

MINUTES of a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held by Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupirion **MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020** commencing at **6.00pm.**

Present:

Mr R Van Dam (Chairperson)
Cr JM Gibb
Cr EM Patterson
Mr H Lovell [left 6.22pm-6.34pm]
Ms J Morley
Ms J Henry

Attending:

Mr K Hutchinson (Waikato River Care)

Ms L Van Den Bemd (Community Development Advisor)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)
Ms G Brady (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Cr Patterson)

THAT an apology be received from Ms D Lovell and Ms S Ormsby-Cocup.

CARRIED

TCB2006/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms J Henry/Mr H Lovell)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday 15 June 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND THAT in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 the order of business be changed with agenda item 5.5 - *Chairperson's Report* - being considered after agenda item 5.1 – *Representation Review*;

AND FURTHER THAT Mr Kevin Hutchinson of Waikato River Care be given speaking rights during item 5.5

CARRIED

TCB2006/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Patterson/Ms. J Morley)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday 10 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

TCB2006/03

REPORTS

Representation Review
Agenda Item 5.1

Tabled Item: Representatin Review (TCB) presentation

The Democracy Manager gave a verbal report alongside a presentation and the following points were discussed:

- A summary was given of the representation review and the stages entailed.
- A timeframe of the review.
- Clarification of the meaning of 'communities of interest', emphasising the importance of the perception and voice of members of the community, as well as functional and political elements.
- The clear message from the Local Government Commission for the Council to consider the review from a 'clean slate'.

It was suggested that Board members provide feedback directly to the Democracy Manager in relation to the questions posed in the presentation, which can be picked up in a future workshop.

Agenda Item 5.5 was then considered by the Board [*ref TCB2006/02*].

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 5.5

The report was received [ref TCB2006/02]. Mr Kevin Hutchinson from Waikato River Care spoke on the application form on the Taupiri Cemetery Planting Project and the following was noted:

- Waikato District Council did not have sufficient funding resources and requested that River Care apply for funding instead to address this project. River Care were in the process of looking at other funders to co-fund the initiative in order to develop and carry out a long term management plan and sought written correspondence from the Board supporting this application.
- Important to create a desirable destination to access the location if a trail was considered. Hazard of high speed road next to the proposed track was noted.
- The Board estimated a cost of \$500,000 to complete the trail and the possibility of consulting with Waikato Tainui on their land use ideas could result in access to further funding options (Maori related).
- NZTA are required to undergo a process for redesignation of land.
- Staff recommended funding options, including submitting to the Council's projects priority list in addition to liaising with Council staff in order to access more than a single funding source.
- Mr Hutchinson stated he would be happy to return to the Board for future consultation meetings.

ACTION: Chair to write a letter to Waikato River Care in support of this funding application, on behalf of the Board.

The Board thanked Mr Hutchinson for his presentation.

The Chairperson read the Chair's report to the Board.

- The Blueprint meeting would be held on June 29, 2020, which would serve as a check-in for the Board and community. It was suggested that a workshop be held in advance of the 29 June meeting.
- Ms J Morley volunteered to take the lead on tree pruning and health and safety issues. A date for this was to be decided by the board.

Mr H Lovell requested that the following urgent matter be addressed by the Board -
Button Lane

- Residents had been accessing their properties using alternative methods for safety issues and were concerned for road safety and their personal welfare due to gang resident disturbances on the Lane.
- The Board agreed that the owner of the property needed to be consulted and a safer alternative access point had been identified as a short term solution. Suggested that bollards at the end of the Lane be removed and replaced with a locked gate to enable safe access.
- The Board recommended the speed limit be reduced from 100km to 70km zone for Gordonton Road, particularly considering the proximity to the cemetery and lighting be added outside the cemetery entrance.

ACTION: Cr Patterson would contact staff in relation to:

- speed and lighting issues outside the cemetery; and
- the bollards/gate issue for Button Lane.

ACTION: That the Board work with staff to identify the owner of the property on Button Lane currently being occupied by the gang.

Mr H Lovell left the meeting at 6.22pm and reentered the meeting at 6.34pm during the above report.

Discretionary Fund Report to 27 May 2020

Agenda Item 5.2

The report was received [ref TCB2006/02]. No points were discussed in relation to this report.

Taupiri Works and Issues Report

Agenda Item 5.3

The report was received [ref TCB2006/02]. No points were discussed in relation to this report.

Actions Register – May 2020

Agenda Item 5.4

The report was received [ref TCB2006/02]. No points were discussed in relation to this report.

Councillors' Report
Agenda Item 5.6

Cr Patterson gave a verbal overview on current Council issues:

- Huntly railstation development was on budget. The original start date had been 2 November 2020. Due to Covid delays, the new reasonable expectation would be early February 2021, dependent on availability of equipment.
- The Solid Waste Review had restarted.
- Recovery work around shovel ready projects were a priority but still waiting on confirmation on any successful applications.
- Future Proof and Hamilton-Waikato Spatial Plan upgrades were ongoing.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.32pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2020.

Ms D Lovell
CHAIRPERSON