

**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held in the Riverside Room, Civic Centre, Main Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2022** commencing at **6.00pm**.

**Present:**

Mr D Whyte (Chairperson)  
Cr S Lynch  
Cr F McNally  
Ms K Bredenbeck  
Mr DRM Cork  
Ms E Wawatai

**Attending:**

His Worship the Mayor AM Sanson

Two (2) members of the public

Cr P Storey (Waikato Regional Council)  
Mr P Lynch (Waikato Regional Council)  
Sgt J Sandford (Huntly Police)  
Ms S Gibb (Community Waikato)  
Two (2) representatives from WEL Networks  
Two (2) representatives from the Huntly War Memorial Hall Committee  
Two (2) representatives from Pay it Forward Huntly Food Rescue Remedy & Huntly Foodbank)

Mrs V Jenkins (People & Capability Manager)  
Ms L van den Bemd (Community Led Development Advisor)  
Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Ms Wawatai/Ms Bredenbeck)**

**THAT the Huntly Community Board accepts the apology for non-attendance from Mr Wootton and Mr McCutchan due to illness.**

**CARRIED**

**HCB2205/01**

**CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Mr Whyte/Ms Wawatai)**

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 be confirmed:**

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**HCB2205/02**

### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Ms Whyte/Cr McNally)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**HCB2205/03**

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at the public forum:

- Tagging was a serious issue in Huntly. There was a Community Patrol that regularly patrols Huntly on Thursday-Saturday. There was a feeling that Huntly did not receive any attention regarding the issue and that buildings were being neglected. Covenants could not ensure that property owners maintain their buildings and address graffiti. Council could not undertake graffiti removal on private property. Added enforcement was needed with additional CCTV cameras. Once an area had been tagged, it attracts further tagging.

A graffiti removal working bee would be beneficial for the community, and the Board could help promote the event. Mr Whyte could help supply paint and materials. Resene had been very helpful in the past with donations for working bees. Tuakau had a working bee model that received help and funding from Council.

- Huntly War Memorial Hall – Progress had been made regarding the operational grant for the hall, but it had slowed down. The representatives from the Huntly War Memorial Hall noted that local non-profit organisations were not charged. The Hall Committee had been working with Council staff and were informed they had to complete a series of steps to be eligible for a funding grant.

The Hall Committee were wanting a percentage of the targeted rate for the upkeep of the hall, however they were told by Council's accountant they would not be eligible for it. The Hall Committee were seeking a new targeted rate to help pay for the upkeep of the hall, however Council could not give the committee a portion of the targeted rate as the community had not been consulted and it was not considered in the facilities rate.

A meeting would be held on Thursday 12 May to further discuss funding arrangements between Council and the Hall Committee.

**ACTION:** A representative from the Community Board to attend the meeting on 12 May.

## **REPORTS**

### NZ Police Update Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*]. In speaking to the report, Sgt Joe Sandford noted the following points:

- Police were aware of the significant tagging issue. There were four offenders currently going through the justice system.
- The Huntly Police Force were experiencing issues with staffing.
- CCTV – There were three (3) cameras on Main Street, with one at each end of the shopping strip and one by the library. Police were seeking five (5) new cameras to improve coverage along Main Street. The new cameras would be able to read numbers plates and Police could login in realtime to the live feed. Funding was available through the Camera Licensing Trust and Council were waiting to confirm the locations of the cameras from Police. It was noted that there were also cameras in Huntly West and by the Railway Station.

**ACTION:** Update to be provided to the Board and Police regarding the current status of the Camera Upgrade.

- What could the community do to help with the tagging issue? People could use their phones to take a photo of the person and their vehicle registration if they witnessed tagging. People could upload photos onto 105 when they reported an offence.
- Burglaries – There had been no burglaries in Huntly in the last two weeks. Family violence incidents had dropped over the last two weeks.
- Neighbourhood Support Group still existed in the community and there were mechanisms to help neighbourhoods create support groups.

