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**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Ngaruawaahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawaahia on **TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**

**Present:**

Ms K Morgan (Chairperson)  
Ms D Firth (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr J Ayers  
Cr E Patterson  
Ms V Rice  
Cr T Turner  
Mr G Wiechern

**Attending:**

Mr K Abbot (Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation)  
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

1x Member of the Public

Mr Jack Ayers opened the meeting with a karakia.

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Agenda Item 1

**Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Ms Firth)**

**THAT** the apology be accepted from Mrs K Hooker for non-attendance.

**CARRIED**

**NCB2309/01**

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

Agenda Item 2

**Resolved: (Cr Patterson/Ms Rice)**

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 12 September 2023 be confirmed:**

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

**CARRIED**

**NCB2309/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Agenda Item 4

**Resolved: (Mr Ayers/Ms Rice)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 1 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2309/03**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at the Public Forum:

- Mrs Maplesden introduced herself to the Board and gave a brief overview of her history in Ngaaruawaahia and advised that after catching up with the Chairperson she was encouraged to attend the meeting to get an understanding of how the Board works and what is happening in Ngaaruawaahia.
- Mrs Mapleston has an interest in the Gleeson Cox quarry on Hakarimata Road in the Huntly area and wanted to know where she could obtain information on the consenting process and whether she could be updated on the monitoring of consent conditions.
- Mrs Maplesden advised that she had submitted a couple of Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act (LGOIMA) requests to Council previously but would like

to know where the current Resource Consent was at; if any submissions were heard or if there was a hearing process undertaken.

**ACTION:** Chairperson to be provided with the correct information from the Senior Democracy Advisor to advise Mrs Maplesden further via telephone.

- Mr Wiechern noted that in the previous triennium the Chairpersons of the Community Boards would try and get together periodically and have meetings to discuss different issues in each Community but since Covid the Chairpersons have not been able to do this.
- Mrs Maplesden has concerns around the ability of Council to monitor the Resource Consent conditions that Gleeson Cox need to adhere to and she understands that there may be another resource consent that has been issued so would like to know if Council are indeed monitoring the consent conditions.

## **REPORTS**

### Discretionary Fund Report Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*NCB2309/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Chairperson highlighted the balance remaining from the Security Cameras Project which needed to be resolved by the Board.
- Ms Firth raised the possibility of the Board making a commitment tonight to partially fund entrance fees into the Ngaaruawaahia Town Pools this summer for community members. The Board have resolved to commit funds for the 2023/2024 summer period.

**Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Ms Morgan)**

**THAT the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board:**

- a. receives the discretionary fund report to ???(date); and**
- b. approves the amount of \$39.74; the balance of commitments less payments, towards the Security Camera Project in Ngaaruawaahia (NCB2106/04 & NCB2202/05), be returned to the discretionary fund pool.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2309/04**

**Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Ms Morgan)**

**THAT the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board:**

- a. commits to partially funding the entrance fee for Ngaaruawaahia Community Members to utilise the Ngaaruawaahia Town Pools for the 2023-2024 summer period.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2309/05**

Ngaruawahia Works and Issues Report  
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*NCB2309/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Street Naming:

- The Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation provided the Board with an update on this item as per the information in the report and advised the Board that it was underway and progressing well, being in the final stages of being completed.
- It was further noted that this also ties into the Road Naming Policy and the Te Reo Policy.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule for the duration of the project.

Point Public Toilet:

- The Board requested an update on what is happening with the public toilet at the Point Reserve and requested information to be provided at the next meeting. There has not been any information provided to the Board for the last few months.

**ACTION:** Update on the Point public toilet to be provided at the next meeting. Item to remain on the schedule.

Infrastructure Acceleration Fund:

- No further discussion was held.

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

Ngaaruawaahia War Memorial Hall:

- No further discussion was held.

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

Sportsfield Lighting – Paterson Park:

- The Chairperson noted that it was good to see things starting to happen at Paterson Park and the community is responding positively.

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

Galbraith Street/Festival Way Development:

- Mr Wiechern wanted an update as to where this development was at, particularly with community engagement as no updates have been provided for the last two meetings.
- Cr Patterson advised that there were communications being organised for engagement with the Ngaaruawaahia public which will provide further information next week.

**ACTION:** The Project Team to provide an update to the Board at the next meeting. Item to remain on the schedule.

Ngaaruawaahia Aquatic Centre:

- The Board discussed the ramp design for the Pools and it was confirmed that Design Option One had been chosen by the Board.

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

Panthers League Ground Carpark:

- No further discussion was held.

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

Galbraith Kindergarten:

- No further discussion was held but the Board acknowledged the updated information provided in the report.

