

MINUTES for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**

Present:

Ms K Morgan (Chairperson)
Mr J Ayers
Ms D Firth
Ms K Hooker
Cr E Patterson – *until 6.45pm*
Ms V Rice
Cr T Turner
Mr G Wiechern

Attending:

Mr K Abbot (Projects & Innovation Manager)
Ms N Armstrong-Nield (Iwi & Community Partnerships Advisor)
Ms P Giles (Waikato District Alliance)
Ms D Herewini (Waikato District Alliance)
Ms E Saunders (Democracy Advisor)

Ix Member of the Public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All members were present and there were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Ms Firth)

THAT:

- a) the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 28 March 2023 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- b) all reports be received.

CARRIED

NCB2303/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Ms Hooker)

THAT the minutes of the meeting for the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

NCB2303/02

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at the public forum:

- Representatives from Waikato District Alliance reiterated to the Board that they are attending the meeting to keep the relationship for roading issues going between the Board and the Alliance.
- Mr J Whetu (member of the public) introduced himself the board and advised that he was attending the meeting tonight with particular interest in the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund for Festival Way/Galbraith Street.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*NCB2303/02 refers*] and further discussion was held.

- Question was raised about Commitment vs Expenditure on the Discretionary Fund report and the need to confirm that payments have indeed been made but not made twice.
- Ms K Morgan will have a discussion with Finance to seek clarification over the Discretionary Fund report and get a better understanding of it moving forward.

ACTION: Ms K Morgan will arrange a meeting with Finance to seek further clarification on the Discretionary Fund report to get a better understanding of how it reads moving forward.

Resolved: (Mr Ayers/Cr Turner)

THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board:

- a. receives the report; and
- b. approves an allocation of \$2,950.00 + GST from their Discretionary Funding account to:
 - i. Ngaruawahia RSA Memorial Club Incorporated;
 - ii. for Anzac Day commemorations and the erection of the White Crosses.

CARRIED

NCB2303/04

Ngaruawahia Works & Issues Report
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [NCB2303/02 refers] and further discussion was held.

- Perry Bridge Lighting –the Projects and Innovation Manager is continuing with discussions with relevant stakeholders.
- Ngaruawahia Hall accessibility toilet – still ongoing.
- Road Naming Process – how does this work? What was the process of getting a road name on the list? Rooding Team would contact the Board Chair by the end of April 2023 to organise a suitable time to schedule a workshop with the Board to select more names for the pre-approved list.
- Paterson Park Seating – there was no notification to the Ngaruawahia Rugby Club that this was happening – need to ensure open communications to all affected parties moving forward.
- Paterson Park Netball Courts – the locks had all been changed to the lighting boxes so key holders could not use the key obtained from last year. They do not want to have to pay another \$100 for another key for the 2023 season.
- Ms K Morgan was already speaking to the different teams in the community who use the court and is liaising with relevant Council staff to provide further information and an explanation as to why the locks have been changed and what the process was moving forward.
- Community Walkways - Two barriers were put across the walkways at Te Wiata Lane & Latta Place to stop motorcycles from being driven through but now they are quite close together so that not even pushchairs can fit through and also one (1) table that has been erected at Matariki Terrace along Te Awa Walkway was very close to a neighbouring property fence. It was decided that the table would stay there and not be moved.

ACTION: The status of work for the Public Toilet at The Point Reserve will need to be added to the Works & Issues Report moving forward to ensure the community and the Board is up to date with progress.

Proposed Road Name Application – SUB0013/21 – 24 Jackson Street
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*NCB2303/02 refers*] and further discussion was held.

- Ms K Morgan checked with Iwi about the macron above the ‘a’ in Tapapa Lane and confirming that there is a macron or double vowel for this name. Iwi had confirmed that they are fine with a macron as long as it was clear on the Street Sign so everyone understands that it is a long vowel.
- The Board confirmed that their preference would be for the road name to have a double vowel rather than a macron – i.e: Taapapa Lane and for this preference to be expressed to our Roding Team.

ACTION: Roding Team to be advised that the preference of the Ngaruawahia Community Board is to have the approved road name with a double vowel i.e - Taapapa Lane instead of using a macron.

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Turner)

THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board:

- a. **approves the following proposed road name submitted by the developer for SUB0013/21 at 24 Jackson Street, Ngaruawahia.**

- I. **Road I (B) – Taapapa Lane**

CARRIED

NCB2303/05

Infrastructure Acceleration Fund – Festival Way/Galbraith Street
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*NCB2303/02 refers*] and a brief discussion was held:

- Cr Patterson spoke briefly to the report and confirmed that any high-level questions could be passed onto relevant staff to answer who were not in attendance.
- Mr Wiechern had a question regarding the Typical Road Cross Sections Concept Design that was supplied with the report along with the alignment. Concerns were raised around the design and whether it can handle the volume of traffic.
- Traffic congestion could be an issue, particularly on Old Taupiri Road and Galbraith Street especially when there is a long train coming past the cars can be backed quite a way down the road.

- Concerns raised around the quality of the housing and the density that could be built in this area, particularly with quality of life for children in housing with no backyards to play in. *What kind of housing was going in there and were there any plans for parks or outdoor areas for living?*
- A workshop or meeting needed to be arranged with the relevant staff to come and answer questions and concerns of the board and the community.

