

**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held at Waahi Marae, 177C Harris Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**

**Present:**

Ms S Matenga (Chairperson)  
Mr GB McCutchan (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms K Bredenbeck  
Ms E Wawatai  
Cr D Whyte  
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu

**Attending:**

Mrs V Jenkins (People & Capability Manager)  
Mr A Meththa (Infrastructure Project Manager)  
Mr J Murtagh (Brand Designer – Huntly.co.nz)  
Mr M Mackay (828 All or Nothing Powerlifting)  
Ms V Kemp (Friendship House Huntly)

Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

7x Members of the Public including the NZ Police Acting Area Commander

The meeting opened with a karakia.

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Ms Bredenbeck/Mr McCutchan)**

**THAT the apologies for:**

- a. non-attendance by **Mr F McNally & Mr J Sandhu** be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**HC2312/01**

## **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Ms Matenga/Ms Wawatai)**

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 12 December be confirmed:**

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

**CARRIED**

**HC2312/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

A declaration of non-financial interests were made by the following Board members:

- Ms E Wawatai – 828 Power-Lifting member.
- Ms S Matenga – Huntly Community Board Christmas Eve Dinner Applicant.
- Cr D Whyte – Huntly Museum Committee Member.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Ms Wawatai)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 31 October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**HC2312/03**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed under Public Forum:

- Mr J Murtagh (Huntly Museum) spoke to the Board and gave a presentation in regards to the Huntly Railway Project.
- A Powerpoint presentation was provided with an overview of the project for the Huntly Museum and the importance of names. The name of the project is called “Our Story”.

- Mr Murtagh is wanting to build on the community engagement evening held previously where people shared their ideas and a digital exhibition has now been created to share the history of Raahui Pookeka. Mr Murtagh is calling on members of the Community show support and participate in all activities happening in the museum.
- A Funding contribution of \$250 from the Community Board would be greatly appreciated. Funding from Wel has already been received to assist with the project. It was further noted that an open communication channel between the museum and the Board would allow for collaboration between the organisations
- Whilst the Board cannot approve funding without an application, they would like to see one sent through at the next meeting and a commitment from the Board can be made tonight in preparation for the application coming through.
- Mr Murtagh also spoke on the “Discover Huntly/Raahui Pookeka” online Community Hub that he is currently building and provided a presentation on the creation of [www.huntly.co.nz](http://www.huntly.co.nz).
- It was noted that Community members and Businesses can use the digital platform to promote their business, community organisations and community events along with a community forum to discuss ideas and topics.
- Businesses and Community Organisations can pay into the site at \$15 a month and be provided with a subdomain (their own specific huntly.co.nz website), with an email address and promotion on social media platforms.
- It was noted that the Community Board could look into the possibility of having a platform on the huntly.co.nz site and use this to have engagement with the community that tie into agendas for their meetings, minutes and any other topics they wish to promote.

## **REPORTS**

### NZ Police Update

#### Agenda Item 6.1

- The NZ Police Acting Area Commander for Waikato addressed the Community Board and provided an update on the current Police concerns in Huntly.
- Pressure in the community always at this time of year with whaanau struggling financially and mental health issues at the forefront.
- It was noted that violence and burglary figures are on the decrease both here in Huntly and nationwide which is good to see.
- It was noted that Boy-racers have made an appearance over the weekend and most weekends for the last few months.
- It was queried whether there were any local police around in the station at Huntly? Yes there are but it was noted that advertising is underway for a local community police officer.

- An extensive discussion was held in relation to motorbike riders and the issues around town with the different riders causing havoc. It was noted that police have chosen not to enter a chase situation with bike offenders as most riders do not wear helmets and the chances of serious injury or even death are far too high.
- A discussion in relation to the risk assessment of local citizens in town coming too close to having contact with bikers displaying intimidating behaviour was had and it was noted that near misses need to be reported to the police. A further extensive discussion around the 'Police Pursuit' policy ensued and it was noted that a lot of the people on bikes are young children or young adults and they are not making good decisions.
- The Police along with the community need to weigh up the best way forward and another extensive discussion was had. It was noted that putting the onus on whaanau to come forward and weighing up the potential consequences, education around safety and changing behaviours were options on the table.
- A discussion was had in regards to relationships between police and the community and the possible solutions with bringing the community onboard.
- A brief discussion was held in regards to the car burn-outs that are happening on the corner of Harris Street and Te Ohaki Road.