### Waikato Regional Council - Consents Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Waikato Regional Council (WRC) was involved with industrial compliance.
- Puke Coal Land fill – There were a series of historic incidents with criminal prosecutions. A fire started at the site of a large landfill, which create air quality issues in Glen Afton and surrounding areas. It resulted in criminal prosecution for the company and an individual. The site had since been sold to a new company and they were taking steps to improve the environmental standards on the site. Monitoring had shown there had been an improvement in the conditions of the site. What could the public do if they believe there was non compliant activity occurring? They could contact the Waikato Regional Council via their 0800 number.
- Discharges of containinants was one of responsibilities for WRC. WRC does not undertake the clean up of containinates but they hold people to account for unlawful activities.
- Gleeson & Cox – There were (11) eleven active resource consents with Waikato Regional Council for the Gleeson & Cox Quarry. They include consents for discharge, diverting water, quarrying and water take. There were three (3) applications with the Regional Council for resource consents. This included increasing the existing pit at the quarry and managed fill activities. Sometimes consent applications were publicly notified and others there were not.

Timing of Gleeson & Cox operations sits with Waikato District Council. They also had existing use rights, which included bringing in sand for the concrete works. WDC staff had not found any issues with what was being transported into the quarry.

WRC had only received two complaints regarding Gleeson & Cox. If the community is concerned regarding their operations they needed to contact WRC.

Dust, noise and vibration were difficult issues to define and it was hard for people to report vibration issues from heavy vehicle traffic. WRC noted that those issues lie with WDC. If residents on Riverview Road had issues relating to dust they could contact WRC.

There was an estimated 1.8 million tonnes was being transferred out of the quarry, but the number of trucks coming in and out were not monitored.

There was an opportunity through the reconsenting process to raise issues regarding Gleeson & Cox operations.

## WEL – Battery Energy Storage System

### Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- WEL had a significant goal to address energy hardship in the community. 20% of the community were suffering from financial hardship. The average OurPower customer saves \$400 a year. WEL was exploring renewable generation through solar farms however, OurPower could not grow without increasing generation. For the next 29 years, there would need to be an extra 18 megawatts generated each year.
- Electric vehicle uptake was a challenge. The electricity network requires significant upgrades to enable the uptake in electric vehicle ownership.
- The battery project will start in July and be completed by December 2022. It was aimed to push NZ to 100% renewable. The battery will use low carbon energy and assist when output was high.
- The battery would be located on Rotowaro Rd. There would be 35 megawatts of battery storage, which was enough to power a household for 4.5 years.
- There would be some heavy vehicle movement during the installation of the battery, but traffic would be limited once it had been built.
- Noise levels were set by WDC, and studies had been undertaken to ensure noise levels were not excessive.
- Fault detection systems will be installed to ensure that no faults can cause any issues. The battery can be shut down very quickly.
- WEL had a target to get 20% of the Waikato on Ourpower. This would lead to other power companies to reduce their prices.
- The transformers on the site would be banded, with power connections located underground.

## Pay it Forward Huntly Food Rescue Remedy & Huntly Foodbank

### Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Ms Gibb provided an overview of the work being undertaken by Community Waikato.
- The Trust had been hitting the ground hard during the COVID period.
- The Community Advice Centre Trust was run with a small number of volunteers.
- The Trust makes do with very little resources available, however they had received funding from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD)

- The Trust was wanting to do more than food distribution through the food bank. 11,000 parcels were provided in 2020 and 2021.
- The Trust ensured that they took COVID precautions to protect the community.
- The Trust received funding from Community Waikato for a gardening programme with assistance from GoEco. People could learn how to use power tools and make raised garden beds.
- Navigating the justice programme was an initiative from the Trust to help people who were dealing with the system.
- The main problem facing the Trust was that the building the Trust were located in was being sold and there was no funding available for a new building. There was a fear that after 30 years of the Trust's existence, they would not have a home.
- The Board asked if the Trust could combine with another community organisation? Representatives from the Trust emphasised that people had the right to choose who they sought help from, especially in a small town. However, they did collaborate with other services.
- Council staff were looking to identify possible location(s) where the Trust could move to. A report would go to the Council highlighting possible locations.
- The Trust offered a variety of services such as cancer care packs, transition to work services, Justice of the Peace services and budgeting services.
- The trust should look to get in contact with Sleepyhead and tell them their story and how the Trust helped the community. Sleepyhead may be interested in assisting in funding for a new location for the Trust.
- Does the Trust have an idea for the costs to rent a building annually? Would be 30-40k a year. The Trust should talk directly to property owners, such as the owner of the former ANZ bank site.
- There was a conversation to be had with Central Government for a proposed food hub in Huntly. It would likely be a collaborative project.

