

Minutes for a meeting of the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board to be held at the Glen Murray Memorial Hall in Glen Murray on **THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2024** commencing at **6.31pm**.

Present:

Ms L Fry (Chairperson)
Ms F Coker-Grey
Ms R Costar
Cr C Eyre

Attending:

Ms I Bolton (Deputy General Manager Customer Support)
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Mrs T Murray (Member of the Public)
Mr T Beatson (Member of the Public)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Ms Costar/Ms Coker-Grey)

THAT the Rural Port Waikato Community Board receives the apologies from:

- a. **Mr B Cameron (Chairperson) for non-attendance.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2406/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Costar/Ms Coker-Grey)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Rural Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 27 June 2024 be confirmed:

- a. and that all reports be received, and**
- b. that the Committee resolves that the following item be added to the agenda as a matter of urgency as advised by the Chairperson before Item 6.1 (Works & Issues Report):**
 - i. Item 6.9 - Application for Discretionary Funding: Ngāti Karewa Matariki Celebration***

CARRIED

RPWCB2406/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Eyre/Ms Costar)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Rural Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 16 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendment:

- *Actions List Item 2 – vegetation control needs to be added to the minutes along with the speed limits.***

CARRIED

RPWCB2406/03

PUBLIC FORUM

- A question was raised from Mrs Murray re: the Enhanced Annual Plan (EAP) Update. Mrs Murray noted that great feedback was provided during the EAP drop in sessions and the plan was adopted by Council yesterday however it would have been great to see a summary of the plan and the discussions that took place included in the agenda so community members could read about it and see the highlights.**

- It was noted by Cr Eyre that 227 submissions were received by members of the public over the EAP period and deliberations occurred last week and the final rates figure went from 13.75% to 11.9%.
- The summary of the Enhanced Annual Plan can be located on the Council website here: <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/article/2024/06/26/waikato-district-council-adopts-2024-2025-enhanced-annual-plan>

ACTION: Senior Democracy Advisor to include the link to the Enhanced Annual Plan Summary on the Council website in the Minutes for Community members.

Discretionary Fund Application

Agenda Item 6.9

The report was received [RPWCB2406/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

Ngāti Karewa – Matariki Celebration:

- The Chairperson noted that the original application was not received for various reasons however the original application has now been located and will be considered by the Board tonight. There were no representatives from Ngāti Karewa present due to conflicting schedules.
- It was noted that whilst the event is being held this weekend the application was received prior to the event and is not retrospective. It was further noted that the event is very well supported by the Community and is already sold out
- It was noted that it isn't clear whether the items being requested for funding are being bought or being hired however it looks like they are being hired.
- Cr Eyre confirmed for the Board that \$300 has been granted from the Mayoral fund and the event has also received a lot of koha (gifts) from the community.
- The Board deliberated the application and the merits of providing the funding to Ngāti Karewa. It was decided that due to the lateness of the event being tomorrow the decision was made to fund the event for the amount requested.

ACTION: Moving forward for any future event it was noted by the Board that invoices will need to be provided prior to the event and justification will be required as to the pricing and quotes – any future funding will require robust invoicing.

Resolved: (Ms Costar/Ms Coker-Grey)

THAT the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$2,300.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Ngāti Karewa – Ngāti Tahinga Trust;**
 - ii. for their Matariki Celebration.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2406/04

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items June 2024
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*RPWCB2406/02 refers*] and discussion was held on the following matters:

Missing Chevron Sign

- Has the sign been installed? The Deputy General Manager Customer Support to follow up for the Board.

ACTION: Item to remain on schedule.

Onewhero Speed Sign & Vegetation

- Further information required from the Service Delivery Team to clarify the update in the report.

ACTION: Item to remain on schedule.

Funding

- Ms Coker-Grey spoke to the update and advised that most of the wellbeing funding has been paid out at this time.
- It was noted that there were a couple of issues with the Pool Chemicals funding and it was confirmed that on the 26th of March Ms Costar emailed the list of things to do to get the payment to the applicant but no invoice has been received by Democracy to date.

- Ms Costar advised that she wanted to ring around to the local schools leading into the summer to see who were going to be open and what hours they will be opening for.
- Wellbeing fund vs Discretionary fund – the following email was sent by Democracy which outlines the work to date. It was noted by the Democracy Advisor that the Wellbeing fund payments have all been made and completed.
- Concern was raised over the discretionary funding process and the Pilates funding that took so long to get payment. The Board do not want to see this process put people off funding in the future. The Senior Democracy Advisor spoke to the Board in regards to the steps that the Democracy Team are undertaking to ensure the approved funds are being followed up on a regular basis and being paid.
- Ms Costar advised that both the invoice & the bank deposit slip should go to the board in the first instance so they can match things up with the minutes and what was approved and make it cleaner for council. It was noted that the reputation of the Board is on the line when this funding doesn't go through not Councils reputation.

