

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. TP3 of the  
Te Puke Community Board held on 23 March 2017  
at the Te Puke Library and Service Centre  
commencing at 7.00pm**

## **Present**

Members P Miller (Chairperson), B Button (Deputy Chairperson), J Dugmore, R Spratt and Councillors G Dally and J Scrimgeour

## **In Attendance**

M Potton (Chief Finance Officer), P Clark (Development Engineering Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

## **Others**

His Worship the Mayor Webber, Councillor M Lally, five members of the public, two others as named in the minutes and one member of the press.

### **TP3.1 Declaration by Newly Elected Community Board Member Ronald Spratt**

Elected Member Ron Spratt took the oath and signed the declaration witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer's nominee, Chief Finance Officer of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Matt Potton.

Acknowledged with acclamation.

## **Public Forum**

**Resolved:** Member Button / Spratt

*THAT the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.*

## **Old Railway Station Refurbishment**

Henry Phillips the owner of the old Te Puke Railway Station outlined his plans in regard to the refurbishment of the building and the proposed beautification of the immediate land area surrounding the building, highlighting the following:

- The new tenant in the railway station building café had made a positive impact on the business over the past twelve months.
- In conjunction with the rehabilitation of the main street roadworks currently underway – Mr Phillips was initiating the renovation of the land area in front of the old railway station.
- A 'kiwifruit' themed sculpture was planned to be erected on the grassed area.
- It was hoped to highlight the association of Te Puke with the kiwifruit industry in the immediate area in a manner that would be attractive and interesting to visitors to the township.

Mr Phillips advised that the information centre in front of the old railway station building did not get used and it had been suggested that the roof of the kiosk could be re-used for a school bus shelter in a rural area of Te Puke.

## **Clothing Bins**

Mr Phillips advised the Board that he had the contract for the management of the Clothing Bins until 2024 and was constantly trying to stop illegal rubbish dumping in the immediate areas of the bins. He advised that there were cameras in the vicinity of the clothing bins but they did not deter people from illegally dumping rubbish. When police did check the recorded information, they were limited in any prosecution actions. It was suggested that the installation of removable parking bollards may deter the illegal dumping to some extent, and Mr Phillips was advised that he should submit a Service Request requesting this.

## **Concern Regarding No.1 Road Speed Limits**

Mrs Helen Potter spoke to the Board outlining concerns of residents who live along No.1 Road at Te Puke in regard to the current speed limit which they considered excessive at this time and would like to see reduced. Mrs Potter noted:

- Residents would like to see a 50 km/hr applied to No.1 Road extending from No.31 to at least No. 98 along No.1 Road.
- Over the years there had been a number of new houses built along the road that in turn brought an increase in families using the road on a daily basis.
- There had been a huge increase in the number of trucks and commercial, agricultural and private vehicles using the road.
- The increased operations at the large cool store on No.1 Road had contributed to a lot more road traffic with commercial and private vehicles using the road.
- School buses picked up and dropped off school children and often had to negotiate the roadway with heavy commercial hay bailers and tractors etc. It was dangerous for children waiting for and getting off the school bus.
- There were a number of pedestrians now walking along the road.
- The road was narrow in places with some sharp curves and blind corners.

- There had been a marked increase in cars travelling at speed to and from the pack house area.

It was also noted that since the increase of heavy trucks using the road (a count of over 63 truck and trailer units travelling along the road from 12.00pm to 6.00pm had been made) there had been a marked increase in ground vibration in the immediate vicinity. It was felt that a reduction in the speed would reduce this vibration.

Board Members noted that there was also a cemetery on No.1 Road and there were a number of factors that warranted a reduction in the speed limit of the road. When the Annual Speed Limit Review was presented to the Board for consideration later in the year the Board would put forward a recommendation for a reduction in the speed limit along No.1 Road.

