

MINUTES for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held in Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Council District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2024** commencing at **6.04pm**

Present:

Ms K Morgan (Chairperson)
Mr J Ayers
Ms D Firth
Mrs K Hooker
Ms V Rice
Cr T Turner – *from 6.09pm*
Mr G Wiechern – *via audio visual link*

Attending:

Mr K Abbot (Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation)
Mrs M Paki (Executive Manager, Maaori Partnerships) – *from 6.18pm*
Mrs L Van den Bemd (Community Led Development Advisor)
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Two (2) Members of the Public

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agenda Item 1

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Mrs Hooker)

THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board accepts the apology from Cr E Patterson for non-attendance.

CARRIED

NCB2405/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 2

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Ms Rice)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 be confirmed:

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

CARRIED

NCB2405/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 3

The Chairperson Ms K Morgan and Cr T Turner declared a non-financial conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item 6.2 as they are members of Turangawaewae Marae.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Agenda Item 4

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Ms Firth)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held on Tuesday, 2 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

NCB2405/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at public forum:

Mr J Whetu:

- Mr J Whetu (Member of the Public) addressed the Board and provided his thoughts on the Ngaaruawaahia, Taupiri & Hopuhopu Structure Plan.
- Mr Whetu has a concern in relation to the Economic report and the fact that the focus seems to be centered on the main street of Ngaaruawaahia (Jesmond Street) and the old Waipa Tavern site and does not look at other parts of Ngaaruawaahia.

- At the end of Jesmond Street there was a presence that concerned residents and stopped potential business owners from wanting to invest in the town. The colour of the old Pharos building was still gold which was outside the heritage colour guidelines.
- There are concerns around the cost of development in Jesmond Street in particular as the development contributions in particular were extremely high.
- There were a lot of bureaucratic processes that Council staff had to follow which does not allow for growth in the Community or makes potential growth expensive and tediously long to go through.
- The Chairperson acknowledged the koorero (conversation) of Mr Whetu and also noted the history that Mr Whetu has with the Board as a previous member and Chairperson.
- The Chairperson also acknowledged the Council processes that potential business owners have to keep going through in order to see growth in the Community.
- The Board queried whether the relevant information in relation to the Structure Plan was being shared with the wider Community and the Chairperson will work with the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation on the communications plan moving forward.

ACTION: Communication Plans – how is relevant information in relation to the Structure Plan being shared with the Community? The Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation will follow up and work with the Chairperson.

- Cr Turner acknowledged Mr Whetu and thanked him for coming along to the meeting to express his views and the Chairperson addressed the Board and confirmed all the work that has been done to date and gave an overview of the completed projects.

Beautification of Ngaaruawaahia Project:

- The Community Led Development Advisor gave the Board an update on the “Beautification of Ngaaruawaahia” project and what stage the project is currently sitting.
- The Community Led Development Advisor has met with the local schools and it was noted that there is minimal engagement at this stage from the local High School.
- It was noted that the local high school principal has been met with and a meeting is going to be set up with students and the Graham Dingle Foundation to get some traction in the next couple of weeks.
- Ngaaruawaahia Arts Group have been approached to take part in the project but they would like to design themselves rather than go with what has been decided by the Board.

- Ngaaruawaahia Arts could possibly be invited to the next Board workshop to discuss this further and the Chairperson will look at extending an invitation.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report – 29 April 2024

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*NCB24054/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Discretionary Fund Application

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*NCB24054/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

2024 Koroneihana Komiti:

- Ms R Tawhiao (Traffic Management – 2024 Koroneihana Komiti) spoke to the application and gave the Board a brief overview of the costs of traffic management for the koroneihana event.
- A history of the traffic management funding that was provided in previous years was highlighted for the Board and it was advised that the previous funding provided by the Maaori Wardens through Te Puni Kokiri has now ceased.
- The funding requested from the Komiti is related to the Traffic Management Planning and the high costs involved with this. The Koroneihana takes place from 17 August 2024 and the Traffic Management Plan application needs to be in at least three months before the event takes place.
- The Koroneihana has been extended to take place over six days this year which means the costs of Labour has risen significantly.
- It was noted that when Cr Turner first became a member of the Community Board it was queried whether the Community Board Discretionary Fund was the right forum for applications like this from the marae. The Chairperson followed this up and provided the Board with a history of the koroneihana event for members.
- It was noted that Cr Patterson & Mr Wiechern were supportive of giving the Komiti an amount of \$4 - \$5 thousand (around half of the requested amount).
- It was noted that the reason for the support of the \$4 - \$5 thousand rather than the full amount is because it aligns with the amounts that the Community Board had given other community groups in the past.

- It was queried whether this type of funding could be considered with the annual Anzac Day funding that Council do yearly and it was noted the question could be asked.

ACTION: Senior Democracy Advisor to query whether this Traffic Management Plan (TMP) funding for koroneihana can be considered with the annual Anzac Day funding from the Mayoral Fund moving forward.

- It was noted that the majority of the Board support the motion of the full \$10,000 noting that the precedent could be set for other community groups.
- Cr Turner and the Chairperson stood back from the table and did not take part in voting on this item due to the conflict of interest noted. The Deputy Chairperson assumed the chair:

A division was called for voting on which was as follows:

For: Mrs Hooker, Mr Ayers, Ms Rice, Ms Firth

Against: Mr Wiechern

With 4 votes for and 1 against the motion was carried.

