

MINUTES for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Ms J Morley (Chairperson)
Ms S Cocup-Hughes (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs D Lovell
Mr H Lovell
Cr T Turner

Attending:

Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Mr A Singh (Transport Operations Team Leader)
Ms R Chisholm (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Resolved: (Mrs D Lovell/Ms S Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the Taupiri Community Board accepts the apologies from:

- a. non-attendance from Cr J Gibb

CARRIED

TCB2309/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mrs D Lovell/Ms S Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 18 September 2023 be confirmed and

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

CARRIED

TCB2309/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms S Cocup-Hughes/Cr Turner)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 7 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting:

CARRIED

TCB2309/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

REPORTS

Agenda Item 6

Works and Issues Report

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*TCB2309/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Community Plan Booklet

- Ongoing. No updates.

WEL Green Boxes/Chorus Building – Mural Painting

- Mrs D Lovell reported that the mural painting will be started, weather permitting, end of September or early October 2023.

Proposal for Walkway and Cycle Track

- It was noted that the bank accounts for this project are now open and a Project Manager is all that is required now to make it the project happen.

Emergency Procedures

- Ongoing. No updates

Picnic Tables

- It is understood that all the picnic tables have now been delivered.

ACTION: Mrs D Lovell to check in with recipients to ensure they have all been received.

Ngaaruawaahia/Hopuhopu/Taupiri Structure Plan & Ngaaruawaahia Town Centre Plan Updates

- Mrs D Lovell tabled copies of proposed projects and documentation/information along with an email outlining public consultation drop-in sessions in both Taupiri and Ngaaruawaahia. The drop-in session date for Taupiri was confirmed as 28 September 2023.
- It was emphasised that at this stage, these are just ideas and the focus is getting the community involved.
- It was noted that Long Term Plan (LTP) Workshops at Council are scheduled to begin next week and discussion on the projects in the tabled document will be part of those workshops as well as part of the Blueprints for Taupiri.
- Waikato District Council's Planning and Policy Manager confirmed that the proposed projects documentation will be live on the Council website from tomorrow.

ACTION: The Planning and Policy Manager to update the Board at the next meeting to confirm:

- Who is the team/reference group responsible for proposed projects?
- Who are the Key Stakeholders who provide input in the decisions?
- What are the channels for communications and when will community members be advised?

Roading & Traffic Signs:

- The Transport Operations Team Leader addressed the Board and clarified the funding model for road signs and confirmed that there is no funding unless it is adopted in the LTP. It was further noted that any new road signs are considered new assets and this changes the funding model.
- It was confirmed after discussion regarding additional road signs and further funding that may be needed that the Discretionary Fund can be used as an option.
- The Board queried whether a ballpark figure of the costs for new road signs could be provided however it was noted that new assets have to be considered under a separate funding list and a ballpark figure was hard to provide.
- The Board discussed their concerns with the speed limit in Te Putu Street and it was agreed that a speed-counter would provide great data to monitor this. A further concern was noted in relation to the School Sign in Te Putu Street and the poor visibility due to it's location.

ACTION: The Transport Operations Team Leader to proceed with the installation of speed-counters in Te Putu Street.

ACTION: The Transport Operations Team Leader to investigate the possibility of moving the School Sign on Te Putu Street and liaise with NZTA on a new location.

- The Board queried whether a speed limit sign can be installed on Murphy Lane where the new subdivision has been built.

ACTION: The Transport Operations Team Leader to investigate the possibility of installing a speed sign in Murphy Lane.

Lighting at Taupiri Mountain

- It was noted that the lighting at Taupiri is still owned by NZTA and is not yet in the jurisdiction of Council and has no budget. The Transport Operations Team Leader advised that whilst there is no confirmed date as yet for the vesting of the Great South Road (along with the lighting) back to Council, the process is underway and Iwi Consultation is being done.
- It was advised that there is a plan to upgrade the lighting to LED's along the mountain on Great South Road and Waka Kotahi will provide the funding for this prior to vesting back to Council.
- The Board discussed the issue of minimal street lighting due to lack of funding throughout the Taupiri Community and it was confirmed that this is an issue throughout the district and the LTP approval process will hopefully address this.