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

Structure Plan Update:

- Mr Wiechern raised the question at the Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearing in the Chambers this morning (Tuesday, 12 September) about extra parking at The Point Reserve in Ngaaruawaahia. Cr Turner queried whether this could be done as part of the structure plan?
- The Democracy Advisor confirmed to the Board a drop-in session was happening at the War Memorial Hall on Tuesday 26 September 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and would forward the information to the Board via email.

**ACTION:** Policy Team to provide an update to the Board at the next meeting as to whether additional parking at The Point Reserve in Ngaaruawaahia could be done as part of the Structure Plan.

Signage & Security Fencing – Waipa River Walkway:

- Mr Ayers noted that the fencing does not appear to be secure. The public do not seem to have any issues still accessing the walkway. It does not appear like the issue would be that hard to fix. The Board would like this to be followed up again.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule with an update to be provided at the next meeting on the works completed to date.

Kelm Road Works – Council Facebook Post on Tuesday, 12 September:

- The Board raised concerns about the Facebook Post that appeared on the Council Facebook page regarding traffic diversions going in place down Kelm Road between Ngaaruawaahia and Taupiri. The Board raised concerns that they were not notified about these works and wanted to determine if Bernard Fergusson School or the High School had been advised.

**ACTION:** Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation to follow this item up for the Board and advise what works were being undertaken, along with confirmation that all the relevant affected parties, in particular the schools had been notified.

Chairpersons Report  
Agenda Item 6.5

The Chairperson provided a verbal report on the following items:

- The Chairperson advised that she had been busy these last few weeks with Koroneihana and the end of winter sports.
- A brief update was provided on the Te Awa Cycleway and the funding options available for different events.
- The Chairperson wanted to be clear with the request for a Basketball Court at Paterson Park – this should be a standalone court in addition to the existing Netball courts.
- The Chairperson noted that she has tried to get in contact with the Graham Dingle Foundation to attend a workshop to present their funding application that was denied earlier this year. The Chairperson would confirm contact details and get in touch again.

- The Chairperson advised the Board of a Funding Application that was received late Monday night (11 September 2023) – the Board discussed whether this application would meet the criteria for funding and whether it was something that should be supported. It was noted that the application would go on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Nomination for the Mayors award – the nominee advised that she did not want to be considered however the Chairperson was going to have a discussion with the nominee to ensure they were going to accept the nomination.

### Councillor's Reports

#### Agenda Item 6.6

The Councillors provided a verbal report on the following items:

- Cr Patterson gave an update on Festival Way and advised the Board that if works are going to occur it would not be until the next cycle (late 2024).
- It was noted that there have been a few Long Term Plan (LTP) workshops attended by Councillors but the biggest concern at the moment was the upcoming national elections.
- A question was raised in regards to the villa on Market Street next to the Returned Services Association – does anyone know when this house is going to be moved? There is no confirmed date at this stage.
- Cr Turner provided the Board with an update on her activities in the last six (6) weeks and the different meetings and conferences she had attended.
- Cr Turner took part in the recruitment process for the Executive Manager, Iwi & Community Partnerships that would be on the ELT, which she found a very interesting process.
- Both Councillors attended the Waikato District Alliance awards presentation which they both enjoyed being a part of and celebrating the great work done by the Alliance Team.
- An update was provided on the Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement Terms of Reference which was signed off by the Performance & Strategy Committee and awaiting final Council approval on 9 October
- It was noted that quite a few Council staff, along with elected members & two Board members attended the Koroneihana celebrations. There had been some great feedback from those that attended.
- An update was also provided on the mana whenua forum and it was advised this still needed to be worked through as it did not get approval at the Waikato Raupatu River Trust-Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee.

Community Board Members' Report  
Agenda Item 6.7

Members provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- Mrs Firth attended the Ngaaruawaahia Structure Plan Meeting with the Chairperson however attendance from the public was very low. There was some robust discussions had and further suggestions made.
- Mrs Firth advised there were two Board meetings left for the 2023 year and wanted to know if the Board would be interested in having an end of year dinner with the Taupiri Community Board like they did last year? The Board were receptive to this idea and Mrs Firth would touch base with the Taupiri Community Board Chairperson to confirm.
- The Beautification of Ngaaruawaahia plan is being worked on by Ms Rice with Mrs L van den Bemd. She would provide an update to the Board via email in the coming week.
- The Daffodils that were planted are now flowering and they look really good.
- Current Council Project updates are now live on the Waikato District Council website and any feedback is welcome from the Board. The website address is: <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/projects>. Cr Turner asked if it was possible to have a page on the Council Website for the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board.

**ACTION:** The Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation to follow this up with the Communications Team team to query the possibility of an Events page for the Ngaaruawaahia Community on the Council website.

- It was noted by Cr Patterson that the Safe Kids Day which takes place at the Point Reserve is being started again and would be kicking off soon. Cr Patterson would get some more information, then provide to the Board.

The meeting closed with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.35pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Ms K Morgan  
**CHAIRPERSON**