

Minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held in the Supper Room, Raglan Town Hall, 15 Bow Street, Raglan on **WEDNESDAY, 27 JULY 2022** commencing at **1.30pm**.

Present:

Mrs G Parson (Chairperson)
Mr S Bains (*arrived at 2.42pm, via Zoom*)
Ms K Binnersley (*left at 3.45pm*)
Mr D Amoore
Mr C Rayner
Cr LR Thomson (*via Zoom*)

Attending:

Staff:

Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)
Ms R Law (Reserves Planner) - via Zoom

Guests

Ms K Wood (City Care)
Ms P Storey (Waikato Regional Council)
Nine (9) members of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Mrs Parson)

THAT:

- a. an apology from Mr Tony Oosten be received for non-attendance; and
- b. an apology from Mr Satnam Bains be received for lateness.

CARRIED

RCB2207/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mrs Parson/Mr Amoore)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for the meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on **Wednesday, 27 July 2022** be confirmed, with all items therein being

considered in open meeting; noting that Agenda Item 6.4 - 'Soundsplash Festival Update' be discussed first; and

- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

RCB2207/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interests.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mrs Parson/Mr Raynor)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 15 June 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

RCB2207/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Hirst – Traffic Congestion around Raglan Area School

- Mr Hirst raised his concern at the previous RCB meeting regarding the traffic congestion at the lower end of Norrie Avenue around Raglan Area School during school pick up/drop off time. Mr Hirst was a bus driver and noted that people were consistently parking in the bus stop area. He felt parents needed to consider dropping their children off in other areas and not all at the same time.
- He reported that the issue had received media attention in the Raglan Chronicle and noted there had been an improvement, particularly when the Police were present. He noted that cooperation from the school had also seen positive outcomes.
- Cr Thomson noted that Council staff would be meeting with the Police to investigate the issue further from a Council/Roading Team safety perspective. Mr Hirst noted he would like to have been involved in Council discussions and/or been informed of the meeting outcomes.
- The Board recommended that Mr Hirst continue to seek a meeting with the Raglan Area School Principal to discuss the matter.

Petition to save the Waikowhai Walkway

- A group of locals had created a petition to save the walkway from Cambrae Road along the Waikowhai Stream to Lorenzen Bay. Locals had created the petition to prevent the closure of the walkway. The community also requested a consultation regarding Council's plans for the walkway.

- Staff confirmed the community would be kept updated regarding the walkway. The confirmed that it was intended for closure as it had become unsafe as a result of various factors. It was proposed to close the walkway and relocate the accessway, but no decision had been made to date.
- Residents felt they had received no communications from Council regarding the walkway. It was requested that the item be added to the RCB agenda for further discussion.
- Staff acknowledged the issue and residents' concerns. It was advised that Council would take the feedback on board and connect with the community on a regular basis regarding the walkway.

ACTION: Waikowhai Walkway to be added to the Works and Issues Report.

Mr Mooar – Flooding on the Soccer Fields

- The soccer fields had been flooded due to the failure of one of the drainage pumps as a result of recent bad weather. The club needed a fast response from Council to resolve the issue so that teams could know whether they could play on the weekends.
- It was felt that there was still an issue and water would seep through the dunes back towards the soccer field. Fields had flooded again, and football practice had had to be cancelled.

ACTION: Staff to investigate the continued flooding issue at the Raglan Soccer Fields.

- Mr Mooar queried whether the football club could utilise any alternative areas for practice and games. Staff would have to consider health and safety risks with alternative sites. It was noted that Council would speak with Sport Waikato for suggestions.

ACTION: Staff to contact Sport Waikato regarding alternative practice/game site options for the Raglan Soccer Club.

Kim Wood - City Care

- Ms Wood introduced herself as the new Branch Manager for City Care. She encouraged the community to get in touch if it felt City Care could assist in any way – e.g. sports field maintenance, playgrounds, walkway maintenance.
- City Care would like to focus on developing broader outcomes for communities and have a strong focus on supporting local communities.

Cr Pamela Storey – Waikato Regional Council

- Cr Storey was present to follow up on opportunities for the Board to provide input regarding the Waikato Regional Council's Draft Regional Public Transport Plan and the Freshwater Policy Review.

Reflective Tape on Gates

- A night-time collision with a closed gate resulted in serious injuries for a local resident. The gate was normally open, taking the resident off-guard when he tried to drive through it at night (after it had been closed). The Board requested that reflective tape be added to both sides of all public gates in the Raglan area and/or carry out a review of public gates in the area.

ACTION: Staff to carry out a review of public gates in Raglan to determine which gates would require reflective tape on both sides.

