
MINUTES for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held via audio visual conference on **WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2022** commencing at **1.30pm**.

Present:

Mrs G Parson (Chairperson)
Mr S Bains
Ms K Binnersley
Mr D Amoore
Mr T Oosten
Mr C Rayner
Cr LR Thomson

Attending:

Cr P Storey (Waikato Regional Council – Councillor)

Mr A Mooar
Mr A Wilson
Mr J Lawson

Ms L Stanway (XtremeZero Waste)
Mr R Thorpe (Xtreme Zero Waste)

Mr R Ashley (Community Assets Manager)
Mr G Bellamy (Senior Transportation Engineer)
Ms J Bishop (Contracts & Partnering Manager)
Mr J Brown (Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor)
Ms R Goddard (Senior Advisor – Climate Action)
Ms L Hood (Corporate Planner)
Mr R Bayer (Roading Team Leader)
Mr P Ellis (Solid Waste Team Leader)
Mr J Howser (Operations Coordinator)
Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Parson/Mr Amoore)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on **Wednesday, 23 March 2022** be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

RCB2203/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interests.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Parson/Mr Oosten)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 9 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

RCB2203/02

PUBLIC FORUM

Cr Pamela Storey – Cr Storey was one of two Waikato Regional Councillors for the Waikato constituency which covers the Waikato District Council (WDC) area. Waikato Regional Council (WRC) focuses on water, soil and air and is responsible for the Waikato regional plan and regional coastal plan. WRC were in the process of reviewing the regional coastal plan. Additionally, WRC provides feedback on Central Government policy and direction from a regional perspective.

Ms Parson asked Cr Storey whether WRC works with WDC in the solid waste area? WRC is involved in resource consents for landfills and recently submitted on the Waste Minimisation Bill.

Mr Rayner asked whether there was a timeline for when the temporary wastewater consent would expire? Cr Storey noted she would need further information regarding the wastewater consent in Raglan. Cr Storey would provide further information regarding the wastewater consent to Mr Rayer.

Mr Rayner asked what WRC was doing regarding birds polluting the waterways? WRC had recently been through consultation and hearings on the regional pest management plan. Canadian Geese were problematic and hard to manage. The regional pest management plan would be considered by the Regional Council next week.

Mr A Mooar – The airfield fence had been cut again. Does that mean its closed? Ms Parson noted that the fence had been damaged over the previous weekend and repairs were not scheduled till next week. A NOTAM was in place till 1 April. It was costing a lot of money to fix vandalism but the plan was to keep the airfield open.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report to 9 March 2022

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*RCB2203/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Ms Parson noted that \$11,397.58 was available within the discretionary fund, and the Board were happy to work with community groups with any funding opportunities.

Resolved: (Ms Parson/Cr Thomson)

THAT the Raglan Community Board approves payment from their Discretionary Fund:

- a) for the amount of \$100 (including GST);**
- b) towards the cost of installation of a wreath for ANZAC Day celebrations.**

CARRIED

RCB2203/03

Raglan Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items March 2022

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*RCB2203/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Manu Bay Breakwater – Two dates in late March were proposed for a public meeting on the Manu Bay Breakwater. Mr Amooore will contact Tim Clarke to confirm the date.

- Civil Defence and Raglan Community Response Plan – A date in early May would be set for a planning day. There had already been a lot of work undertaken by Cr Thomson, with strong relationship building with community and marae groups. Whaingaroa Moana Collective had been established which is inclusive of all the marae within the Whaingaroa rohe, and were now involved in the community response group alongside Raglan Medical Centre, Raglan Community House, Surfside Church, Raglan Area School, Raglan Business Chamber and individuals within the community.
- Government/Bayview Rd – Cr Rayner has noted that Council would not undertake any work until the Public Places Bylaw was changed as the Police would not be able to enforce any changes.
- Blueprint – Ms Parson had met with the the Community Led Development Advisor and the Economic Development Advisor about how the Board, Raglan Naturally and Council could work together.
- Increase in Wastewater Discharges – Most of the issues were on private properties with people flushing inappropriate material down toilets. Possibly the Board could use social media and other media to remind the community about the three P's.