### CCTV Monitoring Services - Huntly Agenda Item 6.2

Mr A Meththa (Infrastructure Project Manager) provided a verbal presentation to the Board and the following discussion was held:

- The CCTV system is a generalised and commonalised system and Council are currently looking at the capability that the Hamilton City Council (HCC) system has.
- Key stakeholders for the project is the Community Board, NZ police, Council and mana whenua.
- The presentation included 'Before' and 'After' shots of the CCTV cameras that HCC have upgraded to which shows the quality of the images coming through and how clear and concise the images are.
- A picture of the command centre and how access to the cameras work for both Council and Police was shown to the Board and the costs of cameras was also discussed.
- In response to a query about the time it will take to have this project completed it was noted that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is currently being finalised with HCC and are looking to have this completed in the first quarter of 2024.
- A map of the current camera locations in Huntly was shown to the Board and it was noted that the next step for the project manager is to determine if the current camera locations are compatible with the HCC hardware.
- The cameras that are being proposed have 360 degree angle vision with one click PTZ Control and a demonstration of how this looks was also provided.

- The locations of the cameras to be considered by the board and there will also be input from the other key stakeholders.

### Discretionary Fund Report to 15 November 2023

#### Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*HCB2312/02 refers*] and there was no further discussion held.

- A discussion was had in relation to huntly.co.nz subdomain and the Board's presence online which is dedicated to the activities of the Board and it was agreed to make a commitment now for funding of the subdomain with an application to be tabled at the next meeting.

**Resolved: (Ms Bredenbeck/Mr McCutchan)**

**THAT the Huntly Community Board:**

- a. commits \$250 from their Discretionary Fund towards the “Our Story” Huntly Museum project with an application to be provided at the next meeting in February 2024;**
- b. commits an amount of up to \$2,000 from their Discretionary Fund towards the huntly.co.nz subdomain for an online presence with a quote to be provided by Mr Jed Murtagh for the remainder of the triennium; and**
- c. commits to reimburse Ms S Matenga \$300 from their Discretionary Fund for the haangi provided for the Community Board dinner on Tuesday, 12 December 2023.**

**CARRIED**

**HCB2312/04**

### Discretionary Fund Application Report

#### Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*HCB2312/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

#### 828 – All or Nothing Powerlifting:

- Mr M Mackay spoke to the application and provided a brief overview of the history of the club so far from February 2023. The club have already garnered success in the short time they have been together and took world records and 23 national records at the recent championships.
- The club are looking to run a ‘push/pull’ competition in February 2024 in Huntly and the club already have 25 local lifters signed up with more expressing interest.

- It was noted that the club will have four current world champions on display with two of the champions from here in Huntly.
- It was noted that there is some great talent residing in Huntly with power-lifting and this is a great opportunity for local people to show their talents.
- A brief history of the 828 gym was provided and how the power-lifting section came about as well as the t-shirt/sweater merchandise history.
- It was noted that the event has a few sponsors already on the table which is great to see and the club are hoping that more sponsors will come on board with social media.

**Resolved: (Crs Whyte/Matatahi-Poutapu)**

**THAT the Huntly Community Board:**

- a. **approves an allocation of \$1,000.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
  - i. **828 – All or nothing powerlifting**
  - ii. **towards the costs of the PA System; Platform Officials Equipment and Trophies for the powerlifting competition in February 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**HCB2312/05**

**Huntly Community Board – Christmas Eve Dinner:**

- Ms Matenga spoke to the application and provided the breakdown of costs along with the reasons for putting the application in for consideration.
- It was noted that the event is to assist those in the Community who are struggling during the festive season and it was further noted that there has already been 175 whaanau who have expressed their interest in taking part in the event.
- There was a concern raised around funding and how the Board is the only place that has been approached for funding to date and there are no other funding options on the table.
- It was noted that the money requested could be used to support other activities for children in the Community like entry fees for the Huntly Pools.
- The Board in general support the principal of the event but remain concerned at the high amount of funding requested.
- It was noted that the event could work in conjunction with the community hub to make it a more of a full day event and also look at the option of whaanau being able to take kai home.
- The principal of the night is whaanau coming together to share in kai which is what the community really needs right now.

**Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Ms Wawatai)**

**THAT the Huntly Community Board:**

- a. approves an allocation of \$2,500.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:
  - i. the Huntly Community Board
  - ii. towards the costs of a Community Christmas Dinner on 24 December 2023.

**CARRIED**

**HC2312/06**

Friendship House Huntly – North Waikato Rainbow Youth Group:

- Ms V from Friendship House spoke to the application and it was taken as read and no further discussion was held.

**Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Ms Wawatai)**

**THAT the Huntly Community Board:**

- b. approves an allocation of \$2,420.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:
  - i. Friendship House
  - ii. for the North Waikato Rainbow Community Youth Group.

**CARRIED**

**HC2312/07**

Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items December 2023

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*HC2312/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Hoarding at Garden Place

- No further discussion occurred.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

Huntly Railway Station – Historic Station Building Relocation:

- No further discussion occurred.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

### Tumate Mahuta Drive Park

- There was a brief discussion around the presentation at the last Board meeting and it was noted that there needs to be collaboration with the Board and mana whenua.
- The Board will be looking at ways to move this item forward and Cr Matatahi-Poutapu will take this idea and see it progress.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

### Street Lights Service Requests

- Lights are now working and this item can now be removed.

**ACTION:** Item to be removed from 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

- Item to be removed.

**ACTION:** To be removed from the Actions Register

### Jakeman Place – Huntly Road Naming Policy:

- A workshop to be held in January 2024 with the Board and organised by the Board members.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.



### Community Safety

- No further discussion held.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

### Social Procurement

- No further discussion held.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

### Traffic Barriers – Tumate Mahuta Drive:

- No further discussion held.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

### Service Request Update

- The Roading Service Request will be completed after Christmas 2023.
- The Town Clock has now been fixed (PRK0380/24) and can be removed from the Actions Register.
- The mowing at Kimihia Cemetery has been rectified and can be removed from the Actions Register.
- NZ Police Action I can be removed from the Actions Register.
- A brief discussion occurred in relation to Fairfield Park and conversations that have been heard between Council and NZ Police. It was noted that engagement should also be including the Board and Council need to ensure this happens moving forward.

**ACTION:** Item to be removed from the schedule.

### Long Term Plan Update

#### Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [*HCB2312/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Democracy Advisor gave a brief overview to the Board of the paper and Cr Whyte gave an overview of the discussions happening at a Council level.
- It was noted that when the Long Term Plan opens for consultation the Board need to come together and look at it further and discuss.

## 2024 Meeting Schedule

### Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [*HCB2312/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

**Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Ms Wawatai)**

**THAT the Huntly Community Board approves the schedule of Board meetings for 2024 as follows:**

- **Tuesday, 27 February,**
- **Tuesday, 9 April,**
- **Tuesday, 21 May**
- **Tuesday, 2 July,**
- **Tuesday, 13 August,**
- **Tuesday, 24 September,**
- **Tuesday, 5 November, and**
- **Tuesday, 17 December.**

noting that each meeting will be scheduled to commence at 6.00pm.

**CARRIED**

**HCB2312/07**

## Chairpersons Report

### Agenda Item 6.8

A verbal update was provided to the Board and the following discussion was held:

- Huntly College are turning 70 in February 2024.

## Councillors & Community Board Reports

### Agenda Item 6.9

The written report from Cr Whyte was received [*HCB2312/02 refers*] and taken as read and no further discussion was held.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day of

2023.

S Matenga  
**CHAIRPERSON**