Executive Leadership Verbal Report

Better Off Funding

- The Chief Operating Officer provided an update and information regarding Better Off Funding.

Variation to the Waikato District Plan

- The Chief Operating Officer provided an update regarding Variation 3 to the Proposed District Plan.
- The Board would consider making a submission, as some members believed parts of Central Raglan could be included in the plan change.

Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2022

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*RCB2207/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- That the \$50 that had been committed to the cost of the ANZAC wreath be returned to the Discretionary Fund.

ACTION: That the \$50 that had been committed to the cost of the ANZAC wreath be returned to the general pool in the Discretionary Fund.

- \$3,500 of Wetland funds would be returned.
- The Board noted a need to promote the fund. It was mentioned that there are many local groups that may require support and could benefit from the Discretionary Fund.

Subdivision 0159/21, Precinct C in Rangitahi Peninsula, Raglan - Proposed Road Names
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and no discussion was held.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Ms Binnersley)

THAT the Raglan Community Board approve the following proposed road names submitted by the developer for Subdivision 0159/21, Precinct C in Rangitahi Peninsula, Raglan:

	Road 2A	ROW 1 PVT	ROW 2 PVT
Option 1	Koohunga Street	Taeore Lane	Waipatukahu Lane

CARRIED

RCB2207/04

Review of Elected Member Policies
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Board would undertake a review of the elected member policies and provide feedback by late August 2022.

Soundsplash Festival Update
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Community Venues and Event Team had received an application for the return of Soundsplash to Raglan for their 2023 event. Soundsplash Music Festival is to be held at Wainui Reserve over a three-day and two-night period from 20/01/2023 until 22/01/2023. Due to the nature and size of the festival, the Community Venues and Events Team – with support from Open Spaces and Reserve Planning - were implementing changes to the previous event approval process to ensure that the long-term impact of large-scale commercial events on Wainui Reserve is minimised.
- As per Waikato District Council Fees and Charges 2021- 2024, all large-scale commercial events were being charged \$1000 per day including set up and pack down. All fees would be put back into the reserve for future developments, in alignment with the Reserve Management Plan.
- The Board noted it has a role in the oversight of reserves in its area. It had previously requested to be informed if anything significant was going to occur within its reserves. The Board had not been informed that the Soundsplash event had a 10-year consent application to use the Wainui Reserve. It queried how these communications can be improved.

ACTION: Staff to revise and improve its communications with RCB regarding significant decisions/occurrences affecting its reserves.

- An application had also been made to use the Raglan Aerodrome during the event period. Council anticipated that they would not be granting landowner approval for the 2023 event use. Council strongly advised the applicant to investigate alternative parking solutions. Effective traffic management is a condition for event approval. This is a work in progress.
- There were several concerns regarding the closure of Wainui Reserve, including health and safety risks to potential swimmers, heightened by possible alcohol consumption and drug use.
- Council staff were looking further into the potential safety risks to swimmers and would be looking to encourage this activity at alternative, safe locations during the event period.
- The Board queried whether Council was applying market relevance to its fees and charges.
- Council had engaged external consultants to conduct an event capacity study. The aim of the study was to assess the primary impact, positive and negative, of events on a venue (open spaces or building) and secondary impact on the surrounding community, public assets and Council-provided services. The Board queried whether there was an update on the Soundsplash Event Capacity study.

ACTION: Staff to provide RCB with an update on the Soundsplash Event Capacity study.

- Board members were in consensus that they did not support the closure of the reserve for three days as proposed.
- The issue of parking, overflow parking and traffic flow was raised. It was noted that complaints had been lodged during the previous event, as emergency vehicles were unable to get to the Surf Life Saving Club.

ACTION: Staff to provide RCB with details around its parking, overflow parking and traffic flow arrangements for Soundsplash 2023.

- There was concern that Raglan would lose all overflow parking on the weekends (during set-up). It was noted it would be held during Raglan's peak summer season, and the associated impact of this.
- The Board felt that the Surf Life Saving Club needed to be heavily involved on the day – e.g. having guards on patrol. Time and cost to the club should be factored into the event planning.