### **Youth Encounter Ministries Trust**

Mary Wanhill spoke to the Board in support of the Te Puke Community Board Grant Application for funding to assist with the payment of equipment leased in the delivery of the Youth Encounter Trust programme for at risk youth. The Board would consider the grant application under agenda item TP3.7.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Miller

*THAT the meeting reconvene in formal session at 7.38pm*

### **Presentations**

#### **TP3.2 Introduction to Ultrafast Fibre (UFF) and UFB2**

The Board received a presentation from Mike Ryan, the Stakeholder Strategy Manager from Ultrafast Fibre as a general introduction to Ultrafast Fibre services covering what had been achieved and what is coming up with specific Ultra Fibre services at Te Puke.

Mike Ryan gave an overview of the Ultrafast Fibre and UFB1 WEL Networks established in 2010 to rollout the Government Ultra Fast Broadband initiative across the Central North Island and in particular the Te Puke area.

**Resolved:** Members Spratt / Dugmore

*THAT the presentation from Mike Ryan, the Stakeholder Strategy Manager representing Ultrafast Fibre be received.*

#### **TP3.3 Emergency Management Bay of Plenty**

The Board considered a presentation from Naomi Lockett, Emergency Management Advisor (Community Resilience) who was in attendance to

give a presentation to the Board in regard to Community Response Planning (what is Community Response Planning) the Community Response Planning toolkit, Community Guides and the potential role of Community Boards in supporting Community Response Planning.

The Maketu and Te Puke are the only two communities in the Western Bay District that do not have an operating emergency response plan in place.

Information was provided to the Board to assist them in their engagement with the community to develop a Te Puke Community Response Plan. Ms Luckett advised that she would support the Board as they worked through the development of the community response plan.

**Resolved:** Members Button / Dally

*THAT the presentation from Naomi Luckett, Emergency Management Advisor (Community Resilience) be received.*

TP3.4 **Minutes of Meeting No. TP2 of The Te Puke Community Board held on 9 February 2017**

The Board considered the minutes no. TP2 of the Te Puke Community Board for the meeting held on 9 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Button

*THAT the minutes from meeting no. TP2 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 9 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

TP3.5 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 8 March 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

TP3.5.1 **Jellicoe Street Upgrade**

The Board was advised that when construction of the town centre was completed staff would undertake a post construction survey in regard to the outcome of the Town Centre Upgrade.

TP3.5.2 **Jubilee Park Skate Park - Request for CCTV Funding**

The Board was pleased to see that the Skate Park was nearing completion and would be officially opened on Saturday 20 May 2017. The new skate park would be a significant youth facility in Jubilee Park.

A request had been received from Council staff seeking funding for the installation of a CCTV system covering the skate park.

### TP3.5.3 **Station Road Noise Nuisance**

The issue raised in the Public Forum at the Board's last meeting by two residents of George Street, in regard to the scrap metal business noise disturbance been managed by the operators now obeying the current abatement notice for the operation of the business.

### TP3.5.4 **Main Street Flag Order**

The designs for the Te Puke main street flags had been worked through with staff and Council design contractors and had been circulated and approved by all Community Board members.

The Te Puke Community Board had passed a resolution at the last meeting (TP2 9 February 2017) to fund "a total of 50 flags ordered for a total cost of \$4,058.62 funded from the Te Puke Community Board Street Decoration Account.

**Resolved:** Councillor Dally / Member Spratt

*THAT the following flag orders be confirmed:*

*40 Kiwifruit Capital Designs*

- *Five Kiwifruit*
  - *Five Tui*
  - *Five Tractor*
  - *Five BBQ/Caravan*
  - *Five Dairy*
  - *Five Marae*
  - *Ten WW100 – 2017 The Grind of War*
- Ten Epic Te Puke Designs*
- *Two Ignite*
  - *Two Community*
  - *Two Events*
  - *Two Promotions*
  - *Two Unite*

### TP3.5.5 **Community Board Meeting Venues**

The Chairperson advised that he would investigate alternative meeting venues to recognise the different cultures within our community. He would like a meeting to be held at a local Marae on at least one occasion each year and he would like this courtesy to also be extended to our Indian community. Seven meetings would still be held in the Board Room at the Te Puke Library and Service Centre.

