
MINUTES for the meeting of the Huntly Community Board held in the Huntly Library, 142 Main Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Ms S Matenga (Chairperson)
Ms K Bredenbeck
Mr GB McCutchan
Mr F McNally (*until 7:39pm*)
Mr J Sandhu
Ms E Wawatai
Cr D Whyte
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu (*from 6:17pm*)

Attending:

Mr W Loughrin (New Zealand Police)
Mr G Mackie (Huntly Youth Focus Trust)
Ms J Beverland (Lets Get Together Huntly)

Mrs V Jenkins (People & Capability Manager)
Ms M Horsfield (Acting Democracy Advisor)

Ms Bredenbeck open the meeting with a prayer.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Ms Bredenbeck)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- b. in accordance with Standing Order 9.4, the order of business be changed with agenda items 6.3 [Discretionary Fund Report] and 6.4 [Discretionary Fund Applications] being considered after agenda item 6.1 [NZ Police Update];
- c. all reports be received.

CARRIED

HCB2305/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Ms Wawatai & Ms Bredenbeck advised members of the Board that they would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 6.4 [*Huntly Community Board Discretionary Applications Report*].

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr McNally/Cr Whyte)

THAT the minutes of the meeting for the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

HCB2305/02

ACTION: Democracy to send out hardcopy agendas to the Board with more notice.

ACTION: Matters arising and actions from the previous minutes item needs to be added to future agendas.

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at the public forum:

- Mr Mackie submitted an accountability review for the Christmas Parade. Huntly Youth Focus Trust will be proposing a similar event this year. The Board asked Mr Mackie when he submitted the review. It was submitted in April 2023 to the Chair & the Community Led Development Advisor.
- The parade was well supported by volunteers and was highly rated by the public. A traffic management plan had been created for the Main Street for the event as a possible site for this year.

ACTION: Chair to ask the Community Led Development Advisor regarding getting the accountability report for the 2022 Christmas Parade on the agenda.

REPORTS

NZ Police Update

Agenda Item 6.1

A verbal update was provided to the Board by Inspector Will Loughrin – Area Commander for Western Waikato, incorporating Rahui Pookeka, and the following discussion was had:

- There were challenges at the moment where Police were the only Government agency that works 24/7. Police were transporting people to hospital and attending mental health emergencies which was taking time away from core police matters.
- Police endeavour to attend as many calls out as possible.
- Police focus on three clear goals.
 - Safe homes - This was focused on family harm and burglaries. When you look at ram raids, 90% of the young people involved had been victims of family harm. Police were partnering with NGO's in Huntly to provide support for families experiencing harm. Burglaries were viewed as very personal crime that make people feel unsafe in their homes. Police make sure that all lines of enquiries were sought for burglaries and that forensic teams attend the scene promptly.
 - Safe communities – This includes visible policing and 'walking the beat'. Patrolling Main Street allows Police to engage with the community, shop keepers and others who may be intimidating people and shop owners. Additionally this includes a focus on gangs, noting membership had increased in Huntly, as it had across the country and it was worrying that young people were seeing gangs as a good option when it was not. There was an all of police approach to methamphetamine, which was targeting distributors and supporting people with their addiction.
 - Safer Roads – There were too many fatalities on the roads. Police make no apologies for enforcement for speed, intoxication, texting infringements.
- Board noted concern regarding a possible gang pad near the town centre.
- Police had contacted Council regarding improving the quality of CCTV cameras. The connection between the cameras and HQ was affecting the quality. Police had received Better Off Funding for CCTV cameras in Huntly & Huntly East.
- Dirt Bikes – This was not an easy issue to deal with. Police would not pursue dirt bikes riders due to the risk of a fatality and the agility of the riders. There were other ways to capture dirt bike riders such as submitting footage that Police could follow up on. There was a concern regarding riders doing wheelies outside Huntly College during school pick-up times, as well as Fairfield Park where the park had been torn up by the bikes.
- Concern raised regarding counterfeit money – It was important that the incidents were reported.

- Crime statistics were available online and Police could make the information available to the Board.
- Was it true that Huntly was rated as having the third highest methamphetamine use in country? - Methamphetamine use was high in Huntly but the number fluctuates. Wastewater was regularly tested in Huntly to track methamphetamine use.
- Ram Raids – How were they prioritised? If there was a ramraid, Police will undertake a wide cordon to try and catch the perpetrators. This does not provide visibility which can lead to a public perception that Police were not attending calls as they do not directly visit the shop affected in the first instance. Forensics attend the scene as soon as possible to allow shops to open, however there are often multiple ramraids in one night that the forensics team had to attend. Fingerprinting was done as soon as possible.
- Tiktok – There were tiktok contests where young people were competing to steal as many cars as possible. In Te Kuiti, one individual managed to steal 10 cars in one night.

