

MINUTES for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2022** commencing at **6.00pm**

Present:

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

Attending:

Three members of the public

Mr A Waugh (Cornerstone Security)

Mr K Abbot (Projects & Innovation Manager)
Ms L Van den Bemd (Community Led Development Advisor)
Mr J Marconi (Economic Development Advisor)
Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Patterson)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

NCB2202/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Gibb)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 30 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

NCB2202/03

REPORTS

Public Forum

Agenda Item 5.1

- River Terraces Burglaries – There had been a number of car break-ins and car thefts. Residents were putting in security systems and contacting Police but nothing happens. Something had to be done due to the cost to residents.

Organisations need to do better to help young offenders. Wintec would be receptive to helping the young people. It was believed that people were accessing the River Terraces via the river walk to commit crime. Barely a fortnight goes by without an incident.

Local youth groups had been active with helping troubled young people, but there were still some that had fallen between the cracks. The local constable had been attempting to address thefts, but police were understaffed.

There was also a local community patrol, but they only patrol once a week, typically in the weekend and it was noted that they were desperate for more volunteers. Contacts were available for neighbourhood support who could provide a lot of resources for local groups.

- Gang problems – Concern was raised regarding gang paraphernalia flags on display on the Great South Road, as well as tagging on the Horotiu Bridge. Members noted that the flags were present to commemorate a fatality. Suggested that Horotiu Bridge could be painted to distract people from tagging the bridge. Suggested that the Community Board members may contact the whanau regarding the flags after the unveiling to honour the individual who passed.

Community Led Development Workplan Presentation
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [NCB2202/02 refers] and the following discussion was held.

- The Community Led Development team were looking at ways to further progress community aspirations.
- Community Led Development takes in community voices and views, and empowers the community, with community led initiatives.
- The Community Led Development team helps groups lead their own projects. They can help with training and upskilling, connecting groups with other agencies, brokering conversations between groups and Council, navigating Health & Safety and understanding funding mechanisms.
- There will be a new funding position to help communities gain funding for aspirational projects.
- The Community Led Development team will offer community workshop and initiatives to help groups build their skills.
- Two new Economic Development Advisor roles had begun working for Council, to work on big projects, as well as social enterprise.
- There will be twelve (12) workshops on governance and funding skills. These will be held via Zoom.
- Council had partnered up with Community Waikato for these workshops to assist with project and trust development.
- The Community Board can help promote the workshop programme, and inform the Community Led Development team regarding new aspirations identified.
- Workshops will begin at the end of March 2022. Those who could attend the workshops would be individuals and established or new community groups. Workshops want to capture as many people as possible who want to have an input in their community.
- Noted that collaboration and collective work was important, with getting groups working together on collective projects.

ACTION: Community Led Development Team to forward details of coming workshop to the Ngaruawahia Community Board for promotion on their Facebook page and circulation to member of the community.

Discretionary Fund Report to 21 January 2022

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [NCB2202/02 refers] and the following discussion was held.

- Belgravia Pools Subsidy – Belgravia advised they had received the previous years subsidies, but funds had not been spent from the discretionary fund. The 2021-2022 subsidy will be paid at the end of March 2022.

ACTION: Finance Team to confirm that the previous Belgravia pools subsidies had been spent from the Ngaruawahia discretionary fund.

Ngaruawahia Security Cameras Project (Discussed as 6.1)

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [NCB2202/02 refers] and following discussion was held.

- The Board thoroughly workshopped the project and were happy with the result.
- Installation & Power to the site – It is included in the quote. Cornerstone Security did not have the authority for the installation of power to the pole. The proposal covers installation of the cameras and connectivity to the police surveillance technology.
- Seven sites identified were existing cameras that needed upgrading, with the addition of two more cameras (Section 8 & 9), which included the corner of River Rd and Great South Rd. The cameras would only collect plate numbers. Other areas identified as future sites of interest include Waingaro Rd.
- The current system was in complete disrepair and almost useless to the Police.
- River Rd & Great South Rd camera - The camera would face toward Ngaruawahia township.
- Board were keen to contribute \$45,000 from their discretionary fund, and then get additional funding for additional cameras.
- Cornerstone Security did not see any inflation for the costs of the project.
- Would the system have the capacity for additional cameras? Yes, the system would be able to extended out to 60 cameras, so future proofing is guaranteed.
- Safer Communities Blueprint may be able to contribute towards the shortfall of funds.

- Ngaruawahia Police were supportive of the project.
- Projected cost for an additional camera, on top of the current proposal would be roughly \$15,000.

ACTION: Community Led Development team to discuss using the Safer Community Blueprint to contribute the Security Camera Project.

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Ms Firth)

THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board approves an additional allocation from their Discretionary Fund:

- to the **Camera Licensing Trust**
- for the amount of **\$20,000 (exc GST)**
- towards the cost of **Security Camera Project in Ngaruawahia**

CARRIED

NCB2202/05

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items January 2022
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [NCB2202/02 refers] and discussion was held.

- Ngaruawahia Pool Sign – Cr Patterson had been working with Mr Searle and Belgravia regarding what was previously discussed regarding the signs. There were certain restrictions for where the sign could be located. The aim was to get the sign erected before the end of the swimming season.
- Building Upgrades – Kennel club roof has been replaced. Question why the Kennel Club couldn't remain at The Point Reserve? Noted that there could be a possible problem with the current Reserve Management Plan. It was important to understand the reason why the Kennel Club could not move to The Point Reserve. If they want an event at The Point, they could apply through Council's events teams.

ACTION: Management Plan to be emailed to the board members on the reasons why the Kennel Club cannot move to The Point.

- Pedestrian Refuges – Work had been completed on the Waingaro Rd pedestrian refuge.
- Dog Pound – Suggested that the pound may move to Hopu Hopu, near the current Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Hopu Hopu Taniwha project had been taken into account for the consideration of the Hopu Hopu site. The site had not been locked in but it is an option and was outside the special Hopuhopu zone within the proposed district plan.

- Paterson Park – The shared court needs to be changed back to Netball Courts from Tennis Courts at the first weekend of March 2022. However the first tournament had been cancelled for the year.

ACTION: Staff to organise that the shared court at Paterson Park be changed back to Netball courts at the appropriate time.

- Old Pony Club – The location was not seen as a viable place for the Kennel Club due to frequent flooding. No explanation had been provided regarding why horses were present there and why the hay was cut.

ACTION: The Reserve Planner to provide a further explanation regarding reserve management plan.

Second Quarter Service Request Report to December 31 2021

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [NCB2202/02 refers] and discussion was held.

- Service Request Process - Was there a concrete answer regarding when requests were notified as completed? Was it when the request was sent to the contractor or when the problem has been resolved? Waikato District Alliance and Citycare now notify when a request is completed, not when they receive the request.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [NCB2202/02 refers] and discussion was held.

- Submitted a written submission on behalf of the Community Board on the Speed Limit Bylaw and Dog Control Bylaw. The Dog Control submission noted that Jesmond St and Great South Road should be an onleash area, rather than a prohibited area. For the Speed Limit Bylaw submission, the submission opposed the proposed lowering of the speed limit along Great South Road.
- Roller Doors – Board to work with the Economic Development Advisor regarding the removal of the doors for painting. Possibility raised that the doors could be removed completely rather than painting them.
- Kiwi Rail Safety Day – Will they do their school safety programme? The programme was put off due to COVID as Kiwirail could not get into the schools. This would be rescheduled. There were ideas to deter people jumping off the rail bridge including laying down asphalt and sealing on the railway sleepers that get very hot during summer.

