

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. K22 of the
Katikati Community Board held on 31 July 2019
in The Centre. Pātuki Manawa
commencing at 7.00pm**

Present

Members J Hobbs (Chairperson), B Gibbs (Deputy Chairperson), N Mayo and B Warren and Councillors P Mackay and M Williams

In Attendance

K Hill (Utilities Manager), A Hall (Roading Engineer West), and A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor)

Others

7 members of the public
1 member of the press
Mayor Garry Webber

Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest that they may have.

Members were advised that if they had an interest (actual, potential, perceived, pecuniary or non pecuniary interest) in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table for the item. (As per the Local Authorities (Members' Interest) Act 1968)

The Chairperson declared an interest in Agenda Item K22.3 Item 1 Chairpersons Report – Pioneer Wetland Boardwalk Project.

Public Forum

Resolved: Member Hobbs / Councillor Mackay

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

Update on Katikati Memorial Hall Renovations

The Chairperson of the Katikati Memorial Hall provided a verbal update on the renovations currently being undertaken at the hall. It was expected that the bulk of the renovations would be completed by December.

It was also advised that the Katikati Memorial Hall was now a registered Category B Heritage building.

Thanks to the Board

On behalf of members of the Katikati Memorial Hall Committee and members of the public, Jim Davison extended thanks to the Katikati Community Board for their service over the past three years. The community had been extremely fortunate to have the Community Board lobbying for and championing Katikati. He also extended thanks to members of Katch Katikati and the Western Bay Heritage Museum for all their achievements over the past triennium period. "Thank you for representing our great little town, I wish you all the best for your future plans."

Park Road Traffic Congestion

Councillor Williams advised the Board of concerns related to him from a resident about the build up of traffic on Park Road. The construction of two retirement villages and new subdivision developments had created major traffic congestion problems on Park Road.

The concern resident requested that Council staff consider:

1. The placement of centre white line down the length of Park Road, which would keep traffic on the left hand side of the road.
2. Convert the berm to a parking area which would allow a safer flow of traffic.

The concerns were passed onto the Roading Engineer (West) who would reply directly to the Board after he had undertaken an inspection of Park Road.

Danger for Pedestrians Using the road Bridge on State Highway 2 immediately north of Katikati Township

Tania Rae and Phil Christophersen outlined a personal incident that had happened to Tania Rae when she was walking across the bridge north of Katikati. Ms Rae had slipped while walking along the bridge footpath and was lucky not to have fallen onto the roadway. The bridge footpath width was only half a metre and the constant flow of heavy trucks and traffic was dangerous for pedestrians. The speed limit on this section of State Highway was 50km and it was doubtful that any traffic would be able to stop in time to avoid any unexpected obstacle (or person) falling from the footpath. The wind funnelling and updraught caused by heavy trucks and general traffic often travelling over the speed limit was a danger for pedestrians using the bridge. If a person slipped off the bridge they would be run over - "People do not feel safe".

The new subdivision developments would bring another 300 plus homes to the immediate area which would increase pedestrian and mobility scooter use of the bridge footpath. Traffic flows along State Highway 2 across the bridge and through Katikati township were constant from early morning to late evening.

There had been a meeting in mid July attended by concerned residents and the Labour List MP Jan Tinnetti. It was questioned how the New Zealand Transport Agenda (NZTA) would make the bridge footpath safe for pedestrians, as part of the planned safety treatments for State Highway 2. The highway and bridge was the responsibility of NZTA and all safety concerns should be directed to them.

It had been suggested that a pedestrian clip-on (on the south side of the bridge) or a new footbridge may be a solution to keeping pedestrians safe.

The pedestrian island plastic barrier pipes were often broken by trucks, and the pedestrian island was also dangerous. The speakers were advised that the plastic barriers pipes were a visual barrier for the crossing point and not a barrier protection for pedestrians. The barrier pipes were designed to break on any impact.

Community Board members advised the speakers that concerns relating to pedestrian safety on the bridge had been raised many times with NZTA.

The Chairperson advised that on behalf of the Board she would write to NZTA to emphasise the concerns and advocate for residents about the unsafe aspects of the bridge footpath and also request a response as soon as possible that could be advised to the community.

Resolved: Members Warren / Mayo

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.23 pm

K22.1 Minutes of Meeting No. K21 of the Katikati Community Board held on 19 June 2019

The Board considered the minutes of K21 of the Katikati Community Board held on 19 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Hobbs / Gibbs

THAT the minutes of meeting no. K21 of the Katikati Community Board held on 19 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

K22.2 Council Decisions on Recommendation from the Operations and Monitoring Committee - C E Miller Bequest

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 22 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

It was advised that a line item for the C E Miller Bequest be shown in the Katikati Community Board Corporate Account.

