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Minutes for a meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board (OTCB) held via Audio Visual Conference on **TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022** commencing at **6.00pm**.

**Present:**

Ms C Conroy (Chairperson)  
Cr CA Eyre  
Cr J Church  
Cr SL Henderson  
Mr S Jackson  
Mr JA Lovatt  
Mr VL Reeve  
Mrs BI Watson

**Attending:**

Sergeant Noel Foster (NZ Police)  
Pamela Storey (Waikato Regional Council)  
Ms Jenni Wild (NZTA)  
Mr Prasad Tala (NZTA)  
Mr Chris Smith (NZTA)  
Ms Jenny Scott (NZTA)  
Ms Tracey Thompson (Member of the public)

Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)  
Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Mr Jackson)**

**THAT the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board accepts the apology for non-attendance from Ms K Ngataki.**

**CARRIED**

**OTCB2203/01**

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

**Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Cr Eyre)**

**THAT:**

- a) the agenda for the meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 15 March 2022 be confirmed, with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b) all reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**OTCB2203/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Mrs Watson)**

**THAT** the minutes of the meeting for the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment:

*Page 5 (Action for the Tuakau Aquatic Centre to be changed from Cr Eyreb to Mrs Conroy).*

**CARRIED**

**OTCB2203/03**

## **REPORTS**

### NZ Police Update

#### Agenda Item 6.1

Sergeant Noel Foster provided the Board with the following update:

- The Police are aware of concerns circulating on social media regarding speeding cars and traffic enforcement in the area. As a result, three officers have been deployed to monitor speeding outside of schools (Harrisville School and Buckland School).
- Sergeant Foster acknowledged the importance of community cooperation and noted that community reporting and advice can be a valuable resource for Police
- Mr Reeve noted that high speed Police chases in Tuakau can be dangerous to nearby pedestrians and drivers. He asked if this activity was always necessary. As a result, Sergeant Foster would raise this matter with the appropriate policing section.
- Otaheite Road in Pukekawa is a road of concern (regarding the activity of some residents) and there appears to be a fear-based reluctance amongst neighbouring residents to raise the matter with Police. Sergeant Foster advised that the matter is currently being addressed by Police.
- The Police are experiencing staffing issues in Tuakau as a result of COVID-19 and problems with sourcing staff willing to work in the area.
- Low staffing numbers reflect on local Police visibility.
- Cr Eyre noted that the Waikato District Council's most recent review of the Public Places By-law has prohibited the congregation of light vehicles around problematic areas where boy racers are likely to meet up during the night/early hours of the morning (causing disruption to the community). Cr Eyre enquired what Sergeant Foster's thoughts were around this development. Sergeant Foster responded that similar action worked successfully in East Tamaki and speculated that most communities would welcome any action to deter these kinds of congregations.
- Cr Eyre raised a point that rural crime (e.g., vandalism to road signs) is on the increase, and is largely going unreported. Cr Eyre requested it be noted that Council investigate Onewhero village as a hot spot that may require additional surveillance cameras in the future.
- Crime trends are on the rise in the Tuakau area involving juveniles stealing cars and undertaking ram raids. The offenders are aged between 12-14 years. It appears to be a Counties Manukau district-wide problem.
- Concern that increasing petrol costs could result in associated petty crimes (e.g. attempts to steal petrol).

**ACTION:** Council to investigate installation of additional surveillance cameras in Onewhero Village.

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items March 2022  
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [OTCB2203/01 refers] and the following discussion was held:

1. Lighting at Port Waikato

- The report is not yet available.

**ACTION:** Staff to advise when the report will be available and provide a verbal update at the next meeting.

2. George Street/Buckland Road corner

- There were no further updates to the item.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the report until completed.

3. Speed Bend on Jellicoe Avenue, Tuakau – to be installed

- Mr Reeve reported that there had been no opportunity to take this further due to time constraints and the impact of COVID-19.
- Mr Reeve will log a service request into the system (with supporting information he has collected, proposed solutions and diagrams of suggested solutions) regarding this issue, requesting that a narrow strip of divider be installed to divide the lanes, but still leave access into the village.

**ACTION:** A service request is to be logged into the system by Mr Reeve.

#### 4. Tuakau Pool Upgrade Project

- The Chair and Mr Jackson met with the Tuakau Pool Upgrade Project team on 21 February 2022 to discuss the upgrade of the aquatic centre's public entranceway.
- The Chair would circulate further information to Board members once received and would propose a future on-site meeting to view the proposals around the entranceway.
- The work is progressing, however it had been affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

**ACTION:** Chair to circulate further information to Board members and propose a future on-site meeting with members to view the proposals.

