

MINUTES for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held in the Town Hall, Supper Room, Bow Street, Raglan **WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2023** commencing at **1.30pm**.

Present:

Mr D Amoore (Chairperson)
Mr C Rayner
Ms K Binnersley (*arrived 1:44pm*)
Mr S Bains
Cr L Thomson
Cr T Turner

Attending:

(5) members of the public

Pauline Giles (Waikato District Alliance)
Dylan Herewini (Waikato District Alliance)
Steve Van Wonderen (Xtreme Zero Waste)

Cr Mike Keir
Mr K Abbot (Executive Manager Projects & Innovation)
Ms R Leahy (Democracy Advisor)
Grant Tregida (Roading Manager)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr L Thomson/ Mr Bains)

THAT the apologies from Mr Wallis and Mr Oosten for non-attendance be accepted.

CARRIED

RCB2303/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Amoores/ Mr Rayner)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 be confirmed;
- b. all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- c. that all reports be received.

CARRIED

RCB2303/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Turner/ Mr Bains)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

RCB2303/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Mark - Potholes

- *What is Council doing to encourage the public to identify potholes? In the past the Community Board and Council had encouraged people to put in service requests. The Community Board also posted a bulletin on their Facebook page about lodging a service request for these issues.*

ACTION: Community Board to post on their Facebook page and in their next update in the Raglan Chronicle about lodging service requests for potholes.

John – Potholes and Wi Neera Walkway

- A suggestion was made that Council should be proactively looking at potholes. Council staff stated that Roading Inspectors do drive around the network to look for potholes and other issues.
- A concern was raised about the consultation on the Wi Neera Walkway. It was noted that there was a change in the plan for this project.

Bruce Teddy – Roading Issues

- A concern was raised about the grading of Matakotea Road. Mr Teddy stated that the gravel was not being taken off the edge of the road and was causing more water to sit on the road.
- A request was made for the Community Board to send a letter of thanks to the landowners who gifted their land for the State Highway 23 rebuild.

ACTION: Community Board to write a thank you letter to the landowners who gifted their land for the State Highway 23 rebuild.

REPORTS

Xtreme Zero Waste Update Agenda Item 6.1

Xtreme Zero Waste staff attended the meeting and provided a verbal update on their operations:

- It was noted that a new processing building was built with the assistance of Ministry for the Environment funding.
- *Do you think the pressure on Xtreme Zero Waste over summer was alleviated due to not doing Soundsplash?* Yes – the focus was taken away when doing that event. The team was able to concentrate on the core business.
- *Can the bins at Papahua be serviced at night?* Xtreme Zero Waste was working to the contract with Council. There are afternoon runs three days a week. To split into an evening run would require a review of the roster and resources.
- A discussion was held on the new recycling centres at Te Uku and Te Mata. The container arrived at Te Mata but there was a delay in installation due to soil being dumped where the structure was to be.
- It was noted that the Te Uku centre was servicing more than it was contracted to do. A request was being put forward to Council for more funds towards it.
- A discussion was held on the waste that was being recycled at Te Uku. It was noted that there is an element of commercial waste, there are a number of local home businesses in the area.
- *What was the criteria for not picking up a green bin?* As soon as there was an element of contamination then the bin should not be picked up. Xtreme Zero Waste try and take an educational approach to households to improve recycling.

- *Have you looked at moving towards bins instead of bags?* Bags were a requirement from Council. There was a research paper produced that shows that the system Raglan used is the best way to reduce waste. Moving towards bins would make efficiency savings, however, this would be at the loss of local employment.
- A discussion was held around waste minimisation strategy. It was noted that Council was looking at doing a 12-month survey on Raglan for organic waste to see what can be improved on. Any suggested improvements could be rolled out alongside a campaign from the Community Board.
- A concern was raised about landfill bins being taken away and not replaced. It was noted that landfill bins are emptied, however, sometimes they are taken away for cleaning.
- *Is there a procedure for the disposal of E-waste and lithium-ion batteries?* Xtreme Zero Waste were looking at building a separate wooden crate to store lithium-ion batteries. The batteries could be stacked but must have cardboard between them. There was no specific advice from the government on this, but Xtreme Zero Waste had investigated the recommended practice. It was noted that in a month or two a campaign and process on disposal of batteries would be put in place. In terms of E-waste, there is a high cost to disposal. Being a part of the zero-waste network was an advantage as they were able to find out who disposes of e-waste in an ethical way. Xtreme Zero Waste was investigating what e-waste products were worth dismantling to make the disposal more affordable for the community.
- *Has there been an increase in illegal dumping?* Not yet, however, from 1 July the price would increase which may result in more illegal dumping.
- *Has any thought been given to a larger recycling station in Papahua?* A station at Papahua would be unmanned which would be a concern. There was already a large amount of illegal dumping at the unmanned stations in Te Uku and Te Mata.
- *Would you consider putting in a weigh station?* It goes against the ethos of Xtreme Zero Waste to have a weigh station. The system in place looks to recover resources rather than dump them.

