

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. CC13 of the Community Committee
held on 11 October 2018 at the Paengaroa Community Hall,
223 State Highway 33, Paengaroa
commencing at 10.00am**

Present

Councillor P Mackay (Chairperson), Councillors G Dally, M Dean, M Lally, K Marsh, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer, J Scrimgeour, D Thwaites, and His Worship the Mayor G J Webber

In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), M Dowd (Acting Group Manager Technology, Customer and Community Services), F Begley (Community Relationships Manager), B Wilson (Community Relationships Advisor), G Ayo (Community Relationships Advisor), M Barns (Community Engagement and Development Coordinator), L Nind (Governance Advisor) and M Parnell (Governance Advisor)

Others

One member of the public and as mentioned in the minutes.

The Chairperson welcomed new Council staff members Louise Nind (Governance Advisor) and Michelle Barns (Community Engagement and Development Coordinator) to the meeting and noted that the Acting Group Manager Technology, Customer and Community Services was Marion Dowd.

Apologies

An apology for lateness was received from Councillors Murray-Benge and Scrimgeour. It was noted that Councillor Williams was on leave of absence.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Mackay

THAT the apology for lateness from Councillors Murray-Benge and Scrimgeour be accepted.

CC13.1 Community Team Update

The Community Committee considered a report from the Community Team Leader dated 28 September 2018.

The Community Relationships Advisor spoke to the report in the agenda and advised that the Community Engagement and Development Coordinator would be managing the Community Matching Fund moving forward. He played a video from the Makahae Marae, a previously successful recipient of a Community Matching Fund grant, regarding their Planting Programme 2018.

The Community Relationships Advisor advised of events that were coming up in the community, environmental projects and upcoming Community Plans.

In response a question, staff advised that the grant for the Makahae Marae came from the 2017 Community Matching Fund and that the Ōtanewainuku work was funded through an operational budget.

Resolved: Marshall / Thwaites

THAT the report from the Community Team Leader dated 28 September 2018 be received.

CC13.2 Paengaroa Community Association

Sue Matthews, Chair of the Paengaroa Community Association was in attendance to speak to the Committee regarding a high level overview of the Paengaroa Community Plan 2015-2025.

Ms Matthews spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and thanked the Council staff for their support in the Paengaroa area. She made the following points:

- She spoke to the strength of the initial settlement community and its links to iwi in Rotorua.
- She explained the main industry in the Paengaroa area was kiwifruit and avocado, AFFCO and Comvita and that the community included the developing Rangiuru Industrial Park, Showgrounds and a Pony Club.
- She talked about the Paengaroa Community Association Incorporated, which was established on 19 April 2011 and described the Council and community groups that they work with and regularly meet with.
- She spoke to the Paengaroa Community Plan and identified some successful projects that had been completed in the plan alongside New Zealand Transport Agency, the Council and the New Zealand Police, and also talked about some current projects.
- She explained the use of a bee as a motif for the community.
- She spoke to community concerns around road safety, security and rubbish around Paengaroa.

- She advised that the Paengaroa Community thought of Te Puke as their community of interest that they wanted to support and were looking at public transport to Te Puke.
- She spoke about development in Paengaroa including concerns around transportable and container housing. There was agreement that development should take place on one side of the road unless a bridge or underpass was provided to improve safety in crossing the road.
- 60% of Comvita employees lived in Paengaroa and many of those people walked to work.

In response to questions, Ms Matthews advised:

- The speed limit through Paengaroa had always been, to the best of her knowledge, 70 kilometres per hour.
- The Paengaroa School was the first response for an emergency plan and the Paengaroa Hall was the second space. This would be worked out with the Emergency Management staff at the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- Te Puke was the growth area designated in the Te Puke / Maketu Ward.
- There was often around 60 people attending meetings regularly and 60 families who belonged to the Paengaroa Community Association.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Dean

THAT the presentation from Paengaroa Community Association be received.

10.58am

The meeting adjourned for morning tea.

11.19am

The meeting was reconvened and Councillor Murray-Benge entered the meeting.

CC13.3

Tauranga Youth Development Team

Becks Clarke, General Manager of the Tauranga Youth Development Team, and Laura McLennan, Administrator for the Tauranga Youth Development Team, were in attendance to speak to the Committee about the outcomes of the 100% Summer Programme and results of a comprehensive survey about our District's youth.

Ms Clarke explained she had been asked to speak about her experience of youth engagement in the district and the work that the Tauranga Youth Development Team had done in the Western Bay. She advised of the passion for youth that the Tauranga Youth Development Team had and the connection between the Council's community strategies and their strategies for youth in the district.

She gave an example that all people at different times in their lives could be considered 'at risk' and explained the purpose of youth development in the district.