ACTION: Waters Team to attend the next meeting to discuss the issues with the wastewater discharges issue, three waters reform and wastewater consent.

- Would be good for the Board to receive a copy of the feasibility study for the Wi Neera Walkway. There was concern with the handrails, lighting and erosion along the bank.

ACTION: Staff provide the feasibility study for the Wi Neera Walkway and attend the next meeting.

Raglan Community Quartely Update

- Wainui Road Footpath/Cycleway Extension Rokit to Poihakena Marae - Was it still on track? – Yes, and works would begin in mid April.
- State Highway 23 Revocation - When would the speed limit change on State Highway 23? Council had worked through the Speed Limit Bylaw and Deliberations. It would be ratified by Council in June and will likely change in July. Were there any proposed changes to the Hill Road/Lorenzen Bay Road/State Highway 23 intersection? There were no immediate works proposed to the intersection apart from a roundabout in the future as part of a planned development. The speed reduction of 60kmh would increase the safety at the intersection.
- Upper Bow Street Angle Parking – Council was still waiting for formal feedback from the people and places project. The survey did not include angle parking but the wider people and places project had received positive anecdotal feedback.

- Orca Crossing Safety Improvements – The crossing point was originally to be improved in conjunction with the people and places project. The project had now finished and Council still needed to consider a crossing in that location. Funding could come from the footpaths budget. Ms Parson asked what the Board could do to progress the safety improvements? Council would need to undertake further investigations for the crossing including pedestrian counts. The area would also benefit from traffic calming improvements, which could include a raised platform to lower speed further.

ACTION: The Senior Transportation Engineer, Ms Parson, Mr Amoore and Mr Rayner to further discuss safety improvements at the Orca Crossing.

- Council did not receive a subsidy from Waka Kotahi for any bus services. A paper had been written for an unsubsidised bus service with local share and was under evaluation with the Chief Financial Officer. The proposed unsubsidised bus service would require Council approval and if approved would be trialled for two years.
- Signs for Parking – There was funding available for parking signs but due to the impacts of COVID on staffing, there were no resources available for signage.
- Government/Bayview Intersection – Additional signs were being considered to advise motorists of the concealed intersection.
- Greenslade Road Junction Safety Issues – Was Waka Kotahi planning to work on the culvert? The Senior Transportation Engineer noted it was unlikely to happen in the next few years. Political pressure from the Board with a petition to Waka Kotahi could go some way to get Waka Kotahi to action improvements. The cost for the culvert improvement would be significant.
- Rose Street – No staffing was available to get the project underway.
- Council was putting in funding application from central Government's tourism infrastructure fund to further fund the next stage of the Wainui Footpath-Cycleway project.

Consultation on Raglan Food Waste Collection

Agenda Item 6.3

The presentation was received [*RCB2202/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The number of submissions was in the hundreds and consultation remained open for submissions for a further ten (10) days. There had been a lot of community interest.
- Mr Oosten noted that the Community Board should submit on the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) recycling consultation. XtremeZero Waste had completed their submission on MfE's recycling policy. Mr Thorpe noted that the MfE had enacted that all Councils had to provide a food waste collection by 2025.

- XtremeZero did not know currently how much food waste was still being sent to landfill in Raglan. Past SWOT analysis had shown that a significant portion of food waste from the Raglan CBD was still being sent to landfill. There was a planned SWOT analysis for later this year, with SWOT analysis budgeted for every three years.
- The food waste collection in Raglan had been a pioneering service in New Zealand, and it would be a shame if Raglan lost the service.
- Where could visitors purchase food waste bags? They were available at Kahu's Nest. Xtreme Zero Waste needed to be careful with their distribution as the bags had a limited shelf life.
- Could any compostable bag be used for food waste collection? Other bags could be used but there was a risk that people included plastic bags for disposal. There had already been cases of plastic contamination.
- Once all submissions had been received, a workshop would be held before a final report was written. Once the result of the consultation was received, analysis would be undertaken and staff would provide their views to Councillors at the workshop.
- There was a clear indication from Government that more work needed to be done in the food waste area and that food waste collection would become mandatory.
- When food waste collection becomes mandatory for Councils, would the service be funded from general rates as well? It was unclear at this stage, there may be support from Central Government. There would likely be an element of targeted rates, but there would also likely be opportunities for cost reduction with economies of scale from services across the country.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.4