Roading Update Agenda Item 6.2

The Roothing Manager attended the meeting and provided a verbal update:

- The Road Manager updated the Board about roading issues relating to the Auckland Anniversary weather event and Cyclone Gabrielle. It was noted that the cost for the initial response was 2.8 million dollars.
- Council was now considering long-term options and was working with Waka Kotahi for repairs and remediations.

- It was noted that there was damage done to Council's network due to the closure of State Highway 23. Repairs to the damaged road would be claimed for through Waka Kotahi.
- The Roding Manager discussed the damage to Ruapuke Beach carpark. A funding request would be put through to Waka Kotahi for these repairs. It was noted that a wall between the beach and car park may be required.
- A discussion was held around Waka Kotahi funding and subsidies. It was noted that works are subsidised 91 per cent until June, after this the subsidy will go down to 51 per cent.
- A discussion was held around the revocation of part of State Highway 23.

ACTION: Roding Manager to investigate when Council maps would be updated to reflect the revocation of part of State Highway 23.

- A member of the public raised a concern about the width of the cycleway.
- *What is happening with the local bus project?* The project was currently on hold because the District and Regional Councils did not have the resources available. There was also an issue with there not being enough bus drivers for the service.
- A concern was raised that the 100 thousand dollars set aside in the Long-Term Plan for the local bus project would be lost if it did not go ahead soon.

ACTION: The Roding Manager to follow up if the 100 thousand dollars set aside for the local bus project will be rolled forward.

- A concern was raised about cars speeding on Main Road by the BP. It was noted that children often cross this road when walking to school.

ACTION: Community Board will raise monitoring the 40km/h speed limit on Main Road by the BP Station with NZ Police.

ACTION: Roding Manager to investigate if speed on Main Road can be monitored by Council and any data collected be given to NZ Police.

ACTION: Community board to set up meeting with Roding Manager to discuss roading issues in Raglan.

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items

Agenda 6.3

The report was received under [RCB2303/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

Rugby Club Lights

- It was noted that Council was currently awaiting a price for a sensor.
- *Would a local electrician be used for this job?* Alliance had preferred providers; it was not stated who the preferred provider in Raglan was.

Civil Defence and Raglan Community Response Plan

- Another meeting had been arranged with the Emergency Management Advisor to discuss the next stage of planning and enlist members of the community.

Wastewater Treatment Plan

- It was noted that there are now regular online huis on the wastewater treatment plant.

Better off Funding – CCTV Cameras

ACTION: Cr Thomson to follow up with General Manager Service Delivery about the CCTV strategy and how much money was being allocated to Raglan.

Water Tower Planting Plan Proposal

- A discussion was held around the design of the proposal.

ACTION: Community Board to provide feedback about the design with the inclusion of picnic tables and a ramp.

Freedom Campers

- A concern was raised about freedom campers in Raglan. It was noted that members of the public should raise this issue as a service request, however staff would also raise if following this meeting.

ACTION: Staff to raise issue of freedom camping with monitoring team.

Wi Neera Walkway

- There had been a significant change in the plan. Council was not looking at a full-scale walkway just remedial works. It was noted that lighting was a safety issue and needed to be addressed.
- A discussion was held on if a handrail should be installed. It was noted that a handrail could be costly to install and would be pointless if the walkway needed to be developed wider in the future.

Mr Bains left the meeting at 2:35-and returned at 2:45pm.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received under [*RCB2303/02 refers*], and the following discussion was held:

- The Chairperson asked the Board if they would support setting aside some discretionary funds towards an ANZAC Day wreath.

Resolved: (Mr Amoores/Cr Thomson)

That the Raglan Community Board:

- a. receives the Discretionary Fund Report to 7 March 2023;**
- b. notes the receipt of the funds returned from Whaingaroa Environment Centre for the amount of \$3,432.74. (Resolution RCB2302/07 stated 3,500.00 to be returned); and**
- c. allocates up to \$100 from the Discretionary Fund towards an ANZAC Day wreath.**

CARRIED

RCB2303/04

Raglan Naturally Report

Agenda Item 6.5

No discussion was held on this item.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received under [*RCB2303/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Chairperson noted that there were two bylaws open for submissions; the Traffic Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw.
- A discussion was held on a submission for Boat Ramp fees. The Chairperson suggested that an annual fee of \$110 for the general public, \$80 for sports fishing club members and a daily fee of \$10 would be appropriate.
- A discussion was held on submitting on the Public Places Bylaw in relation to commercial scooters. Under the existing bylaw private scooters are allowed. It was noted that it did not appear commercial scooter operators were likely to pursue operations in the district.

Councillors' Report

Agenda Item 6.7

Cr Thomson provided a verbal update, and the following points were noted:

- The IHub website launched and around 50 people attended the event.
- Cr Thomson attended the regatta in Ngaruawahia and Poukai at Turangawaewae.
- Cr Thomson discussed a project to get drivers licencing up and running in Raglan.

Cr Turner provided a verbal update, and the following point were noted:

- Cr Turner attended ten (10) Poukai events to upgrade her mana whenua status.
- Cr Turner guided Mayor Jacqui through her first Poukai attendance at Turangawaewae.

Board Members' Reports

Agenda Item 6.8

There were no Board Members reports.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2:57pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this 22nd day of May 2023.

D Amoore
CHAIRPERSON