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**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2022** commencing at **6.00pm**

**Present:**

Mr G Wiechern (Chairperson)  
Ms K Morgan  
Mr J Ayers  
Ms D Firth  
Ms R Kirkwood (*from 6:11pm*)  
Ms V Rice  
Cr JM Gibb  
Cr E Patterson (*until 7:18pm*)

**Attending:**

Five members of the public

Cr P Storey (Waikato Regional Council)

Mr K Abbot (Projects and Innovation Manager)  
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnership Manager)  
Ms D Tracey (Strategic Planning Team Leader)  
Ms E Snyders (Senior Strategic Planner)  
Mr F Bell (Strategic Planner)  
Mr M Horsfield (Acting Democracy Advisor)

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Ms Firth)**

**THAT an apology from Ms Rice for non-attendance and an apology for lateness from Ms Kirkwood be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2207/01**

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

**Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Cr Patterson)**

**THAT:**

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**NCB2207/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cr Patterson advised members of the Board that he would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 6.5 [*Discretionary Fund Report*].

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Mr Ayres)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 14 June 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2207/03**

## **REPORTS**

Public Forum  
Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at the Public Forum:

- Cr Storey (Waikato Regional Council) – An email was sent to the Board regarding Draft Regional Public Transport Plan and the Freshwater Policy Review Workshops that Waikato Regional Council had been holding. A workshop was coming up in Tuakau and online. The online workshops had been recorded and publicly available. Submissions were open till the end of July on Freshwater Policy Review and it was important that the public had their say. The draft Regional Public Transport plan was a bold plan that includes carbon offsets (both domestic and international) and increased electric vehicles. It worth considering the costs to achieve a carbon negative approach versus a carbon zero approach.

## Update on Variation 3 to the Proposed Waikato District Plan Agenda Item 6.1

A presentation was delivered by the Strategic Planning Team Leader and the following discussion was held:

- Housing Enabling Act – Council had been given direction by Central Government to change the district plan to enable more housing. Council had been given a very small timeframe to achieve this. Usually there would be a lot of time to change the plan. Once the notified plan change occurs, there was not much of an opportunity for the public to lodge appeals as it was not the traditional RMA process. Council was hoping to notify the plan change next month. The changes apply more intensified development to towns with more than 5,000 residents which includes Ngaruawahia, Tuakau, Huntly and Pokeno.
- There would be set standards drafted by the Government, such as objectives and policies, permitted activities such as three (3) houses on one property, extended building height, different height to boundary standards and setbacks. There would also be changes to subdivision standards, no minimum lot size and rules for common walls. It was an important matter to submit on, and it was recommended that the Board submits to the plan change.
- Would there be a function for papakainga housing? – Existing rules in the District Plan would apply. The plan change would give more opportunities to cater to more densified housing.
- Kainga Ora had expressed interest in developing medium density housing in the district.
- Need to be mindful of providing services for people with high needs who may live in the new medium density housing.

**ACTION:** Staff to email the presentation to the Board.

## Ngāruawāhia, Hopuhopu & Taupiri Structure Plan/Ngāruawāhia Town Centre Plan Update Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held.

- Existing structure plan was completed in 2017, and the accompanying report traces back to 2014. GAP analysis looked at the technical assessments to see if they were still fit for purpose. GAP analysis would look to inform the new proposed structure plan spatial area.
- Ngaruawahia had exceeded prior predictions for population growth.
- New residential growth cells had been identified, with three in Ngaruawahia.

- Landscapes & visual amenities, Geotech and ground contamination was fit for purpose in the current structure plan.
- Market assessment, Three waters, community facilities, parks & recreational opportunities, transportation assessment and urban design assessment would need updating.
- Ngaruawahia Town Centre Plan - Analysis would focus on community and mana whenua values, best practice urban design, changing climate, population growth and infrastructure changes. First, Council would look at the regional context, followed by the township, then the town centre. We would look at the structural elements of the town centre, zoning and land parcels, community facilities, heritage items and sites of significance.
- Staff had been engaging with local maraes and the first level of public consultation will be a survey followed by a workshop.
- It would be beneficial to increase public transport services and micro-mobility connectivity (walking, cycling, scootering).

**Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Mr Ayres)**

**THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board:**

- a. receives the Ngāruawāhia, Taupiri, & Hopuhopu Structure Plan / Ngāruawāhia Town Centre Plan Update; and**
- b. nominate Ms Morgan and Mr Wiechern to sit on the project Reference Group; and**
- c. considers how they could help play a role in advocating for public participation in upcoming engagement.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2207/04**

Review of Elected Member Policies  
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The review will be discussed at the Board workshop on the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Subdivision 0159/20, 61 Old Taupiri Road, Ngaruawahia - Proposed Road Name List  
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and no discussion was held:

**Resolved: (Cr Patterson/Ms Firth)**

**THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board approves the following proposed road names submitted by the developer for Subdivision 0159/20, 61 Old Taupiri Road, Ngaruawahia:**

	<b>Road 1</b>	<b>Road 2</b>	<b>Road 3</b>
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Rivers Edge Place</b>	<b>Purei Place</b>	<b>Houpara Place</b>

**CARRIED**

**NCB2207/05**

Discretionary Fund Report  
Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and discussion was held:

It was noted that Cr Patterson was a member of the Bowling Club Committee and did not participate in the discussion or voting.

- The bowling club was massively used by the Community. The remedial repairs included repairs to the roof and cladding.
- It was noted that the funds for the 2022/23 financial year were not included in the discretionary fund figures.

**ACTION:** Finance to investigate the additional funds for the new financial year that should be in the discretionary fund before the workshop.

**ACTION:** Staff to check about the correct sums for the commitment for Te Mana O Te Rangi.

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Gibb)**

**THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board:**

- a. allocates \$5,000 (GST exclusive) from the 2022/23 Discretionary Fund;
- b. towards Ngaruawahia Bowling Club for remedial repairs.

**CARRIED**

**NCB2207/06**

## Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items July 2022

### Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and discussion was held:

- Damaged Footpaths on River Rd – A detailed review was undertaken. From a safety perspective it was alright, but aesthetically it was poor. The road that was previously fixed poorly had been improved.
- Paterson Park Changing Rooms – Upgrades would take 24 months, which was quite a long time. The Board would have to keep an eye on the problem and address it during the LTP or annual plan consultation periods. Would it be inclusive of accessibility? Yes it would.
- Ngaruawahia High School – The rebuild had been completed, however signage for the school and road markings had not been completed.
- Aquatic Centre – It would be good to have the new sign erected before the swimming season begins.

## Fourth Quarter Service Request Report to June 30 2022

### Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and no discussion was held:

## Chairperson's Report

### Agenda Item 6.8

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- Pedestrian Crossings on Great South Road – The marks were beginning to fade and they needed to be repainted with more resistant paint.

## Councillors' Report

### Agenda Item 6.9

The report was received [NCB2207/02 refers] and following discussion was held:

- Cr Gibb – Attended the Matariki Celebrations, with the opening of the bike park at Horotiu School. Cr Patterson & Cr Gibb met with the Associate Minister of Local Government to discuss issues facing the community. Cr Patterson & Cr Gibb were delegates on behalf of Council for the Local Government AGM.

## Community Board Members' Report

### Agenda Item 6.10

- Ms Firth – Street Lights, a number of them are out but also a number of them were on 24/7. It was noted that it was district-wide issue. Additionally, the service lane off Waingaro Road had issues with a slip from the neighbouring hill. A CRM had been lodged.
- Ms Kirkwood – Had a timeframe been implemented for the Waipa Tavern demolition? The Building Manager had been following it up but there was not a timeframe yet. Cr Patterson and Cr Gibb were meeting with the owner tomorrow.
- Ms Morgan – Koroneihana starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022. This coronation would be happening in person despite COVID. Nga Miro will ensure COVID protocols were followed. The Prime Minister and government officials would be in attendance. It was good to have a face to face coronation. Also there was a lot of work going on at Turangawaewae, with the building being moved.
- Mr Ayres – Had there been any more work for the CCTV project? Not sure currently. Also noted that the rubbish bins near the boat ramp were not collected as often as they need to.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7:43pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day of                      2022.

Mr G Wiechern  
**CHAIRPERSON**