

**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board held in the Glen Murray Memorial Hall, 2400 Highway 22, Glen Murray, on **THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2023** commencing at **6:30pm**.

**Present:**

Mr B Cameron (Chairperson)  
Ms F Coker-Grey  
Cr CA Eyre  
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu

**Attending:**

(6) members of the public attended

Her Worship the Mayor, JA Church  
Ms M May (General Manager, Service Delivery)  
Ms R Leahy (Democracy Advisor)

*Cr Matatahi-Poutapu opened the meeting with a Karakia.*

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Cr Eyre/Ms Coker-Grey)**

**THAT the apologies from Ms Costar and Ms Fry for non-attendance be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**RPWCB2305/01**

**CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Cr Eyre/Ms Coker-Grey)**

**THAT the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board:**

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 11 May 2023 be confirmed, and all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**RPWCB2305/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- There was an error in the spelling of one of the members of the public name.

**Resolved: (Ms Coker-Grey/Cr Eyre)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 30 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendment:**

- i. **Item 5 to read “Kate Reece”.**

**CARRIED**

**RPWCB2305/03**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### Terry – Roothing Maintenance

- *What is behind the lack of roading and infrastructure maintenance?* There are a number of challenges that Council faces that affect roading maintenance including climate change and weather events. Furthermore, the District is a large geographical area with a small population that cannot afford to pay for all roading infrastructure.
- A discussion was held on the funding for roading infrastructure. Council is subsidised 51 percent from Central Government, however, there are rules and regulations in place that determine what this funding can be spent on.
- There is also an issue with the classification system of roads, that affects the subsidy. Waikato District Council roads are considered ‘access roads’ which was lower down the classification system. Council had been working with Central Government to get the Districts’ roads reclassified. Currently, Waikato District was being compared to the Chatham Islands in terms of classification for roading despite it being a tier one growth Council in New Zealand.
- There was also an issue with old state highways being given back to Council to maintain from Waka Kotahi. This means that there was more roading infrastructure to maintain.
- It was noted that the maintenance budget for roads in the Waikato District was \$10million and 40 percent of that budget was spent on rural roads.
- A concern was raised about Sharpe Road intersection. Due to the shape of the intersection – turning left was dangerous and improvements needed to be made before an accident happened.

**ACTION:** General Manager, Service Delivery to discuss issue of Sharpe Road intersection with Roothing Team.

## **REPORTS**

### Early engagement feedback for the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023

#### Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [RPWCB2305/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

- Board members highlighted that there were issues with freedom campers at the Onewhero Rugby Club and Port Waikato.

### Levels of Service Schedule Port Waikato area

#### Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [RPWCB2305/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

- It was noted that the request for this information came from the Residents and Ratepayers Group.
- It was noted that it was important for the Community Board to understand what levels of service were provided to the area. Furthermore, it was beneficial for the public to see what should be happening so issues with service could be reported to Council.

### Works, Actions and Issues Report

#### Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [RPWCB2305/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

#### Onewhero Area School Road Safety Improvements

- It was noted that work the previous staff member was working on was not just about speed, there were also issues with inadequate parking and the overall safety of students.

**ACTION:** General Manager, Service Delivery would follow up about the road safety improvements not just speed.

#### Onewhero Drains

**ACTION:** Democracy to follow up about the Onewhero drains with Ms Costar about drainage maintenance. If the works had not been completed then this issue would be escalated to General Manager, Service Delivery.

### Community Pools

- It was noted that Te Kohanga, Naike, Pukekawa, Onewhero school wanted to take up the offer. Further discussions would be held with Naike School.
- The Board would discuss how much funding would be allocated to each pool at a later date.

### Community Board Maps

- The Democracy Advisor provided a map to the Community Board to give feedback on.

**ACTION:** Feedback was provided that would be taken back to the GIS Team to update.

### Roading Issues

- It was noted that the Chairperson was meeting with the Roding Manager the following week.

### Te Kohanga Playground

- The playground opening was being held the following week.

### Discretionary Fund Report Agenda Item 6.5

The report received [RPWCB2305/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

#### **Resolved: (Mr Cameron / Cr Eyre)**

**That the Rural Port Waikato Community Board**

- a. receives the Discretionary Fund report to 21 April 2023; and**
- b. notes the \$2,059.00 committed for pool chemicals was returned to the Discretionary Fund as per resolution RPWCB2303/02.**

**CARRIED**

**RPWCB2305/04**

### Application 1: Te Kohanga Football Club

- The Secretary of the club attending the meeting presented the club's application to the Board. The Club was seeking funding for technology.
- *What is the current club membership?* There are 42 registered players and a lot of youth that were coming through.
- The Community Board stated they would like to support the club, however, they would like any funds allocated towards the right technology. The Board would seek advice from Council's Economic Development Advisor before committing any funds.

**ACTION:** Chairperson to arrange for Economic Development Advisor to speak with Te Kohanga Football Club.

**Resolved: (Mr Cameron/Ms Coker-Grey)**

**The Rural-Port Waikato Community Board agreed to defer the application to the next meeting following advice from the Economic Development Advisor.**

**CARRIED**

**RPWCB2305/05**

### Application 2: Ngati Karewa, Ngati Tahinga Trust - Matariki Celebration

- The applicant presented to the Board. It was noted that the free event would be held on 7 July at the Port Waikato Community Hub. The purpose was to educate the community and celebrate Matariki.
- A discussion was held on applying for funding through the Mayoral Fund.
- The applicant stated that a list of sponsors would be included in the printed programme for the event.
- The Board agreed to contribute funding towards the Lazy Susans, advertising and programmes for the event.

**Resolved: (Ms Coker-Grey/Cr Matatahi-Poutapu)**

**The Rural-Port Waikato Community Board:**

- a. **allocates \$1,800.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Fund:**
  - i. **to the Ngati Karewa-Ngati Tahinga Trust;**
  - ii. **for a Matariki Celebration event.**

**CARRIED**

**RPWCB2305/06**

Waikato District Council Executive Update  
Agenda Item 6.6

No update was provided at this meeting.

### Chairperson's Report Agenda Item 6.7

The Chairperson provided a verbal report, and the following points were noted:

- The Chairperson had been involved with the Mayoral Relief Fund.
- Attended the Infrastructure Committee on 14 April and spoke to the Committee about engaging with Community Boards about planned roading repairs and improvements.

### Councillors' Report Agenda Item 6.8

Cr Eyre provided a verbal report, and the following points were noted:

- The Public Places bylaw was adopted on 24 April. It was noted that when the proposal went out it specified horses could not be on roads in areas under 70km/h, however, the public liked seeing horses in communities. The bylaw was changed to allow horses on grass berms but not footpaths.
- A discussion was held on tennis court upgrades in the Rural-Port Waikato area.
- It was noted there were still ongoing discussions about the Rural Forum.

Cr Matatahi-Poutapu provided a verbal report, and the following points were noted:

- It was noted that engagement with mana whenua for Council was still ongoing.

### Community Board Members' Report Agenda Item 6.9

#### Ms Coker-Grey

- A Rural-Port Waikato Community Board Facebook page had been set up and schools had been approached to include the Community Board's notices in their newsletters.
- Ms Coker had been contacted by Noel Miller from the Pukekohe Car Club about issues they were facing with accessing roads, the club would like to use the roads in the Waikato District and were willing to contribute money towards maintaining those roads.
- Attended a Discretionary Funding Workshop that was led by Council staff.

*Cr Matatahi-Poutapu closed the meeting with a karakia.*

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.01pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day of                      2023.

B Cameron  
**CHAIRPERSON**