Huntly Community Board Discretionary Fund Report Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*HCB2305/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Communities often submit a funding application and then forget to submit the invoice. These need to be followed up.
- It was suggested that the funding commitment for the Tumate Mahuta Reserve BBQ be reallocated. Funds could be used for Christmas street flags and to revitalise the DEKA sign. It was noted that within the Discretionary Fund Policy commitments should not remain for longer than 12 months.
- Tumate Mahuta Reserve – What happens when Council does not action discretionary funding, such as the BBQ funding? Cr Matatahi-Poutapu was working with the relevant mana whenua on the development of Tumate Mahuta Reserve. There had been previous mistakes in the engagement and consultation process for the development of the reserve. There had been a reset for the project with how to better utilise the reserve, utilising funding from the current Long Term Plan (LTP) and proposals for the next LTP.
- Noted that there had been number of issues where Council had stood in the way of possible projects.

Accountability Reports

- Art in the Park – Eight (8) people filled out the questionnaire, which was a small number in comparison to the amount of patrons that attended. The accountability report was robust.

ACTION: Chair requested that an updated balance be provided as well as a report on outstanding invoices.

Resolved: (Mr McNally/Ms Bredenbeck)

THAT the commitment (HCB2112/05) for the BBQ at the Tumate Mahuta Drive Park, totalling \$20,000 (incl. GST) be returned to the discretionary funding pool.

CARRIED

HCB2305/03

Resolved: (Mr McNally/Cr Whyte)

THAT the Huntly Community Board receives the Discretionary Fund Report dated 3 May 2023.

CARRIED

HCB2305/04

Huntly Community Board Discretionary Applications Report
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*HCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

Matawhaanui Trust

- Proposing a coordinated rangitahi ‘get togethers’ programme over 10 weeks.
- Questions raised whether the Board was funding the whole amount. The trust was not in attendance to ask.
- Costs for the programme did not seem that high.
- Board was interested in where the workshops would be held.

Let’s Get Together Huntly

- How much does the Board normally commit for the event? Was roughly \$4,000 last time.
- The total income for the event was roughly \$28,000, but costs were \$32,000. There was money in the bank to cover the shortfall.

Resolved: (Mr McNally/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$3,800 (excl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to: (McInally/Greg)
 - i. Matawhaanui Trust
 - ii. for the 10 Week Rangatahi Plan.

CARRIED

HC2305/05

Ms Bredenbeck and Ms Wawatai abstained from voting on the following resolution.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McInally)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$3,500 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:
 - i. Let's Get Together Huntly
 - ii. for the Huntly Wearable Arts Show

CARRIED

HC2305/06

Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items March 2023
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*HC2305/02 refers*] and discussion was held.

Huntly Railway Station – Historic Station Building Relocation:

- Someone had cut through the fence and vandalised the railway station building.
- The museum was looking on how to include the character of Rahui Pookeka within the museum.
- There was a community hui planned for Thursday, 18 May. It would be good if Board members could attend.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Fitness Trail in Tumata Mahuta Drive Park

ACTION: Change the heading to Tumata Mahuta Drive Park going forward.

Street Lights Service Requests

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Inground garden lights, Main Street, Huntly

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Planned Projects (Roading/Projects/Waters Teams)

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

CCTV Cameras

- Council needed to improve the current CCTV quality. They were high quality cameras however the connection to the plasma screens was not quite right between the cameras and screens and did not provide the quality needed. The original installer needed to be called in to rectify the issue.
- Some residents were complaining about the location of the 50km/h sign on Harris St. The location of the CCTV near the sign was causing people to speed up on the corner by the power station because of the camera before the corner was perceived to be a speed camera. An additional camera needed to be added by the power station.
- CCTV installation costs – The costs for installation was expensive due to health and safety, installation of poles, electricity access, and connection to the police stations.

ACTION: Huntly Community Board to write a list for possible camera locations alongside the Police.

Project Updates

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Jakeman Place – Huntly Street Name

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Community Safety

ACTION: Item can be removed from the schedule.

Liquor Licences

- The Board was wanting to know the processes and receive answers for the following questions:
 - What was the process to apply for a liquor license?
 - What was the process to renew a liquor license?
 - What opportunities were there for public input regarding liquor licenses?
 - What was the difference between an on/off license and a supermarket?
 - Was the Local Alcohol Policy a shrinking policy?
 - Can you apply for a legacy license?
- The Board wants to ensure that liquor license holders were being held to account and were acting responsibly.

ACTION: Council staff to respond to the Board regarding the questions outlined above.

Chairpersons Report

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: This item to be re-titled as Social Procurement for the next agenda.