She explained that they work with the community development team at Tauranga City Council and had identified the following areas of concern for young people by young people and those who worked with them:

- Health care and wellbeing
- Connectedness
- Leadership - including young people
- Education
- Relationships
- Youth spaces and opportunities
- Youth voice

Ms Clarke played a video featuring Daniella Schroder, Board Member of the Tauranga Youth Development Team, about her involvement in the organisation from its inception. Ms Clarke advised of the 100% Summer programme and how it started. She explained that the majority of growth in the programme had been in the Western Bay and they had worked with community centres in the area to create great and meaningful programmes for the community. They also looked to avoid duplication of services and had come across cases where individuals were receiving aid from multiple organisations.

She spoke about the Delay Campaign, a campaign that encouraged youth to delay the consumption of alcohol. She advised that the Youth Development Team volunteers were aged between 15 and 30 years old and were being trained to facilitate and run events and given the opportunity to develop leadership skills to help run projects. They taught young people valuable skills to help them into adulthood. Ms Clarke described the positive Facebook campaign that had showed the team the interest in young people within the wider community. She concluded by playing the 100% Summer promotion video featuring the activities the group ran and some of the feedback from participants.

11.45am Councillor Marsh left the meeting.

In response to questions, Ms Clarke advised:

- The Tauranga Youth Development Team had a long standing relationship with the Katikati Community Centre and had recently reported on a survey featuring 305 students, where they had received quality information. They had recommended focus groups to the Katikati Community Centre moving forward to continue to collect information.
- They had just been connected with a group in Te Puke to help support their services. Their goal was to help support the existing communities to support their young people and avoid duplication of services. The team acted as a conduit for events and its members sat on different community groups and boards to provide youth perspective in communities.
- The group started meeting in 2010 and became an incorporated association in 2012 and Ms Clarke described it as an 'accidental

organisation' that they had not intended to establish when they first met but had organically developed.

- She explained there had been some changes in the Board / advisory structure and were looking for new governance members.
- She confirmed that they worked with parents and caregivers.

12.03pm Councillor Scrimgeour joined the meeting.

- 40% of Ms Clarke's job was seeking funding. Current funding was received through the District Health Board, the Tauranga City Council Long Term Plan and a number of different trusts and grants throughout New Zealand. Ms Clarke and Ms McLennan were the only employees.
- Had received a small amount of support from Western Bay of Plenty District Council last year.
- Had been asked to present to a panel regarding mental health and wellbeing this year and would like to be further involved in helping to shape Central Government policy about youth.
- Tauranga City Council had committed to \$20,000 per year for the next three years in their Long Term Plan 2018-28.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Marshall

THAT the presentation from Tauranga Youth Development Team be received.

12.13pm The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

12.45pm The meeting was reconvened.

CC13.4 **Trustpower Award Winner - Under the Stars Youth Community Spirit Award**

Ashleigh Ngow, winner of the Trustpower Under the Stars Youth Community Spirit Award and Head Girl of Te Puke High School, was in attendance to speak to the Committee regarding the award.

She spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and explained her family background. Her hobbies included indoor soccer, performing arts, the environment and she loved people. In 2019 she was planning to study at the University of Waikato doing a Bachelor in Environmental Sciences.

Her passion for the environment started after she got involved when the Rena accident happened and she had continued with her passion in local projects including local wetlands, mentoring students and was a delegate on a Youth Environmental Forum. She had implemented a rewards scheme at Te Puke High School rewarding those who recycled their hot drink cups. She had also helped out with other community events in Maketu and Te Puke. She had been a part of the Youth in Emergency Services

programme that had given her a greater context for the people who worked in emergency services in her community.

She had been surprised to receive the Under the Stars Youth Community Spirit Award as she was so involved in her community for the benefit of the community. She made special note of Clester Eru who had been a mentor for her involvement in the community.

Miss Ngow noted that in the groups she was involved in, there was not much youth involvement and she felt this was because many youth did not feel that they could make a difference.

Miss Ngow had gathered some feedback from the youth communities she was involved in and advised that the youth she spoke to appreciated the following about their communities:

- The upkeep of the local bushwalks
- The 100% Summer Programme
- The float parade
- The skatepath
- Cycleways

What they wanted more of was more opportunities for the youth in emergency services programme, free barista courses, opportunities to be involved in the community, more public transport, social reasons to stay in Te Puke (roller and ice skating, outdoor movie nights), student discounts, sustainable practices for the businesses in Te Puke and healthy and convenient options for eating.

