
MINUTES of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020** commencing at **6.01pm**

Present:

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

Attending:

Mr J Whetu

Mr K Abbot (Projects & Innovation Manager)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)
Mr Anton Marais (Team Leader, Information Management - Business Intelligence)
Mr J Wilson (Youth Engagement Advisor)
Ms G Brady (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Patterson)

THAT an apology be received from Cr Janet Gibb

CARRIED

NCB2006/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms R Kirkwood/Ms V Rice)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED

NCB2006/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms K Morgan/Mr J Ayers)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

NCB2006/03

Ms K Morgan gave condolences to Ms Kirkwood, on behalf of the Board, on her mother in-law's passing.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5.1

Mr. James Whetu spoke to the Board and asked for their support in his application for funding for a public beach access area to be built at the river's edge and a diving platform situated near the Point. The following matters were discussed:

- Funding application closing date was 18 August.
- Safety and risk management were the priority and similar Council projects had been analysed for comparison. Intent was to enhance the relationship between the community and river.
- Identified that this would be a three year project comprising:
 - Consultation and planning

- Feasibility reporting; and
- Long term management and collaboration with Council.
- The Board favoured focussing on dividing the project into two parts: beach access as stage one and diving platform as stage two for feasibility, funding and planning ease.
- Reserve management plan needed to be taken into account.
- Creating an interest with the beach could draw future investment for the bridge. There had been strong community interest on finding a solution to keep the public off the rail bridge.

ACTION: Cr Patterson to work with Mr Whetu on behalf of the Board throughout this project, including the application stage.

REPORTS

Representation Review

Agenda Item 6.1

The Democracy Manager and Team Leader, Information Management gave a verbal report with a PowerPoint presentation and the following points were discussed:

- Some members suggested that it was difficult to focus on any one area in particular in relation to the review as a result of the District's diversity.

ACTION: Staff to attend a Board workshop to discuss details of the representation review.

Staff Presentation on Youth Engagement

Agenda Item 6.2

The Youth Engagement Advisor gave a verbal report and the following items were discussed:

- The Advisor gave a background on the projects that are reactionary in nature with social mobility acting as the main motivator.
- Key was connecting youth with organisations, agencies and schools and encouraging youth to engage in local governance and their communities.

- Approximately 2/3rd of Ngaruawahia School children attend school in Hamilton and may not be connected with their community.
- Focus should be to create several youth engagement officers that are local to their area in order to enable youth development from a local perspective.
- The Board was supportive of re-establishing the appointment of a youth representative on the Board, with speaking rights.

ACTION: Staff to review orchard planting and effects on youth engagement and give feedback to the board.

The Board to liaise with the Youth Engagement Advisor around election of a youth group representative for the Board.

Discretionary Fund Report – to 28 May 2020

Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [*NCB2006/02 refers*]. Discussion was held and the Board queried the payment to Belgravia Leisure on 26 March – details of the payment were unclear.

ACTION: The Projects and Innovation Manager agreed to follow up on the details of the Belgravia Leisure payment.

Ngaruawahia Works and Issues Report

Agenda Item 7.2

The Projects and Innovation Manager presented the report. The following points were discussed:

- Confirmed that payment for the Bronze Wreath was due to be paid shortly.
- Smaller contractors currently struggled with Council's health and safety requirements for public toilet renovations. Agreed that local contractors should have work opportunities, particularly following the impact of Covid.
- A new toilet design at The Point, Ngaruawahia had been discussed last year but approval had only been put through recently. Staff confirmed that a redesign had been implemented and Covid had delayed implementation.
- The Board considered that the map on page 17 of the Agenda in relation to ward boundaries should be changed to focus more on Ngaruawahia to make it more relevant.

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 7.3

The Chair gave a verbal report.

A Board workshop would be held on 30 June 2020, at 6pm at the Community House to focus on the representation review. Relevant staff to be invited to join.

ACTION: The Board confirm the meeting details with staff on the above workshop.

Councillors' Report
Agenda Item 7.4

Cr Patterson gave a verbal overview on current Council issues.

Community Board Member's Report
Agenda Item 7.5

The Board members gave a verbal report and the following points were discussed:

- Swimming pool required painting and was in disrepair. Fencing, litter, and health and safety issues were a major issue. Suggestion of possibility of cleaning contractors coming more regularly. There was a lack of clear communication from Belgravia to public about lessons and opening hours.
- Board requested an update on the demonstrations relating to remnants of māra kai located on private land earmarked for stage 6 of the River Terraces subdivision from staff. Cr Patterson detailed that Tamainupo submitted a petition to Council. A hui would be held on Friday 19 June 2020 between mana whenua and Council to look for a resolution, in collaboration with central government and the developer.

The Board noted it would support the Councillors on this matter.

- Post shop would have Bee cards for BUSIT travel available for use from Monday, 22 June 2020.
- Ms Kirkwood attended a hui in March on Maori in local government. A korero was needed on details of Maori wards proposal in representation review.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.44pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2020.

Mr G Wiechern
CHAIRPERSON