#### 5. Review of Community Board Charter

- Item is parked pending the upcoming 2022 elections, therefore there is no change to this item.

**ACTION:** This item is parked pending elections.

#### 6. Tuakau Youth Centre Building Project

- The Community Led Development Advisor (Mr Jason Marconi) would be meeting with the Tuakau Youth Centre Committee on Monday, 21 March 2022 to discuss plans and funding requirements.
- A verbal update will be provided at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Community Led Development Advisor to meet with the Tuakau Youth Centre Committee to discuss plans and funding requirements.

**ACTION:** Community Led Development Advisor to provide a verbal update at the next OTCB meeting.

#### 7. Rubbish in the Tuakau CBD

- Cushman & Wakefield would be conducting a litter bin audit of the district, covering where the bins are situated, the contractors emptying them and a condition assessment of the bins to prioritise a programme for replacement.
- Cr Eyre enquired if this work would examine requirements for additional bins (not just replacement and maintenance of existing bins). The General Manager Customer Support would investigate this matter.
- Mr Jackson and Mr Henderson undertook previous work on this matter, so would like input regarding where additional bins are required. It was agreed that the Board would

ask for a report back on the findings of this audit in order to provide members an opportunity to contribute to any provisional recommendations and provide input.

**ACTION:** Staff to investigate if the Cushman & Wakefield litter bin audit will look at the requirement for additional bins due to volume (and not just replacement or maintenance of existing bins).

**ACTION:** Council to provide the Board with an update on findings/provisional report and recommendations prior to any work commencing, to ensure Board members can contribute and provide input.

8. St Stephen's Road Carpark

- The Chair enquired if Council knew when the final design would be provided to the Board for review and feedback.
- The General Manager Customer Support would follow up on a definitive date for the design and if it would be available for the next OTCB meeting.

**ACTION:** Staff to enquire around timing of when the final design will be provided to the Board.

9. Speed on the Tuakau Bridge-Port Waikato Road

- The Board is awaiting the outcome of the Speed Limit Bylaw hearings and deliberations.
- Cr Eyre suggested that deliberations should discuss the need for a further, district-wide assessment of speeds around Maraes.
- Cr Eyre also noted that there were no submissions received from the Board regarding the speed limit on Bridge/Port Road.
- Mr Jackson noted that we have not heard all local voices regarding speed limit requirements in the area.
- Members believed that accidents in the area were likely higher than what was being reported.
- Mr Reeve would contact management at the 'Curly Salvage' tow trucking company to investigate statistics on post-accident pick-ups in the area.

**ACTION:** Mr Reeve to contact local tow trucking company for post-accident pick-ups in the area.

**ACTION:**Service Delivery to investigate if accident data is readily available on/around Bridge/Port Road.

### 10. West Street Carpark

- The General Manager Customer Support will follow up on photos provided by Mr Jackson and will deliver an update at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Staff to follow up on photos provided by Mr Jackson and provide an update at the next OTCB meeting.

### 11. Port Waikato Blueprint

- Cr Eyre provided an update – over 50 responses had now been received (up from 27 reported at the previous meeting). This is considered a good response in terms of community engagement.
- Cr Eyre met with project the consultant/urban designer some weeks ago and identified areas of significance at the Port, including erosion matters and public spaces.
- Cr Eyre reported there was significant public enthusiasm around this project.

### 12. Public Toilets at the Alexandra Redoubt Reserve

- It was suggested that a sustainable, compostable toilet be added to this location. Mrs Watson asked the General Manager Customer Support for appropriate contacts to provide advice/guidance regarding what can and cannot be achieved in this space.
- Mr Reeve suggested it could be considered a tourist attraction, so funding may be available from a Government source.
- General Manager Customer Service would ask the Community Led Development team to advise/assist/point the Board in the right direction regarding this project.
- Cr Eyre suggested that outside funding might require a feasibility study.

**ACTION:** General Manager Customer Service to investigate the most appropriate person/group for the Board to liaise with and seek advice from regarding a compostable toilet project at this location.

**ACTION:** General Manager Customer Service to ask the Community Led Development team to assist and advise the Board around this project.

## Planned Works for the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board's area

### Community Projects Team – Project Update

#### Dr Lightbody Reserve Update

- Mr Jackson noted that Kim Wood had been great with the whole project, acknowledging she had kept all well informed with high quality designs and information.

#### Tuakau Skatepark

- No update.

#### Tuakau Aquatic Centre

- No update.

#### Courts Resurfacing

- No update.

#### Tuakau Carparks and Civil Works Contract

- No update.

#### St Stephen's Carpark

- No update.

#### Tuakau Memorial Hall Flooring Recoating

- No update.