Footpaths/Road signs/Lighting/Tunnels

- The parking issues in Button Lane was discussed and it was noted that whilst 'no parking' lines have been installed the major remains the widening of the road. It was noted that the Council Monitoring Team could actively patrol the parking issues in Button Lane and parking tickets could discourage people from parking there.
- It was noted that Councils 0800 number is in operation 24 hours a day so any parking issues can be reported immediately.

ACTION: The Planning & Policy Manager to discuss the current parking issues in Button with the Council Monitoring Team Leader and determine the best solution moving forward

- The issues around logging Service Request to address roading issues at the Taupiri Complex was discussed and it was noted that the Complex is not in the jurisdiction of Council.

Discretionary Fund Report to 8 June 2023

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [TCB2309/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- An extensive discussion for the upcoming 2024 ANZAC Day commemorations in Taupiri took place with the following points noted:
 - i. It was noted that ANZAC Day preparations have been undertaken by Ms Lovell for the last 6 years and additional support from both the Board and the Discretionary Fund is needed.
 - ii. It was noted that Council provide support for ANZAC Day activities in the form of Traffic Management and the wreaths and flower arrangements.

- iii. Is the Community Board in favour of continuing the ANZAC Day activities in Taupiri or investigate the possibility of a separate committee for ANZAC?
- iv. It was emphasised that this is just a discussion point at this stage to gauge Community interest and members will provide feedback at the next meeting

ACTION Community Board members to consider the annual Taupiri ANZAC Day commemorations and discuss at the next meeting.

Taupiri Netball Courts

- It was noted that the Blueprint report refers to upgrades of sports facilities, which includes the Netball and Rugby facilities.
- Communication with East Waikato Netball is ongoing and the plan is to get together with them and in time, join in with the Rugby Club

Taupiri Rugby Club – changing room facilities

- It was advised that initial conversations have taken place and in principal, WDC are happy to provide some support. It was noted that The Taupiri Rugby Club is not Council owned so at this stage, the scene has been set for further conversation.

Mayor Community Awards

- It was noted that the nomination from the Taupiri Community Board was submitted however no receipt of the nomination has been received.

ACTION: Mayors office to confirm that the nomination from the Taupiri Community Board was received.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.3

- It was noted that nets are going up at the netball courts in the next couple of weeks and the Board are just waiting on Council to install the lines in the next couple of weeks.
- There was discussion regarding a possible Christmas Function for the Community Board in conjunction with the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board and Cr Turner will liaise with the Deputy Chair to discuss further.

ACTION: Cr Turner to liaise with Mrs Diane Firth (Ngaaruawaahia Community Board) to contact the Taupiri Chairperson to discuss a joint Christmas function..

Community Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.4

- Of note were the works/upgrades at the school and it was advised that numbers at the school are only one (1) child away from 100, a new milestone!.

Councillor's Reports

Agenda Item 6.5

Cr Turner provided the Board with an overview of the different activities and events that she has attended over the last six weeks and noted the report from Cr Gibb with the details. Some highlights of the events attended include:

- Meeting with Maaori constituents in Tamahere and a visit to Big City Farm.
- Awards ceremony at the Waikato District Alliance in recognition of the work during Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Confirmed as the Council representative for the Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement (formerly Ngaati Maniapoto).
- The Waikato Raupatu River Trust – Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement meeting.

Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.6

- An update was given on the status of the LTP and noted that it is moving to part B, new proposals and financial discussions.
- It is anticipated that next week at the Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee there will be a revised Blueprint for Councillors to endorse.
- An update on recruitment across Council was provided along with the new Executive Leadership Team appointments.

PROJECTS

Agenda Item 7

Community Planting and Maintenance

Agenda Item 7.1

- There were no updates.

Taupiri Structure Plan

Agenda Item 7.2

- There were no updates.

Taupiri School Update

Agenda Item 7.3

