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**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**

**Present:**

Ms K Morgan (Chairperson)  
Ms D Firth (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr J Ayers  
Mrs K Hooker  
Cr E Patterson  
Cr T Turner

**Attending:**

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

Mrs C Palmer (Ngaaruawaahia Senior Citizens Club)  
Mrs J Anderson (Ngaaruawaahia Senior Citizens Club)

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Agenda Item 1

**Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Turner)**

**THAT the apologies from:**

- a. **Ms V Rice and Mr G Wiechern be accepted for non-attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2310/01**

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

Agenda Item 2

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

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawaahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 24 October be confirmed:**

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

**CARRIED**

**NCB2310/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Agenda Item 4

**Resolved: (Mrs Firth/Cr Turner)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngaruawaahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 12 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2310/03**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Agenda Item 5

There were no members of the public present.

## **REPORTS**

### Discretionary Fund Report Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*NCB2310/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Board resolved to subsidise the entrance fees into the Ngaaruawaahia Town Pools for the 2023/2024 summer season at a rate of 50% of the existing entrance fee and to use the remaining money left in the Discretionary Fund.

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Mrs Hooker)**

**THAT the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board:**

- a. commits to a 50% subsidy towards the entrance fee for Ngaaruawaahia Community Members to utilise the Ngaaruawaahia Town Pools for the 2023-2024 summer period using the existing funds available.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2310/04**

### Discretionary Fund Application – Ngaaruawaahia Senior Citizens Club Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*NCB2310/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Ngaaruawaahia Senior Citizens Club:

- Mrs C Palmer (Treasurer) & Mrs T Anderson (President) spoke to the application on behalf of the Ngaaruawaahia Senior Citizens Club.
- An overview of the event they are requiring funding for was provided along with a brief history of the Senior Citizens Club. The club promotes activities for the senior citizens of Ngaaruawaahia and provides opportunities for social activities and friendships for our senior citizens.
- It was confirmed that this is the first trip for the club since the COVID pandemic so this trip provides a great opportunity for our senior citizens to get together.
- The Board had already had a conversation about the application and welcomed the opportunity to seek further clarification.
- It was confirmed that over 95% of the members are local to Ngaaruawaahia.
- Cr Patterson acknowledged the work that both Mrs Anderson & Mrs Palmer do for this club.

**Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Mr Ayers)**

**THAT the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board:**

- a. approves an allocation of \$2,150.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
  - i. Ngaaruawaahia Senior Citizens Friendship Club;**
  - ii. for the Raglan Harbour Cruise Trip – March 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2310/05**

Ngaaruawaahia Works & Issues Report  
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*NCB2310/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Mr Abbot requested feedback on the new project page on the Council website. It was noted by Ms Morgan that the projects are listed on the website but there does not appear to be much content available. It would be good to see more content and detail that is current and up to date.

Street Naming:

- There was no further discussion.

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

Point Public Toilet:

- This item is not on the Council website “Projects” page and it needs to be added.

**ACTION:** Item to be added to the Council website as part of the project page.

Infrastructure Acceleration Fund:

- There was no further discussion.

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

Ngaaruawaahia War Memorial Hall:

- There was no further discussion.

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

Sportsfield Lighting – Paterson Park:

- There does not seem to be any update on the Works & Issues report yet work started today on this project. This project also does not appear on the project page on the Council website.

**ACTION:** An update on this project is required for the next Board meeting along with the addition of this item being added to the Council website.

Galbraith Street/Festival Way Development:

- This item is the same as Item 5 “Infrastructure Acceleration Fund” so can be removed from the Works & Issues report.

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

Ngaaruawaahia Aquatic Centre:

- There was no further discussion.

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

Panthers League Ground Carpark:

- There was no further discussion.

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

Galbraith Kindergarten:

- There was no further discussion.

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

Structure Plan Update:

- There was no further discussion.

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

Signage & Security Fencing – Waipa River Walkway:

- There is a site meeting on Wednesday 25 October and Cr Patterson, Mr Ayers and Ms Morgan will be attending.

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

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

- The communications surrounding the roadworks taking place on Great South Road were very late in the piece and affected community members were not given appropriate notice of the roadworks taking place.

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

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.4

The Chairperson provided a verbal report on the following items:

- Attended the 2023 Mayoral Awards and celebrated the nominee from the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board (Mrs Lynne Tahana). It was noted that it was a really great event, however feedback was provided on the process leading up to the night which had been received by the Mayoral Office.
- The Chairperson attended the Long Term Plan (LTP) workshops that were held last week and found them to be very interesting.
- It was noted that the National Community Board online meeting was scheduled for tonight but had to enter apologies in as it clashed with the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board meeting.

Councillor's Reports

Agenda Item 6.5

The Councillors provided a verbal report on the following items:

- It was noted that Council had recently celebrated the first year of the new triennium. There was special acknowledgement from the Board for Councillor Tilly Turner as she celebrates one year as a Maori Ward Councillor.
- Cr Turner provided the Board with an update on the mana whenua forum and also advised the Board of a meeting with Hukanui marae which took place today to discuss the entranceway.
- A Futureproof meeting was attended on Friday at Waikato Regional Council with other councils in attendance. It was noted that it was very sobering to see other councils in the same boat with rate prices.
- It was noted that both Cr Patterson and Cr Turner have attended quite a few workshops since the last Board meeting along with Council meetings.

## Community Board Members' Report Agenda Item 6.6

Members provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- Beautification of Ngaaruawaahia Project: It was confirmed by Mrs L Van Den Bemd (Community Led Development Advisor) that the signage at the entrances of Ngaaruawaahia would be along the lines of "Keeping Ngaaruawaahia Beautiful" rather than "Welcome to Ngaaruawahia". Mrs Van Den Bemd would be invited to the next Board workshop to discuss this further.
- Damage to the footpath on Market Street outside the Sherson house which was just transported to a new location. An action would be raised for the Alliance Team to follow up on fixing this.

**ACTION:** Waikato District Alliance Team to look at the Footpath on Market Street outside the Sherson House which was transported to rectify the broken concrete.

- 50km speed sign on Great South Road by the River Road turn-off needs to be reinstated correctly as it was removed during the Sherson house move and has been put back in place.

**ACTION:** Waikato District Alliance Team to look at the speed signs on Great South Road and ensure reinstatement of the signs back to their original position.

- The Taupiri Community Board and Ngaaruawaahia Community Board are having a joint Christmas break-up at the Taupiri Bowling Club on 17 November.
- The Ngaaruawaahia Pony Club has closed after 75 years which is a shame to see. It was queried what was happening with the old reserve where the Pony Club was previously located? Action to be raised to query with Council reserve staff.

**ACTION:** Ngaaruawaahia Pony Club (Council Reserve) update required for the next Board meeting; What is happening with this reserve?

- Traffic Mirror for Clark Road: It was noted that the Board are still just trying to get this over the line and it was further noted that the Board will consider looking at funding the mirror themselves and arranging for installation. Mr Abbot will provide further details on cost at the next meeting.
- The Ngaaruawaahia Fire Brigade are holding an information evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October for Rural Fire Community.

The meeting closed with a karakia.

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

Minutes approved and confirmed this                                    day of                                    2023.

Ms K Morgan  
**CHAIRPERSON**