776, Page No. 276)

Megan & Dna noted the following matters:

- Full weather arena – to ensure safety of riders.
- Competitive riders ability to train throughout year.
- Supported by Gordonton Domain Community Board.

John Carr (Submission ID 1817, Page No. 298)

John noted the following matters:

- Contractors carrying out remedial work as we speak .
- Wharf regional asset.
- Recognize importance of facilities to ensure maintained.
- Asset management plan, blueprint project.
- Community involvement requested.

Peter Buckley (Submission ID 1422, Page No. 300)

Peter noted the following matters:

- Support Option 2 rates.
- Retain pensioner housing.
- Continue inorganic collection.
- Support blueprint approach.
- Delay upgrades to be dealt with via 3 waters reform so there is an economy of scale – these are funded via targeted rates.

Andy Loader – Primary Land Users Group (Submission ID 1818, Page No. 303)

Andy noted the following matters:

- Level of non productive bureaucracy and compliance costs – find efficiencies.
- People can't pay more and more rate rises.
- Local Government Reform – core function water, sewage, roading, parks etc.

Sue Robertson - Tamahere Community Committee (Submission ID 1744, Page No. 307)

Sue noted the following matters:

- Option 1 – support increase.
- Support sale of pensioner housing.
- Continue inorganic collection.
- Walkways and trails in Tamahere – need more connectivity.
- Strategic land purchase needs to be thought about.

Sue Robertson – Parklea (Submission ID 1480 & 1521, Page No. 340)

Sue noted the following matters:

- Do not support change in policy.
- Only charge if additional household unit/separate dwelling, however if bathroom kitchen and shed in garage should be left alone.
- Trying to add development contribution policy to large houses that may have additional kitchen/bathroom – it is not a separate dwelling.
- No consideration given to firewalls etc.
- Do away with smaller than IHEU – keep current rules – smacks of way of getting more money.

**Charles Fletcher - Tamahere Community Committee – DC Policy
(Submission ID 1798, Page No. 317)**

Charles noted the following matters:

- Reserve right to review property, i.e. within 5 years of granting consent – then impose levy as opposed to speculating as you are now.
- If development contributions not paid – needs to be on LIM.

**Gabrielle Parsons – Chairperson, Raglan Community Board
(Submission ID 1845, Page No. A4-5)**

Gabrielle noted the following matters:

- Rates increase – Support Option 2 – easier for communities.
- Ensure rebate opportunity is well highlighted.
- How will new works be articulated to community.
- Good processes and communication are the key.
- It is very important to maintain rural roads.
- Inorganic – support alternatives with recovery centres across the district – but this is urgent to ensure change.
- Food waste trial should be rolled out to all other urban areas.
- Pensioner Housing – implement policies that support tiny homes and affordable housing.
- I-hub – support the work of the info centre and they need post covid recovery support.
- Cost of delivery of discretionary fund could be reduced if you delegate this to the community boards.
- Blueprint projects – work with existing groups.
- Fees and charges (boat ramp fees) – support but need to be well consulted on - work with key stakeholders, including fishing club.
- Good planning around sportsfields – Wainui reserve could be used for sportsfields.
- Invited all councillors to connect with the communities they serve.
- Request for increased transparency – information on projects should come to them.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.55pm and reconvened the meeting at 3.18pm.

Kay Vincent – Karioatahi Hall Committee (Submission ID 1635, Page No. 132)

Kay noted the following matters:

- Speaking on behalf of Otatau and Aka Aka Halls also.
- Reduced income since losing targeted rate from Auckland ratepayers being split from Franklin.
- Acknowledge that we received top up that finished two years ago less than \$334 for year – request for top up declined.
- Lack of relevance with Waikato District as we cross the border to Pukekohe/Waiuku – no shops or commercial in north west Waikato – notwithstanding schools so community halls are centres of each community.
- We need regular maintenance and upkeep – same standard of facilities as in town.
- Community funded.

Neil McInnes – Water Safety NZ (Submission ID 1715, Page No. 324)

Neil noted the following matters:

- Maintain National Drowning database – 10% in Waikato.
- Partnership – Two million around drowning prevention.
- Primary focus – primary aged children taught water survival skills.
- Working with Waikato-Tainui around water safety and reduced drowning.
- Request to speak to Mayoral Forum as suggested by Waikato Regional Council.

Andrew Wood & Jess Keigel-Todd – Next Construction (Submission ID 1777, Page No. 336)

Tabled Item (4.15): Submissions on the Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021-2022

Andrew & Jess noted the following matters:

- Ngaruawahia A – number of issues, per lot \$14,000 if policy goes forward it would be \$105,000 per lot.
- Suggest policy be reworked and revisited once proposed district plan reviewed as the number of lots will increase if all developments go through in the District Plan review.
- Lack of certainty around capital works that Council propose to do.
- Concern with how costings and HEU numbers have been calculated as only two capital projects in plan.
- Error in numbers – extra correspondence confirms that.
- Policy should be carefully revisited and numbers revised.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

Tony McLauchlan - Rangatahi Ltd (Submission ID 1767, Page No. 343)

Tony noted the following matters:

- Concerns with proposed Development Contribution Policy.
- Allow for future growth of Raglan.
- There is an indexation issue.
- Not about the dollar amount it should reflect projects that are actually in the Long Term Plan.

Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick left the meeting during this submission due to a conflict of interest as District Plan Commissioners and returned for the next submission.

Cr Thomson left the meeting at 4.15pm for a Community Board meeting.

Hamilton City Council (Submission ID 1843, Page No. 346)

Representatives of Hamilton City Council noted the following matters:

- Fantastic relationship between Councils.
- Train service to Auckland was an excellent introduction.
- Buses – currently half paid for by Hamilton City ratepayers – suggest establishment of a targeted rate by Regional Council, then not on your books.
- Upgrade Puketaha/Gordonton Road project within Year 1 of capital programme.
- Pukete plant – will have greater capacity for Te Kowhai and Ngaruawahia – currently unfunded item but in future funding required. Hamilton City have committed to strategic land purchase.
- Hillcrest Library upgrade utilised by Waikato District southern residents, therefore Waikato District Council should contribute.

Note: The above was the last oral submissions for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, however the Chairperson reminded everyone that all submissions should be considered when making further decisions under the deliberations section of the meeting.