Resolved: Councillor Mackay / Williams

THAT the report of the Senior Governance Advisor dated 22 July 2019 titled Council Decisions on Committee Recommendations in regard to the C E Miller Bequest be received.

K22.3 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 15 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

K22.3.1 **Pioneers Wetland Boardwalk Project**

Declaration of Interest

As a member of the Katikati Taiao the Chairperson declared an interest in this item and took no part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Resolved: Members Gibbs / Mayo

That Deputy Chair Gibbs assume the Chair for this item.

At the last Katikati Community Board meeting it was resolved that this item lie on the table pending further discussion at the next Katikati Community Board Workshop. The Board discussed this item at their workshop held on 12 July 2019.

The Board received a summary of the collaborative community project, between Katikati Taiao as the fund holder, Katikati Open Air Art, Uretara Estuary Managers and Western Bay of Plenty District Council Utilities Department, that was underway with the infrastructure construction completed by Fotheringhames and a community weeding bee by 15 local residents clearing the site of weeds ready for planting. The Corrections Department had been involved in the initial clean-up and it was envisaged they would provide a regular maintenance service to the area.

The project team was working with the Utilities Manager to procure the list of plants from the planting plan with the cost of \$1,825.97. Once plants arrive volunteers would plant the area and oversee the ongoing maintenance and Council would own and maintain the boardwalk. The total cost of the project was \$67901. With grants, donations and contributions from TECT, Western Bay of Plenty District Council Matching Fund, Lion Foundation, Katikati Open Air Art, Katikati Lions Club and a Community Give-a-little page totalling \$60,927.50 there was a funding gap of almost \$7000.

Resolved Member Gibbs / Councillor Williams

THAT up to \$2,000.00 be granted to the Pioneers Wetland Boardwalk Project for the purchase of native plants for the beautification of the Pioneers Wetland funded from the C E Miller Estate Bequest.

Chairperson Hobbs assumed the Chair.

K22.3.2 **Bird Walk Erosion**

It is advised under the Minute Action Report (Attachment A to the Infrastructure Services Report) that Resource Consent was being finalised for submission to Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

It was important that work to alleviate the continuing erosion along the bird walk path be undertaken as soon as possible to achieve the long term vision for the area and to enhance present bird life and future habitat environs.

The Board was disappointed that the bird walk path, bridge installation, erosion protection and development of the wetland had been continually blocked by bureaucracy and a general unwillingness to progress what was urgently needed to enhance and protect the area.

K22.3.3 **Historic Cricket Pavilion**

The Katikati MenzShed had expressed an interest in undertaking some of the renovation/repair work at the Historic Cricket Pavilion.

It is advised under the Minute Action Report (Attachment A to the Infrastructure Services Report) that staff would make enquiries with the Katikati MenzShed as to their capability to undertake the pavilion building repairs and painting.

The Strategic Property Manager would liaise with the Reserves and Facilities Asset Manager regarding this item.

The Community Board emphasised that any repairs and maintenance must be done in keeping with the age of the building and its historic significance to the township.

Board members asked if there was a heritage status classification on the Cricket Pavilion (noting that the Katikati Memorial Hall was now classified as a Class B Heritage Building).

K22.3.4 Freedom Camping Option

It had been suggested that Council liaise with the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) to facilitate setting up a camping site (similar to the very successful site at Waihi Beach) at Tuapiro Point as a partner venture between Council and the NZMCA.

It was noted that the NZMCA were always looking for camping spots and if the motor home association were prepared to put some money towards a development and Council were prepared to supply the land it would be a 'win-win' proposal for all and would take the pressure off other camping spots in the region.

The Board was aware that the NZMCA had partnered with Council for a motor camp area at Waihi Beach and this was a very successful venture.

The Board requested that the Reserves and Facilities Manager report back to the Katikati Community Board with options that may be considered to facilitate a joint venture with the NZMCA at Tuapiro Point.

K22.3.5 Improvements to the Lindemann Lookout and immediate surrounding area

Over recent years the Chairperson advised that she had submitted a number of Service Requests to have the area surrounding the Lindemann Lookout mowed and generally tidied.

A rubbish bin that was thrown down the bank in 2017 and this and other accumulated rubbish was still laying about. The area was never maintained on a regular basis and it was very disappointing that the lookout that provided such a magnificent vista of the Western Bay was immediately surrounded by such a rough and untidy section of land.

It was suggested that an approach be made to the immediate adjoining landowners to see if they would lease the ground area around the lookout for grazing stock at a nominal \$1 per year lease?

The Roding Engineer (West) raised the Board's proposal with the Strategic Property Manager and would provide an update report to the next Board meeting.