- Staff confirmed that the reserve closure was considered an option because Soundsplash identified its own health and safety risks and felt closure of the reserve would help support its set up and pack-down process. But staff acknowledged a clear message from the Board that reserve closure was not a viable option and would create health and safety risks. It was also noted that just because Council closes a reserve, it does not mean that the public will comply, therefore it may not be a measure that would work.
- Council and/or Soundsplash would need to address the requirement for lifeguards during the event or advertise alternative safe swimming locations for non-attendees.
- The Board noted there could be an opportunity to partner with a shuttle bus service to mitigate vehicle traffic and congestion.
- Staff confirmed that the fees and charges were set out in the LTP and had been agreed on for the next three years. If the bond conditions are not met, the fee continues until it has been resolved. The Board queried why there was no levy - staff confirmed that the approach did not align with how Council wants to manage the reserve.
- The Board expressed concern that Council would not consider charging the market price. It was noted that another similar event at a different Council reserve was paying \$120,000. It was noted that a levy for the Wainui Reserve could be added by the promoter at the point of sale as an act of goodwill to the community. Staff confirmed that money generated by a reserve would go back into that reserve; furthermore, Council did have plans to initiate several exciting reserves projects which could benefit from the additional funds. The Boards' concern was confirmed, and suggestions could be considered in the next LTP or the annual plan.
- The Board noted that the Surf Life Saving Club and Helicopter services were not paid for their time and services at last year's Soundsplash event. They expressed concern for these organisations. Council would investigate.

ACTION: Council to investigate reimbursement of the Surf Life Saving Club and helicopter services for their work during the Soundsplash event.

- Staff confirmed that Soundsplash employs its own ambulance service and was looking at ways to ensure that calls from the event go through to its own service.
- The Board queried whether support services were included in the conditions of consent. Staff confirmed that the conditions of consent ensure that the event operates safely, but it is done through the Events Team process.

ACTION: The Board requested that staff provide them with a copy of the Soundsplash/Council 'Conditions of Consent'.

- The Board queried whether a component of the event revenue goes back to Iwi. Staff confirmed that no part of the event income goes specifically to Iwi.

- Staff queried whether Council had a specific Hapuu engagement plan regarding the consenting process. Staff confirmed that yes, there is usually some requirement for engagement.
- The Board asked that the Events Team consider the time of year that Soundsplash is held. January – February is peak season for Raglan – could it be scheduled for late summer?
- Queried whether Lime Scooters could be used as an alternative mode of transport. Staff would have to investigate options, as this falls under the Public Places Bylaw. It could be captured in the bylaw review. Feedback from RCB will be provided. The Board suggested that staff focus on the bus/shuttle service first. It was mentioned that scooters could be a public nuisance.
- The Board discussed land approval and requested that they be consulted with prior to Council providing landowner approval in 2023.

ACTION: The Board requested that Council consult with it prior to signing off landowner approval for Soundsplash in 2023.

ACTION: The Board requested that staff provide a Soundsplash update at its next meeting.

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items July 2022
Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- A meeting of the Manu Bay Breakwater Forum was held in May, facilitated by Tim Clarke of Collaborative Solutions. The Forum agreed to separate the issues at the boat ramp into two streams - Ramp Maintenance and Breakwater Options. For the Breakwater Options, Community Projects Project Manager - Trevor Ranga, provided a scope to engage coastal engineering experts to provide peer-reviewed options for Breakwater improvements. This was being reviewed by the Forum members to provide feedback. Once there was consensus WDC would use the scope to engage the consultants.
- The Civil Defence and Raglan Community Response Plan was still underway.
- The resource consent application for Raglan Wharf Improvement Works had been submitted to Council. The SP3 Public Realm works unable to be funded included the Western Walkway and Stepped Revetment. Funds would continue to be sought for this work. RCB would create a working group to discuss the wider work and funding opportunities.
- The Whaingaroa Planting School Day would be held in August, supported by Council. This is not in the Works and Issues report.

Fourth Quarter Service Request Report to 30 June 2022

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Board noted that there were late responses to animal control issues. The reason for this was queried. Staff confirmed that they would investigate, but acknowledged the team had been under pressure with Covid-19, etc.

ACTION: Staff to investigate why Raglan area animal control requests had late responses from Council in the fourth quarter, and to provide a response to the Board.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.9

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Board set a date for its August workshop to review the Board Charter.
- The Board noted a successful Matariki event since the last Board meeting.
- A meeting with staff was held regarding reserves, and a stakeholder hui would be held in September. Issues included overflow parking, cars at Wainui Reserve and would need to be addressed closer to Christmas.

Councillors' Report

Agenda Item 6.10

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- Hui on Monday – to add. Good successful discussions with the community and the Police. Collaboration for crime prevention and wellbeing.
- Better Off funding – would be great if Police could get that funding for security cameras.
- Attended the LGNZ Conference. Provided positive feedback around the event.
- Noted that Council would look quite different after the next election, with at least six (6) new Councillors and a new Mayor. There would be 59 new Maaori seats across the different Councils and the future of Local Government will likely be much younger.

Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.11

The report was received [RCB2207/02 refers] and no discussion was held.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 4.05pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day of

2022.

G Parson
CHAIRPERSON

Unconfirmed