The Chairperson provided a verbal report and the following discussion was held:

- Ms Parson and Mr Amoore had met and discussed the coastal reserve oversight and had a date set to meet the Open Spaces Team Leader regarding the Board's role in the coastal reserves oversight. Board looking to facilitate an annual stakeholders meeting for the coastal reserve.
- Met with the Rangitahi developers, who are thinking of building a community swimming pool. Further information will be made available from Rangitahi in the future.
- Had been supporting places and people and wharf projects.
- The trails strategy review was coming up and would be called the connectivity strategy. There's already a good strategy in place but it would be reviewed. There would be a link available in the near future on the Board website.
- There had been a Facebook post on what the Board should discuss at their meetings? One response asked if there could be more information on iwi hapu connections.
- COVID response changes and vaccine passes – Interested on when Council would review their vaccine pass policy. The next Board meeting may be held in person.

Raglan Naturally Report

Agenda Item 6.5

A verbal report was provided and the following discussion was held:

- Raglan Naturally had been working on Neighbours Day. It was a nationwide event, that goes for a week. The goal is to get people to check in with their neighbours and friends, focusing on wellbeing.
- Youth week was coming up in May.
- The Raglan Naturally website was being redeveloped.

Councillor's Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [*RCB2203/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Dog Control Bylaw and Policy deliberations finished today. The changes from the deliberations would be ratified by Council on 11 April.
- Relationship with Raglan Naturally and the Community Response Planning Group – Community Response Planning Group had been successful for receiving funding from MSD for a part-time employee. There was now a Raglan support helpline that runs seven days a week from 10am-2pm. The helpline was run by volunteers on the weekend. Forty-Seven (47) families had received help from the support line.
- The I-hub would be reopening. There were safety concerns from volunteers during the peak of Omicron and the I-hub was temporarily closed.
- Capacity had increased for the availability for Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT). The Community Response Group had worked with the DHB as a registered RAT pick up centre.

Board Member's Report

Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [*RCB2203/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Ms Binnarsley – Had been involved with the Community Response Groups work on RAT. There were some issues with people registering for RAT but many of these issues had now been resolved.

- Mr Amoore – Wharf – Three organisations had been identified through the tender process for the Wharf design. The project was moving forward with construction scheduled for June-July 2022.

People and Places Parklet Survey - There were 104 respondents. A large majority of respondents support the People and Places Parklets. The next stage will be to go back to Council with the responses and for Council to undertake work to change the Public Spaces Bylaw to allow the parklets to remain.

Was there budget to fix the parklets if they were damaged? Mr Amoore would discuss the issue Community Connections Manager. The remaining People and Places budget was returned to Waka Kotahi.

- Mr Rayner – Wastewater Discharge Consent – There would be a video uploaded online in March with an update for the Raglan Wastewater Discharge Consent. The aquamats at the current plant had come to the end of their life. The treatment options for the new discharge consent was dictated by where the land could be discharged. There had been areas of private land identified as suitable for treated discharge.
- Mr Oosten – The Board would work with XtremeZero Waste regarding their submission on the Ministry for the Environment’s consultation on recycling.

Resolved: (Mr Oosten/Mr Rayner)

THAT the Raglan Community Board submit on the Ministry of Environment’s Recycling Consultation.

CARRIED

RCB2203/04

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3.24pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2022.

G Parsons
CHAIRPERSON