**TP3.5.6 Community Consultation**

The first public community consultation meeting for 2017 would be held in the Settlers Lounge on Tuesday 4 April at 7.00pm. The topic for the meeting will be the Community Board presentation to Council on the Annual Plan.

**TP3.5.7 Supporting Service Delivery Contractors**

The Board had meet with representatives from Epic and Te Puke Economic Development Group at their workshop held on 2 March 2017. Payment for the Annual Subscription to Te Puke Economic Development Group was presented in December 2016 and the Board adopted a recommendation that any decision relating to the payment be held over until after the by-election and subsequent discussion at a workshop.

The Chief Finance Officer advised that Board that they were under no obligation to pay the Te Puke Economic Development subscription invoice. Both the Te Puke Economic Development Group and Epic Te Puke were funded by a Council approved Service Delivery Contract and Community Board representation (or subscription) was seen as part of that contract.

The Chairperson advised that the Board may wish to make a submission to the Long Term Plan in regard to increasing funding to the service delivery contracts for Epic Te Puke and for the Te Puke Economic Development Group and would give this further consideration.

**TP3.5.8 Old Railway Station Upgrade**

The Board had discussed the proposed development of the old Railway Station at their last workshop and had appreciated the attendance of Mr Phillips and his clarification of the renovations of the Old Railway Station and the immediate surroundings in the Public Forum section of the meeting.

**Resolved:** Members Miller / Spratt

*THAT the Board commend the developer of the Old Railway Station site in Te Puke for his initiative and support the beautification project proposals put forward.*

**TP3.5.9 Information Kiosk in front of the Old Railway Station**

As part of the proposed redevelopment of the Old Railway Station land area, it had been suggested that the old Information Kiosk be moved from its current site.

The Board was advised that members of the public and service clubs had raised money for the erection of the Information Kiosk and the public should be asked what they would like to see happen to the building.

It was thought that the roof structure of the kiosk was sound, and if the building was to be moved off the site it had been suggested that the roof could be used for a school bus shelter in a nearby rural location. The walls of the kiosk were concrete block and would not be removable.

The Board would discuss this topic further and seek public opinion at their public meeting to be held on 4 April 2017. After gauging public opinion, if the Kiosk should be moved the Board would then make a recommendation to Council that permission be given to the developer to relocate to Information Kiosk to an agreed site.

**Resolved:** Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

*THAT options relating to the 'Information Kiosk be an item for consultation at the Te Puke Community Board's public consultation meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 April 2017.*

#### TP3.5.10 **Refurbishment of the 'Three Seeds'**

The Board was advised that the 'Three Seeds' sculptures were coated with an anti graffiti paint which made stripping cleaning and re-painting a difficult job. The 'Three Seeds' were instigated as a local project celebrating 25 years of the Te Puke Kiwi Fruit festival, and was an acknowledgement of the people who had worked in the kiwi fruit industry. The sculpture was developed by a local artist after consultation and consideration of the heartfelt thoughts of local people. The 'Three Seeds' sculpture did need refurbishment and the immediate area re-landscaped to show them off as originally intended. The Board felt that a 'Storyboard' could be placed near the sculpture outlining the history of the artwork and affiliation with the township.

It was noted that it was not viable to have the sculpture moved as it had been installed with very dense foundations and was close to various infrastructure service lines. It was felt that the general public of Te Puke should be given the opportunity to say what they would like to see happen to the 'Three Seeds' sculpture.

**Resolved:** Members Miller / Spratt

*THAT options relating to the 'Three Seeds' sculpture be an item for consultation at the Te Puke Community Board's public consultation meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 April 2017.*

#### TP3.5.11 **Training and Conferences for Elected Members**

Notice of the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Community Boards 2017 Conference had been received. The 2017 Community Boards Conference was to be held at Methven Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 May.

The Chairperson advised his unavailability for the conference and no other Board Members advised their availability or intention to attend.

