
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, 22 JUNE 2023** commencing at **6:40pm**.

Present:

Mr B Cameron (Chairperson)
Ms L Fry (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms F Coker-Grey
Ms R Costar
Cr CA Eyre

Attending:

(12) members of the public attended

Cr P Thomson

Ms S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Ms R Leahy (Democracy Advisor) (*via audiovisual link*)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Cameron / Ms Costar)

THAT the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board:

- a. **confirms the agenda for a meeting of the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 22 June 2023, with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. **all reports be received.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2306/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Eyre/ Ms Coker-Grey)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 11 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendments:

- **Agenda Item 6.8 was amended to “A discussion was held on tennis court upgrades in the Pukekawa in Opuatia”.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2306/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Marian – Hampton Downs Landfill odour, lighting, and noise levels

- A concern was raised about the odour, lighting and noise levels coming from Hampton Downs landfill.
- A community meeting was being organised and Board Members were encouraged to attend and hear the issues from the community.
- A concern was raised that the landfill owners were applying for a consent to operate until 2055 and this was not being consulted on by the public.
- It was noted that there would be a certain level of decibels for truck movements that would be clearly defined in the consent and would need to follow the District Plan.

ACTION: General Manager, Customer Support would investigate the consent conditions and expiry dates for the Hampton Downs Landfill and forward to Cr Eyre.

- The public were encouraged to lodge complaints with Council so they were aware of the issues and address any non-compliant activity.
- It was noted that any air or water pollution issues fall under Waikato Regional Council’s jurisdiction.

Hampton downs raceway

- A concern was raised about the noise levels coming from Hampton Downs Raceway track.
- A member of the public claimed that Council’s noise control officers did not work on weekends. Staff noted that noise control officers did work weekends.

Pukekawa Highway 22 speeding issues

- A concern was raised about speeding drivers on Highway 22 that travel through Pukekawa village.
- The intersection between mile bush road and Highway 22 was also raised as an area of concern in terms of safety for residents. There were frequently speeding drivers. Members of the public would like to see the speed limit in that area reduced.
- There were also issues of boy racers in the area, a member of the public suggested that a barrier on the corner of the intersection be installed to prevent people from cutting the corner.

REPORTS

Blueprint Review – Survey and Progress Update

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [RPWCB2306/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

- Cr Eyre raised a concern that the District Wide Blueprint was urban centric and lacked input from rural communities.
- It was suggested that the Community Board review the blueprint, and the survey closes 30 June.
- A concern was raised about communities that do not have a Blueprint, it was suggested these communities may be limited in their ability to influence and inform Council. It was noted that there was still funding available for communities that do not have Blueprints but have community aspirational projects in mind.

Works, Actions and Issues Report

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [RPWCB2306/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

Onewhero Area School Road Safety Improvements

- The Chairperson raised a concern that this issue was taking too long to fix, and Council needed to act sooner.
- It was noted that there was no area for pick up and drop offs as a result cars were reversing onto a congested and short road that has limited visibility.
- The school had requested a small drop off area at the entrance to improve the safety for students and parents.
- There was an also an issue of kids walking on the road towards the Onewhero Society of Performing Arts. This was due to the ground being uneven and no footpath.

ACTION: General Manager Customer Support to escalate the Onewhero Area School Road Safety Improvements issue to the Roding Manager.

Drain Clearing

- A concern was raised about the level of service for clearing drains in the Rural-Port Waikato area.
- A discussion was held on investing in drain clearing to mitigate flooding during weather events.

Watercare

- A concern was raised about the progress made on Watercare's workplan for Port-Waikato.

ACTION: General Manager Customer Support to follow up with Mat Telfer from Watercare about their progress on the workplan.

Roading Issues

- The Chairperson discussed the drive around with Council staff in the Rural-Port Waikato area that identified roading issues in the area.
- A discussion was held on road maintenance and potholes. It was noted that weather conditions had made it difficult to fix potholes.
- A concern was raised about heavy vehicles travelling over local bridges and exceeding the weight limit. It was noted that this fell out of Council jurisdiction and should be raised with NZ Police.

Sunset Beach Toilet Block

- A discussion was held around the delays involved with the project; it was suggested that the project had been delayed due to consenting issues and erosion in the area.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.3

The report received [RPWCB2306/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

- The Funding Representative sent out Discretionary Fund guidelines to potential applicants.
- A discussion was held around funding resilience planning for communities. Council was supporting a programme to help communities in this space.
- A discussion was held on the Community Board funding emergency response equipment for communities.

ACTION: Ms Coker-Grey to discuss if this meets the Discretionary Fund Guidelines with the Funding Team.

Waikato District Council Executive Update

Agenda Item 6.4

The General Manager Customer Support provided a verbal update to the Board:

- There had been progress made in the Port-Waikato recovery. A geo-tech report had been completed for Maunsell Road.
- There had been technology improvements at Council, systems and data had migrated to the Cloud.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.5

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

- Mr Cameron was working with Council to establish a Rural Economic Forum to get input from rural communities.
- Mr Cameron attended a workshop on Port-Waikato erosion at Council Offices.

Councillors' Report

Agenda Item 6.6

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

- Cr Eyre was looking to get more viewpoints into Council to help inform Council's Strategic Vision.
- Hall Committees and Resident and Ratepayers groups had been invited to Council Offices to discuss issues facing their communities.
- A discussion was held on the proposed rate increase in the Annual Plan. There would be a 7 per cent general rate increase.

Community Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.7

Ms Costar

- Ms Costar attended a Council Workshop on Freedom Camping Bylaw. She raised concern about freedom campers at the Onewhero Rugby Club and lack of enforcement officers.

Ms Coker-Grey

- Ms Coker-Grey encouraged members of public to speak to her about Discretionary Fund applications for community projects.

Ms Fry

- A discussion was held on coastal erosion at Port-Waikato, it was noted that there was an on-going issue with access to the beach due to erosion.
- Money had been raised for a water pump to assist with flooding and a generator to power the Fire Station during weather events.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:46pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023.

B Cameron
CHAIRPERSON