K22.3.6 C E Miller Estate

Council had passed the administration of the C E Miller Estate bequest to the Katikati Community Board to be specifically used for the beautification of the Katikati township. The locally-led Uretara Stream Esplanade Reserve Restoration Plan supported by Council Parks and Reserves staff

and Uretara Estuary Managers would be undertaken in stages and would have a transformational impact on the natural beauty of the town centre.

K22.3.7 **Water Quality of Uretara Stream**

The Board was advised that the E.coli measures in the Uretara Stream were still high. The 2019 whitebait season was only two weeks away and the impact on whitebaiters and the whitebait itself needed to be known.

The Board expressed extreme concern that the stream remained polluted and asked for confirmation that the checks for bacteria and sediment run-off were being undertaken to identify and eliminate pollution points.

The Board would request an update from the Land Management Officer (Tauranga Catchments) Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana regarding the current water quality of the Uretara Stream and ask what measures were in place to minimise pollution risks.

The Board requested an urgent report on:

- Any impact on the whitebait season (the health of whitebaiters) and the possible impact on whitebait.
- An update of the checks on orchards using chicken manure (to ensure the use of required guidelines for production and application) had been made.
- An update on the increasing pest bird population that was causing significant damage to grass due to grazing and fouling agricultural land.

K22.3.8 **Outgoing Chairs Comments**

Chairperson Jenny Hobbs reported that it had been her absolute privilege to serve Katikati community as an elected member of Western Bay of Plenty District Council for the last 6 years, and particularly as Chair of the Community Board for the last 3 years, however she would not be standing for the Community Board in the coming election.

There were many initiatives and projects that she was particularly very proud to be part of. There were also a few little disappointments throughout the 6 years, most notably the way some people were only too happy to be an armchair critic without ever having spoken to those at the coal face to get the accurate story.

The Chairperson feel strongly that the Western Bay of Plenty District Council would be enhanced with a Maori Ward seat and, given decisions are made by majority vote, one Maori voice at the table will only add richness to the debate, as it had for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. She was also convinced that a different form of representation at the community level would serve residents well, and that a less formal Community Committee made up of elected Councillors plus individuals

from the community with an interest in planned topics or initiatives would result in more people engaged with Council in a more productive way and the right people around the table more often, resulting in better community outcomes. Perhaps in 6 years time when the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Representation Review next occurs these changes would be supported.

This Board had improved Katikati roading with three important projects in Fairview, Stewart and Henry Roads and had committed to upgrade Earl Drive later this year. It had been a privilege to have been involved in the Town Centre upgrade since 2013 including Memorial Square, the Fire Station conversion to Western Bay Museum, Cherry Court upgrade and the biggest and most exciting infrastructure project on my watch, the new library and community hub - Pātuki Manawa - which was planned for 20 years and would serve the community well for the next 50 years plus - good infrastructure was so important in a growing community and one of the most important enablers for a resilient and connected community.

The Chairperson congratulated the Memorial Hall committee, Katch Katikati, Western Bay Museum and Katikati Community Centre on their work to provide exceptional facilities and experiences for locals and visitors alike.

The Community Board along with Katch Katikati had advocated long and hard for funds to review the 2010 Town Centre Plan and upgrade the footpaths in the absence of a bypass, and recently Council showed they have listened by allocating \$200K for a footpath upgrade and \$40K for a review of the Town Centre Plan, along with \$200K brought forward for a comprehensive study on the feasibility of Council building a Katikati bypass as a local road, all very good news indeed.

The Community Board supported Katikati Taiao (EnviroKatikati Charitable Trust) in their negotiations with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) for a 5 year support and funding partnership in the Community-led Development Programme (CLDP) and as a Katikati Taiao Trustee she was delighted that the Katikati community would now have this opportunity for local people to lead aspirational local initiatives that benefit the wider community. Five themes, identified by locals, came out of the community research project "Katikati Hearts and Minds" conducted by Katikati Taiao over the last year (in Katikati and involving hundreds of residents) - Service to Community, Youth Well-being, Mana Whenua, Intercultural Connection and Relationship with Taiao (natural environment). In partnership with central government the Katikati community would use the action plan from the research, which would be available to the public soon, as a springboard for locally-led projects particularly involving youth, education and work and career pathways, but any project supported by and benefitting many can be considered.

The Chairperson announced her intention to stand in the upcoming election for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. She outlined her passion about localism and how locals can inform the very best community-led

initiatives, for the people and the environment. She had served a good apprenticeship with Western Bay District Council and EnviroKatikati Charitable Trust and knew local government processes and community development practice so felt she could 'hit the ground running' in a Councillor role.

"There was important work to do for our communities, as with the climate emergency and fresh water concerns we need to make courageous decisions if we are to be proud of our efforts as Kaitiakitanga (guardians) for our rangatahi, tamariki and mokopuna (future generations) – after all, there is No Planet B if we get it wrong.