In response to questions, Miss Ngow advised as follows:

- She caught the bus to school but sometimes drove to school who she had a practice that she needed to attend and sought to carpool when she drove.
- She would like to study in Tauranga but the public policy part of her degree required that she study onsite in Hamilton, which is where her brother currently was.
- The Community Relationships Advisor advised that Clester Eru and Council staff had been successful in gaining funding for a Youth in Emergency Services Programme in Maketu. Training with fire service, coastguard, civil defence and St Johns.
- She was not fluent in Mandarin.
- After being involved in the Te Puke Community Board as a youth representative, she knew who to speak to when she had a community issue. This showed her that she was able to make a difference in her community and she wanted this for other youth in the area.
- She believed that littering happened because of the fast paced lifestyle that young people lived. She believed that a change in behaviour would require a change in culture.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Mayor Webber

THAT the presentation from Ashleigh Ngow be received.

- 1.14pm The meeting was adjourned while the Committee waited for the next presenter to arrive.
- 1.25pm The meeting was reconvened.

CC13.5 **Priority One**

Nigel Tutt, Chief Executive of Priority One, was in attendance to give the Committee a 'Digital Enablement Update.' Mr Tutt spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation regarding digital enablement. He explained the background of the project and advised of the options moving forward; status quo, cancel the project, come up with a different model.

Mr Tutt explained his background in technology and the principles and the context for discussing a different model and advised of the community goals regarding digital access and the 'Smart City / Smart Region' concept, where regions were installing items like meters that were able to talk to other devices to enable better services in the community. These services required accessibility to the internet.

In his experience Mr Tutt advised it was easier to start projects like this right from the beginning rather than putting something online and then fixing it later. It was also important for Council's to be in agreement. He explained that the next steps involved forming a steering group. He also advised that costings had not been done yet, but would be done when Priority One reported to Council next in December.

In response to questions, Mr Tutt advised as follows:

- There would definitely be representation on the steering group for the rural community.
- He noted the issue in the Oropi Community where fibre had been made available to the school but not for the 40 houses around the school.
- The steering group would include technical experts.
- The first issue to overcome was accessibility.
- Would retain the work that had been done previously and would build upon it.
- An important factor in the success of the project was for the region to be on the same page regarding digital enablement.

The Acting Group Manager Technology, Customer and Community Services advised that this work had started three or four years ago but since that time there had been a substantive change and the ability to facilitate and coordinate efforts for communities to be digitally supported was better.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Mayor Webber

THAT the presentation from Priority One be received.

CC13.6 Te Puke Sports and Recreation Club Request for a Sponsorship Grant

The Community Committee considered a report from the Reserves and Facilities Manager dated 28 September 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Rick Hannay, Ash Peat and Danielle Dunseath from the Te Puke Sports and Recreation Club were welcomed. The Chairperson invited Councillor Lally to speak to the historical Te Puke grandstand and the requirement for the request before the Community Committee.

Ash Peat, the President of Te Puke Sports and Recreation Club introduced the team that was present. Mr Hannay spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised of the historic use of the previous grandstand in the Te Puke community. He advised that the Te Puke Sports and Recreation Club was an advocate for the Te Puke community and explained the opportunity that Te Puke Sports and Recreation Club had in recreating a grandstand area.

He advised of the process so far in getting the grandstand seating to Te Puke, and he played a video of the grandstand seats of One News coverage on the topic. He outlined the estimated costs based on the fact that the club will do as much of the work as they can and advised that they were looking for \$100,000 of funding from Council. Fundraising has started and would continue.

He explained the facilities that the club already had and that the club received annual support from Council for the upkeep of the grounds.

In response to questions, Mr Hannay advised as follows:

- The schools would use the grounds very frequently for both practices and competition games.
- They were not proposing a small grandstand but one that would be well built and made to last.
- They were realistic about time frames and had originally hoped for completion by June 2019 but were aware this was no longer possible.
- They had fundraised close to \$45,000 at present and had had discussions with Letts regarding technical club members. Any geotechnical work would be paid for from funding received.
- The club would be applying for Lotteries grants and to Sovereign. They had been unsuccessful in their application to Bay Trust for funding.
- Was not aware that the Te Puke Community Board may be able to help.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Scrimgeour

1. *THAT the Reserves and Facilities Manager's report dated 28 September 2018 and titled Te Puke Sports and Recreation club request for a sponsorship grant be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low*

significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

3. *THAT the Community Committee recommends that a grant of \$100,000 for the new grandstand be considered in the Annual Plan 2019/2020 and recommends that Te Puke Sports and Recreation Club approach the Te Puke Community Board regarding funding for the project.*

In conclusion the Community Relationships team advised that the Community Strategy review was underway, led by the policy team and advised that the presentations received today would be fed into that process.

The meeting concluded at 2.24pm.

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