### **Te Puke Community Board Grant Funding**

The Board was advised that an advertisement would be placed in the Te Puke Times calling for applications to the Te Puke Community Board Grant Funding for 2016/17. Applications were to be submitted by 31 March 2017 for consideration at the Te Puke Community Board Meeting TP4 to be held on 4 May 2017.

**Resolved:** Members Miller / Button.

*THAT the Te Puke Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 8 March 2017 be received.*

TP3.6

### **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 13 March 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Miller

*THAT the report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 13 March 2017 be received.*

TP3.7

### **Te Puke Community Board Grant Applications - March 2017**

The Board considered a report from Democracy Advisor dated 8 March 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

TP3.7.1

### **Youth Encounter Ministries Trust**

The Board discussed the application from the Youth Encounter Ministries Trust who were seeking Community Board Grant Funding of \$5,200 to assist with the payment of leased motor/dirt bike equipment used for the Youth Encounter Ministries Trust in their work with at risk youth in the community.

The Board noted that the application was for a large amount of the Community Board annual grant allocation funding and other community organisations who may put forward an application for the balance of the 2016/17 funding should also be considered. The Board had been advised that applications for the Community Board 2016/17 grant funding allocations were to be submitted by 31 March 2017 for consideration at the Te Puke Community Board Meeting TP4 to be held on 4 May 2017.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Spratt

1. *THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 8 March 2017 titled Community Grant Applications March 2017 be received.*
2. *THAT the application from the Youth Encounter Ministries Trust for \$5,200.00 be held over at this time and re-considered at the next Te Puke Community Board Meeting to be held on 4 May 2017.*

TP3.7.2

### **Te Puke RSA**

The Board considered a Community Board Grant Application for funding to assist with costs incurred for the 2017 Anzac Day Parade and Commemoration Service.

**Resolved:** Councillor Dally / Member Dugmore

*THAT the Te Puke Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Te Puke Community Board Grants 2016/2017 Account subject to all accountabilities being met:*

- *Te Puke RSA 2017 Anzac Day Commemoration Services \$500.00*

TP3.8

### **Update Report on Request for Change to Road Name - Collins Lane East to Ronald's Lane Te Puke**

The Board considered a report from Environmental Consents Manager dated 9 March 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

The report was presented in response to an approach to the Te Puke Community Board for the re-naming of a road name lost, possibly as a result, of renaming of "State Highway 2" to Te Puke Highway following the opening of the Tauranga Eastern Link. The road in question related to the historical "Ronald's Lane" recently named "Collins Lane". Residents approached the Te Puke Community Board requesting that the roadway be renamed "Ronald's Lane".

The Board clarified that the spelling of the name should be Ronald's Lane, after Mr Robert Alexander Ronald, an early resident of the immediate area and Ronald's Lane should begin at the immediate entrance to the lane from the Te Puke Highway to the end of the lane.

**Resolved:** Member Spratt / Councillor Dally

*THAT the Environmental Consent Manager's report dated 13 March 2017 and titled "New Road Name – Te Puke" be received.*

**Resolved:** Members Dugmore / Button

*THAT it be recommended to the Regulatory Hearings Committee that pursuant to Section 319 and 319a of the Local Government Act 1974, the Regulatory Hearings Committee rename the southern portion of "Collins Lane" back to*

*"Ronald's Lane"*

**TP3.9 Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke - March 2017**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 27 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillors Dally / Scrimgeour

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Office's Report dated 27 February 2017 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke - March 2017 be received.*

**TP3.10 Financial Report Te Puke - January 2017**

The Board considered a report from the Financial Accountant dated 6 March 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Spratt

*THAT the Financial Accountant's report dated 6 March 2017 and titled Financial Report Te Puke - January 2017 be received.*

**TP3.11 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of April and May 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Miller / Spratt

*THAT the schedule of meetings for April and May 2017 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 9.33pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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P Miller  
Chairperson  
Te Puke Community Board

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