### Discretionary Fund Report to 26 April 2022

#### Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Match Funding – Community Led Development Team had spoken to the Board in March about the Blueprint budget. Community Aspirations funding was now pooled in the Blueprint budget, with a focus on projects within the Blueprint. \$100,000 had been allocated for Huntly in the blueprint budget.
- The Blueprint process starts with relationship building, followed by working with the community, explaining how the community could benefit and show genuine attempts to consult the community. Blueprint funding could be used for seed funding, to help an applicant to leverage for further funding. Blueprint funding can be used as seed funding, and would help an applicant leverage further funding.
- It was noted that the Board needed to develop and plan where funding could go with the Tumate Mahuta Drive Park. Social procurement was important to support the local community. The projects needed to be budgeted to understand what could be funded by the Board.
- The Board would need to sort out what was wanted and work out a budget, then see what could be funded by the Board, the Blueprint budget and external funders.

### Third Quarter Service Request Report to March 31 2022

#### Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Animal Control statistics were down due to the team being fully staffed.

### Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items September 2021

#### Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

#### *Fitness Trail in Tumate Mahuta Drive Park*

- The Board needed to progress the project and discussed what was needed alongside Tangata Whenua.

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule.

#### *Street Lights Service Requests*

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule pending discussion with NZTA on street light outages.

Walkway Closure

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule pending an update from the Chairperson.

Inground garden lights, Main Street, Huntly

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule.

Ruawaro Tennis Court Upgrade

**ACTION:** This item to be removed from the schedule.

Willow Lake – Stormwater Holding Pond

**ACTION:** This item to be added to the schedule. Following a meeting with Watercare, an update would be provided by the Chairperson to the next Board meeting.

Huntly West Sports Complex – Graffiti

**ACTION:** This item to be added to the schedule. An update would be provided by the Chairperson to the next Board meeting.

Lake Hakanoa Domain Tennis Court Renewal

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule.

Potholes in Pedestrian Crossing

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule.

Friendship House Huntly West Hub

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule.

Tamihana Road

**ACTION:** This item to remain on the schedule.



### Signage in Town

- The signage at Lake Hakanoa was incorrect. Signage states that the reserve was called Lake Hakanoa Sports Park, but the correct name was the Huntly Domain.

**ACTION:** Staff to investigate the incorrect signage at Huntly Domain and replace the signs with the correct name.

### House built below flood level

- It had been identified that a house had been built below flood level on a flood plain.

**ACTION:** Cr McInally would follow up with staff regarding identifying and investigating the flood risk of the home.

### Earthquake Prone Buildings Consultation

#### Agenda Item 6.8

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Maps on Page 39-41 focus on Huntly. Consultation for earthquake prone buildings included high vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic.
- Only problematic buildings identified were properties with verandahs over pedestrian walkways and the steeple on the Mormon church.
- There were no implications to residential buildings.

### Chairperson's Report

#### Agenda Item 6.9

The report was received [*HCB2205/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

### Councillor's Reports

#### Agenda Item 6.10

Verbal reports were received on the following items:

- Cr Lynch: Dutch Elm disease had been found in Pokeno. Staff were keeping an eye on the issue. The lease for the Huntly Resource Centre had been signed. Waikato District Alliance were having staffing issues and staff were asking for pay increases to combat competition from other employers and inflation. The final vesting for the Huntly revocation had not occurred. Consenting for the Solar Panel farm in Rangiriri was in progress.

**ACTION:** The Solid Waste Team Leader to attend the next Board meeting to further the Huntly Resource Centre.

Community Board Members' Reports  
Agenda Item 6.11

Verbal reports were received on the following items:

- Ms Wawatai – Kimihia Home was struggling to find staff. Friendship House was having a Community Dinner on Saturday 18 June at Huntly Speedway. Ms Wawatai would help coordinate Board support for the Community Dinner. There was a budget for the dinner of \$500.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:48pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day of                      2022

D Whyte  
**CHAIRPERSON**