Resolved: (Ms Firth/Ms Rice)

THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$10,000 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. 2024 Koroneihana Komiti**
 - ii. for the 2024 Koroneihana event in August.**

CARRIED

NCB2405/04

Ngaaruawaahia Works & Issues Report
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*NCB2405/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Street Naming:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Point Public Toilet:

- Do we have a timeframe for when the Point Toilet will be completed? Do not have an exact date at this stage but will request an update for the next meeting.

ACTION: Date for Completion required for the next Board meeting.

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.

Galbraith Street/Festival Way Development:

- It was noted by Mr Wiechern that the future width of Galbraith Street – currently 5m will expand to 6m. The work is still ongoing for the widening of the road but no confirmed date as yet for completion.
- Mr Wiechern noted that he had met with the Waikato District Alliance Team, Watercare and other stakeholders in relation to the state of the road after the works being completed and it was noted that the road was going to be widened to 6m from Festival Way to Jacobs Lane once works are complete.
- The Roundabout on Old Taupiri Rd has started and works are yet to be completed.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Ngaaruawaahia Aquatic Centre:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to be removed from the schedule.

Structure Plan Update:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

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

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain to on the schedule.

Other business/new items:

- It was noted that the footpath on Great South Road between the Cheep Liquor Store and River Road is still unstable and requires fixing – can the Board get an understanding of when the footpath will be looked at and works will begin?
- It was noted by the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation that there is minimal funding for footpaths at the moment but if it is deemed unsafe then a service request can be logged with Council.

ACTION: Service Request to be logged for the Footpath between Cheep Liquor and River Road. Item to be added to the Schedule.

Paterson Park Playground/Changing Rooms:

- It was noted that the equipment has yet to be ordered and once it is ordered we will have a better date of when this will be completed.
- What is the update on the Changing rooms at Paterson Park? This work was on the Works & Issues schedule and there has been no updates to the Board. This item needs to be reinstated onto the Works & Issues report and an update to be provided at the next meeting.

ACTION: Item to be added to the Schedule.

Market Street Footpath

- The pathway is being looked at and discussions are happening between Council and the Developer to determine who is responsible for

ACTION: Item to be added to the Schedule.

Kernott Road – Public Forum Item:

- It was noted that the road is as it should be and nothing further can be done in terms of space.
- It was further noted that Cr Patterson is providing feedback to the member of the public who raised this item.

Clark Road – Mirror:

- A question was raised in relation to the Roading Traffic Mirror that will be installed by the member of the public on Clark Road who raised the issue and it was noted that the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation will following up with the Alliance Team.

ACTION: The Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation to check query with the Waikato District Alliance Team.

At this time in the meeting the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation spoke to the conversation that was raised by Mr Whetu in the Public Forum and the need to look ahead to the future.

It was noted that Council need to show the community that we are planning ahead and have processes and systems in place and are not being reactive – rather Council are being more proactive.

The Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation left the meeting at 7.05pm.

2024 Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.5

A verbal update was provided to the Board by Cr Turner and the following discussion was held.

- The hearings are underway with the first part heard this morning in the Chambers until 1pm.
- Day 2 of the hearings is tomorrow (all day) and there are quite a few submitters to be heard however it was noted quite a few submitters have not turned up to the hearings.
- The Senior Democracy Advisor advised the Board that the Hearings agenda is live on the Council website and the hearings are being live streamed.

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.5

The Chairperson provided a verbal report on the following items:

- An acknowledgement to Ms Rice for doing the reading at the Ngaaruawaahia Anzac Day Civic service.
- The Chairperson has attended quite a few meetings and workshops in the Council Chambers.
- It was noted by the Chairperson that Junior sport in Ngaaruawaahia has started as of last weekend with lots of children taking part and rugby league happening at the High School.

Councillors Reports

Agenda Item 6.6

The Councillors provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- Cr Turner acknowledged the recent passing of her brother in law a couple of weeks ago and her apologies for the meetings that took place over that time.
- Cr Turner noted that she has been attending local poukai at various marae and the discussions are starting to be had around maaori wards and what Councils position was. There are three topics Cr Turner has chosen to address at Poukai which are Maaori Wards, Rate Rises and Fast Track Consenting Bill.
- Cr Turner explained to the Board what Poukai is for their understanding.

Community Board Members Reports

Agenda Item 6.7

The Board Members provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- Ms Firth attended the Structure Plan Workshop in the Chambers and the plan is now live on the Shape Waikato website.
- It was noted that the hazardous waste collection recently advertised on the Council Facebook page is an excellent service that was very well run and a great initiative.
- Ms Rice is continuing her work on the Beautification of Ngaaruawaahia project along with planning a "light night" event on the cycleway and the Point Reserve.
- Mr Ayers expressed his support for Cr Turner and the Maaori wards and also reiterated his pride at seeing all the young people at the dawn services for Anzac Day. Mr Ayers is looking forward to starting the Civil Defence plan.
- Mrs Hooker also expressed her support of the Maaori wards and expressed her thanks to Ms Rice for Anzac Day. Mrs Hooker also wanted to acknowledge the speaker from the local high school who spoke at the Anzac Day service who was amazing.
- Mrs Hooker raised to the Board her concerns around the public toilets at Centennial Park and the fact they are always vandalised and locked and cannot be used by the public. There are a huge number of junior soccer players using Centennial Park on a Saturday morning and not having these toilets available means children are having to go elsewhere to use the facilities.

ACTION: An update on the Centennial Park Toilets and when these will be fit for community use again is required by the Board. Council Open Spaces or Facilities team to look into these toilets and provide the Board with an update on any issues.

The meeting ended with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.44pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2024.

Ms K Morgan
CHAIRPERSON