Kimihia School

- The People and Capability Manager and General Manager – Customer Support will meet with Kimihia School to discuss the issues relating to the subdivision on Tamihana Street and possible breaches in the consent conditions. Works were about to finish for the removal of soil. The cul-de-sac will be larger and safer and will open in a few weeks.
- The consent will soon be processed for the construction of houses. If there were issues with the building contractor, Council will follow up against any consent breaches.

Community Assets

- Former Maaori Wardens building will likely be demolished as it was derelict.

ACTION: Lease expiring dates be provided to the Board for community facilities.

ACTION: This item can be removed from the agenda.

Road Cones

- A road cone north of 100km/h on Great South Road north of Huntly had been there so long that they were getting sprayed by line-marking contractors.

ACTION: This item can be removed from the agenda.

Audit – Kerb and Channel

- Contractors did an acceptable job in undertaking the street sweep but the kerbs were in a poor condition which affected the quality of the job.
- Harris St – A contractor was discharging water onto the road, and the water was pooling at one end of the street due to the poor condition of the kerbing.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Huntly Waste Transfer Station

- Council was keen to make progress with that station.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Flags

- The current existing ANZAC flags were not of high quality. It did not sit with the Community Board but there was interest to take it on. Thought was needed regarding other potential events where flags could be used and set up a schedule.
- Possible zero harm responsibilities were discussed that would have to lie with the Board and the contractor if the Board took over responsibilities. Additionally the required costs of installation had led to the Community Board deciding not be responsible for the flag installation in the past.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Lake Hakanoa Tennis Courts Renewal

- The courts looked fantastic after their renewal.

ACTION: This item can be removed from the schedule.

Merchandise

- Mr McCutchan and Ms Wawatai discussed getting a Community Board flag for meetings, as well as other collateral such as name tags. Collateral would include the Community Board branding.

ACTION: Ms Wawatai to investigate merchandise opportunities.

Debris in Huntly South

- There was discussion whether responsibility was with Council or Kiwirail. Cr Whyte had met with Kiwirail and their contractors regarding rail issues in Huntly.

ACTION: This item can be removed from the schedule.

Gleeson Cox

- There was sloping on the north bound lane on Riverview Road by the Baptist Church. When Council fixed previous issues on Riverview Road, they put a large patch on the degradation roughly three (3) years ago. There were now potholes on the patch. What was the quality control around the patch as it should not have potholes?

ACTION: Council to investigate the pothole on the patch on Riverview Road by the Baptist Church.

- The Board queried the point and the costs of resource consent hearings when communities never win.

Berm and Reserve Mowing

- Reserves and Berms were being mowed without a catcher, which makes the reserve look unkept.

ACTION: The chair will submit a service request on the issue.

Mr McNally left the meeting at 7:39pm.

Freedom Camping Early Engagement Report Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*HCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Freedom campers were monitored strongly in Raglan and there were tough rules there. In Huntly, it was more relaxed for Lake Puketirini and Lake Hakanoa. The speedway was looking to have capacity for 100 campervans, where people can go and stay at fee.
- No real concerns from the Board with the Bylaw.

ACTION: Ms Bredenback to provide a feedback on the Bylaw.

www.huntly.co.nz website - Discussion Agenda Item 6.6

No discussion was held regarding the item.

Chairperson's Report Agenda Item 6.7

The chairperson gave a verbal report on the following items:

- The 70km/h sign that was located just before the entry to Waahi marae needs to be removed.
- Rubbish collection – Houses around the marae and past the power station were not receiving rubbish collection. Rubbish was getting placed near the marae where dogs were getting into them and making a mess.

ACTION: Chairpersonhair will submit a service request for where the boundaries for kerb side pick lie.

Councillor's Reports
Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [*HCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Cr Whyte

- Public toilets on Main street had been out of order and there had been a lack of communication with the community regarding their closure.
- The Huntly West Hub had reached a roadblock. The section where it was proposed to be located had a heritage layer that placed restriction on what can be built there. Good news was that the hub can go elsewhere on the Huntly West Domain, in a place where that was safe and accessible. The heritage layer had previously gone unnoticed, and as a sign of good faith Council will write the resource consent application for the Hub.

ACTION: Cr Whyte will investigate where there are other areas in Huntly that had heritage layers.

Community Board Members Reports
Agenda Item 6.8

The report was received [*HCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Ms Bredenback – There had been a request for a memorial for Rosemary Curle, a respected local resident who had passed away. Her husband had suggested somewhere along the Lake Hakanoa walkway. Ms Bredenbeck had noted that the Open Spaces Team was guided by the community for memorials.
- The Community Board expressed their support in principle for a memorial for Rosemary Curle.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:23pm

Ms Bredenback closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023.

S Matenga
CHAIRPERSON