ACTION: Arrange for relevant staff (Mr W Gauntlett or Mr P Henderson) to attend the next Community Board meeting or organise a workshop with the Board and members of the community to answer questions and concerns raised by the report.

Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Ms Rice)

THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board:

- a. notes the content of the report;
- b. notes the opportunity to engage with the project manager, including to provide input into the design and delivery processes;
- c. advises the project manager how and when they want to be involved with the project.

CARRIED

NCB2303/06

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 6.5

The Chairperson gave a verbal report on the following items:

- A question was raised about meeting invitations that were coming through from Council Staff for workshops and how could the Board tell if they are supposed to attend or if they were optional?

ACTION: Request for Democracy to specify clearly when the Board is required to attend a workshop and whether the full board is required to be in attendance or just the Chairperson – Add this item to the Works and Issues Report.

- It has been good to get the meeting invites to the different workshops happening at Council. It has been very interesting to be involved and be at the table when things are discussed and it was great to see a lot of representation at these workshops and meetings from both Ngaruawahia Community Board and the representative Councillors.
- Regatta – fantastic engagement opportunity for both Council Staff and Elected Members and it was great to see so many in attendance.

Kai Network Meeting

- The Chairperson continues to have conversations about kai for the community going forward particularly with the slow-down of packages with Covid not being as much of an issue now.
- It would still be beneficial for this type of service to be ongoing as there was still a need in the community for this support. The Chairperson will continue to engage with Community House and other agencies to connect communities to these services.

Te Mana O Te Rangi Reserve:

- *Could this be used as a site for a community garden?* Having planting on this site could help 'heal' the land itself on the reserve and whilst it might not be food grown for consumption it is something that could be looked at in the future.
- *Could there be some research undertaken or report done on the viability of this for the reserve and whether this is something that could be looked at moving forward?*
- *Can testing be undertaken on patches of the reserve so we can see what the soil is doing?*

ACTION: It was decided to take this item into the workshop space to discuss further.

Walk around with Police and Council staff

- The Chairperson went for a walk around the River Road/Kent Street area; The Point and under the Waikato Bridge (walkway) area with Police and Council Staff today to look at the streetlights and making sure they were visible.
- There is another walkabout tonight to check lights are going at night time; and how the spaces were looking in general. Had a brief discussion with Police about general crime statistics in Ngaruawahia right now and what these are looking like.

Engagement with Council

- The Chairperson had been formulating some thoughts around how best to engage with different departments in Council to ensure that information was being circulated that the Board in particular needs to be aware or need to know about.
- It would be great to have consistency around engagement across Council as relationships need to be maintained and were beneficial. A plan was still formulating and the Chairperson would continue to put more thought into this.

Te Awa Cycleway Event on Sunday

- Great numbers attending this event although some feedback from participants was that the I am start was quite late and an earlier start would have been preferable.

Councillor's Reports

Agenda Item 6.6

A written report from Cr T Turner was received [NCB2303/02 refers] and further discussion was held as follows:

- Cr Turner outlined all the different Council meetings; Sub-committee meetings; Workshops; Poukai; Community meetings and other engagement meetings that she had attended which confirmed it had been an extremely busy couple of months.
- Mana Whenua Forums and the process for inviting relevant parties to meetings and having good engagement was underway and Cr Turner was still working on this.
- Te Awa Cycleway Event was a fantastic day and it was great to see so many people out enjoying the track and getting amongst it – fabulous day!

Community Board Members' Reports

Agenda Item 6.7

Verbal reports were received on the following items:

- Workshop scheduled for 11 April re: Blueprintis although key stakeholders (i.e – Arts Centre/High School etc...) would like a different date for this as it was during the school holidays.
- Ms Rice was involved in some Road Safety signage with Ms M Jolly – watch this space for some new signs coming.
- Ms Firth attended the Hopuhopu/Taupiri/Ngaruawahia Structure Plan Community Engagement Event at the War Memorial Hall. It was a good turn-out from members of the community and some great interactions were had with both community members and Council staff.
- Ms Firth contributed some of the ideas that the board had come up with in workshops to ensure they were captured. Clarification was needed around Te Mana o te Rangi reserve and the concern that this reserve seems to be earmarked for a bigger dog park. There needs to be a whole engagement exercise with the community on this.
- Pedestrian Crossings along Great South Road – Was it possible to have these upgraded to stand out more with some better lighting? Crossings in Hamilton have a red light on them which makes them stand out and easy to see especially at night. Is this something Council would consider?
- Car Parking outside the Council Building – were the carparks and the angles/outlay of them going to change at all? These carparks seem to be spaced quite wide and more cars could definitely fit if this was changed? Council was not considering a change to this right now.
- Mr Ayers enjoyed walking around with the Police and Council Staff looking at streetlights and reserve conditions today.
- The Public Toilet at the Point was a real concern for members of the community and some further information was really needed from Council so the community was aware of what was happening with it or what the next steps will be.
- Railway Crossing at Princess St Intersection – safety concerns raised by Mr Ayers particularly in light of the fatal accident at this location on Saturday.

- Condolences & Sympathies were noted and extended from the board to the whaanau of the young victim of the road fatality on Saturday. An extremely devastating loss for the whaanau and the community and the Board will look at having a karakia next Saturday at the accident site.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.40PM.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023.

K Morgan
CHAIRPERSON