ACTION: An easy to follow flow-chart or something similar that can go on the website to make Discretionary Funding steps easier will be worked on by Ms Costar with the Democracy Team to follow up with Communications to work on something similar.

- Is there a financial year snapshot that the Board can access showing where funding has gone? Ms Coker-Grey noted that she has kept a record.

Deer on the Road

- More site specific location of the issue to be identified and it was noted that the issue was located at Opuatia. Cr Eyre will put this back to Roding.

Discretionary Fund Report *Agenda Item 6.2*

The report was received [RPWCB2406/02 refers] and no further discussion was held.

Proposed Naming of 327B Whangarata Road, Tuakau *Agenda Item 6.3*

The report was received [RPWCB2406/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- The Deputy General Manager Customer Support advised that at the time of this report being written mana whenua were also be engaged with.

Resolved: (Ms Fry/Cr Eyre)

THAT the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board provides feedback on the following proposed reserve name for 327B Whangarata Road:

- **Whangarata Cemetery.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2406/05

2024-234 Enhanced Annual Plan Update
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received *RPWCB2406/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Cr Eyre noted that Council are now going straight into the Long Term Plan (LTP) and it was further noted that the cost of living crisis is not going anywhere.
- Council were going back to the community in preparation for the LTP querying what the community want council to deliver on and finding efficiencies where Council can.
- It was noted by Cr Eyre that there is no more money in the budget for roading projects but Council were awaiting on the outcome on their submission to New Zealand Transport Authority.
- It was noted that the coalition government are looking to scrap the roading fund that has been available previously for damaged roads caused by severe weather events and are wanting more emphasis on local resilience and upholding infrastructure. Council have lodged a submission and are awaiting the outcome.
- It was noted by the Board that communication in Council needs to get better in regards to roading works and who is undertaking those works. It would be good to know that when works are being undertaken there is an inventory taken so a road isn't being dug up 2 or 3 times for different jobs.
- Cr Eyre noted that the Waikato District Alliance (WDA) contract is coming to an end in 2026.
- Ms Costar will liaise with the Deputy General Manager Customer Support to ensure the story of works undertaken on Parker Road is shared with Council.
- Rating valuations are now out and on the Council website and it was noted that there are some differences in percentage increases.

Executive Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.5

The Deputy General Manager, Customer Support provided a verbal update on the following matters:

- Council are moving into a busy time with the end of the financial year and rating notices have now been sent out to the community.
- Dog Registrations are now due and the discount period is open until the 20th of July.
- The Three waters space is in a very interesting time and Council will keep looking at this space moving forward.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The Chairperson provided a verbal report on the following matters:

- An email was received from OSPA thanking the Board for the grant.
- Two stray dogs got out at the Port and killed 12 sheep on a property. It was noted that there are other dogs walking the street in the Port and it has been a long time since Animal Control has been out patrolling the area. The Deputy General Manager Customer Support will follow this up.
- The Chairperson noted that a QV valuation was sent out to a red sticker property in the Port in the middle of being demolished and the valuation went up. The Objection process was confirmed by Cr Eyre.
- The current Council consultations that are out for community input – the Board will proactive promote these consultations to ensure the community are having their say.

Councillors Report

Agenda Item 6.7

Councillors provided verbal reports and updates on the following matters:

- Port Waikato: Cr Eyre raised a concern that in the Port Report there had been some inaccuracies around the consent for the sand push up. The Consent was

applied for by Council on behalf of the Surf Lifesaving Club but there appears to be a lot of misinformation being shared.

- It was noted that the Board can do Facebook updates and sharing Council information to get accurate information out to the Community. It was noted that one person in particular appears to be sharing untruths but the Board will ensure that narrative is not supported.

Community Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.8

The members provided verbal reports and updates on the following matters:

- It was noted that the information being sent out regarding the Three Bylaws that are going out for consultation is fantastic and shows great proactiveness by Council in engaging with the community.
- Ms Costar noted for the Board that she is currently trying to resurrect the Franklin Federated Farmers and is wanting to start having monthly meetings to have engagement with local farmers. It was noted that local farmers having engagement with Council is also a main priority and it speaks to the Community Board plan of engaging with the community.
- It was noted that the Red Cross First Aid training is going ahead and the Board also noted that they are ready to sit down with the Council Resilience team to go over their Civil Defence plan.
- It was noted by Ms Costar that a test was done of the civil defence radios across the area and there was a great connection.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed with at 7.50pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2024.

B Cameron
CHAIRPERSON