The Katikati community is amazing and I wish the incoming Board every success in their roles and work as elected members of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council in service to our people."

Resolved: Members Hobbs / Warren

THAT the Katikati Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 15 July 2019 be received.

K22.4

Councillor's Report

The Board received a report from Councillor Mackay dated 18 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda. Councillor Mackay provided a verbal update on the following topics:

Renewal of Vesey Stewart Reserve Lease to Sea Scouts

The Board was advised that the 42 year land lease at Vesey Stewart Reserve with the Katikati Sea Scouts had ended. The Katikati Sea Scouts had expressed interest in entering a new lease with the Western Bay of Plenty District Council. Council (in exercise of the powers conferred on it by delegation from the Minister of Conservation under the Reserves Act 1977) agreed to renew the lease. The agreement enabled the Katikati Sea Scouts to make some improvements to the current building.

The Katikati Sea Scout were aware that the leased land may be required for the potential expansion of the Dave Hume Swimming Pool complex and the lease included a clause that permitted Council to give reasonable notice to end the lease period sooner if required.

The Poppy Places Trust

The Board was advised of a Department of Internal Affairs initiative adopted by some councils to put a commemorative poppy insignia on street names that had some association with past New Zealand World War commitments.

Research of specific street names would be required and decisions would be left up to individual Boards and Councils to agree to the placement of

the 'poppy' signage. It was envisaged that an approximate cost of \$250.00 per sign would be incurred.

Solid Waste Kerbside Services progress

Alongside the Annual Plan, Council had consulted on a significant proposal to introduce a user pays Council-contracted kerbside recycling and rubbish collection service, intended to commence in 2021.

The Western Bay of Plenty District Recycling Centres had received very positive feedback in regard to the way they operated.

Glass Recycling

Board member Warren advised the Board that a local Katikati business had purchased and was very successfully operating their own glass crushing unit.

The Utilities Manager advised that he would be very interested in having a look at the unit and asked for details about the unit.

Resolved: Councillor Mackay / Member Hobbs

THAT the report from Councillor Mackay dated 18 July 2019 be received.

K22.5

Infrastructure Services Report Katikati - July 2019

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 8 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Highfields Pond

Board members were pleased to see that the trial for the increased water level would begin in October 2019. It was noted that weed growth needed to be cleared away from the edge and surrounding area of the pond.

Options for Changing Designation from Road Reserve to Recreation Reserve – Minute Action Reference K6 17 3.1.2

The Board was advised that options relating to the change in designation for a section of Thompsons Track were problematic, particularly from an enforcement perspective.

Board members felt that the change in designation from road to recreation reserve should be much easier and suggested that perhaps some 'outside the box' thinking be applied. They suggested that a simple large boulder barricade or ditch barrier would stop 4 wheel drive vehicles accessing prohibited areas of the track.

While understanding the statutory options relating to the road stopping, the Board felt that the proposal would result in having a stunning walking and cycling track in the district. The Board would await the outcome of the monitoring being undertaken.

Resolved: Members Mayo / Warren

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 9 July 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Katikati July 2019 be received.

K22.6 Draft Financial Report Katikati - June 2019

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 11 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

K22.6.1 Application for Funding from Katikati Pakeke Lions Club for Main Street hanging flower baskets

The Board was advised that an email note had been received from Ron Boggis on behalf of the Pakeke Lions seeking funding for costs for renovation and replanting the hanging flower baskets that were displayed along the main shopping area of Katikati during spring/summer/autumn periods.

\$2,000 was sought to cover the total cost for plants, some replacement baskets and potting materials.

Resolved: Members Mayo / Gibbs

THAT the Katikati Community Board approve the allocation of \$2,000 to the Pakeke Lions Club of Katikati for the upgrade of the Main Street hanging baskets funded from the Katikati Community Board Street Decoration Account.

Resolved: Member Warren / Councillor Mackay

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 11 July 2019 and titled "Draft Financial Report Katikati – June 2019" be received.

K22.7 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of July, August and September 2019.

Resolved: Councillor Williams / Members Hobbs

THAT the schedule of meetings for July, August and September 2019 be received.

Mayor Garry Webber extended thanks to the Board for their commitment to the Katikati community. He acknowledged the commitment of elected members noting the achievements over the past 2016/19 triennium. He noted that members of the Katikati Community Board had a lot to be proud of and extended best wishes for the future to all members.

The meeting concluded at 8.26pm

In accordance with Standing Order 27.4 these minutes are authenticated as a true and correct record:

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

J Hobbs
Chairperson
Katikati Community Board

Date

M G Taris
Chief Executive Officer

Date