#### Buckland Rd Development Park – Concept Planning and Engagement

- Mr Reeve noted there were now two developments in proximity at the main intersection on Elizabeth St, George St, and Escott Way (near the Buckland Rd Development Park).

**ACTION:** General Manager Customer Support would add Mr Reeve's concern to the Works, Services, and Issues report.

#### Harrisville Bridge

- No update.



### Sunset Beach Toilets

- Cr Eyre was concerned that key stakeholders hadn't been consulted on this project yet and felt that direction/guidance from the community is required.
- The Board decided to hold the decision until the next meeting, or alternatively, an out of cycle decision by email once the community has been consulted.
- The Board would likely support the decision of the community.

**ACTION:** This item is on hold until the next meeting.

### Maretai Bay Playground Upgrade

- It was suggested that there was a significant site in this area, and Cr Eyre mentioned that the project may have been put off a few years ago because of this.
- The General Manager Customer Service will raise these matters with the relevant will project team.

**ACTION:** Staff would investigate the history of the playground/site and why the work was previously put on hold.

### Discretionary Fund Report to 1 March 2022

#### Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [OTCB2202/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- No requests for funding this time.
- Mr Reeve would make an online donation of \$100 to the Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of Ms Hillary Barry.
- Commitment to Belgravia for the subsidised pool entry – General Manager Customer Support would follow up on signed contracts and invoices from Belgravia.

**ACTION:** Mr Reeve to make an online donation of \$100 to the Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of Ms Hillary Barry.

**ACTION:** General Manager Customer Support to follow up on signed contracts and invoices from Belgravia.

### SHI Papakura to Drury project update

#### Agenda Item 6.4

- Waka Kotahi delivered a presentation on the SHI Papakura to Drury project.
- The presentation covered a project overview, construction progress, NIMT bridges, Drury interchange improvements, Bombay interchange update and project contact details for board members and the public.

### Waikato District Council Executive Update

#### Agenda Item 6.5

The General Manager Customer Support noted the following matters:

- Several teams had been impacted by COVID-19, which has significantly affected service levels. It is hoped that service levels can return normal once we have passed the Omicron peak.
- Council had received several complaints as a result of COVID-19 related delays.
- Reforms and changes in legislation continued to proceed this year, including the Speed Limit Bylaw hearings and Dog Control Policy and Bylaw hearings. These are resource intensive and require significant levels of time/support from a staffing perspective.

### Chairperson's Report

#### Agenda Item 6.6

The Chairperson noted the following matters:

- The Chair met with Mrs Watson regarding the local ANZAC Day parade and a plan has been established.
- Meeting with Mr Jackson and the Tuakau Pool team went well.
- Sent an email containing information around the Waikato trails and asked that members circulate that far and wide.

### Councillors' Reports

#### Agenda Item 6.7

Verbal reports were received on the following items:

- Cr Eyre acknowledged that Council staff are working well under very trying times and particularly thank the ELT team.

- Cr Eyre noted there had been numerous hearings and deliberations, including the Dog Control Bylaw Policy and Bylaw hearings which featured numerous submitters. Cr Eyre noted that Cr Sedgwick did an admiral job running the hearings.
- Cr Eyre acknowledged the implementation of the Easter Trading Policy at the end of February.
- Cr Eyre acknowledged that she is looking forward to connecting with the communities via face-to-face meetings when it is safe to do so.
- Cr Henderson noted that she is also looking forward to resumption of face-to-face meetings with the community.

### Board Members' Reports

#### Agenda Item 6.8

Verbal reports were received on the following items:

- Mr Reeve spoke about the high number of near misses on the speed bump in George St. He noted that several motorists display threatening behaviour towards pedestrians at this site.
- Mr Reeve would like Council to consider what Pukekohe has done around its road signage (at several intersections) to show what was and what was not a pedestrian crossing. Mr Reeve would like to see this investigated further.
- Cr Henderson has raised the matter with staff previously. She enquired how much easier would it be to convert those two pedestrian crossings.
- Mrs Watson spoke about ANZAC Day, stating that she had spoken with the Chair regarding their plans and had booked the town hall in the event of poor weather conditions. However, at this point they aim to use the same outdoor site that was used in 2021.
- Mrs Watson enquired around who she needed to speak/work with at Council around the ANZAC Day plans (e.g. booklets, etc).
- Mrs Watson asked the Board to commit to spending \$400 on food (for people who enter the hall) as part of the local ANZAC Day event.
- Mr Jackson enquired around long-term plans around the Les Batkin Reserve to find out the long-term position around the Les Batkin reserve.

**ACTION:** Staff to add Mr Reeve's query regarding dangerous/threatening activity at the speed bump on George Street to the Works Actions list.

