

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. TP11 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 22 March 2018 at the Te Puke Library and Service Centre commencing at 7.00pm

Present

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

In Attendance

G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive), R Sumaren (Development Engineering Manager), His Worship the Mayor Garry Webber, Councillor Marsh and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

Eight members of the public and one member of the press.

Public Forum

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Spratt

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

The Chairperson clarified the protocols relating to the Public Forum section of the meeting as set out in the Standing Orders for the Te Puke Community Board. He then invited the advised speakers and any other attending members of the public to take part in the Public Forum.

Te Puke Town Centre Upgrade

Mark Boyle spoke to the Board and provided a summary of actions that the Te Puke Economic Development Group sought support for:

- **Reinstatement of Carparks**

It was stated that it would be seen as a genuine gesture to reinstate a significant number of carparks that had been lost in the re-development of the town centre.

- **Change the Plantings in the Town Centre Median Strip**

Change the current median strip plantings to a mix of grass and easily managed plantings

- **Level the Plaza Area Outside the Te Puke Jeweller/My Pharmacy Stores**

While recognising that the new wooden seat arrangements looked good, it was the view of the Te Economic Development Group that this was not what a 'plaza' should be. Already the furniture was being used as a jumping platform for skateboarders and was not a vibrant gathering place. It was suggested that a wooden deck overlay system that would not interfere with drainage be placed in the plaza area (an example of a similar construction at Mount Maunganui was shown).

Mr Boyle felt that there had been a reluctance by the Te Puke elected representatives to put forward what the Te Puke ratepayers wanted in regard the development of the town centre. He stated that if there was an issue of costs some landlords had indicated that they would be happy to make a financial contribution to achieve what was requested.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Boyle for his presentation and advised that it would be further considered by the Board at their next workshop reiterating that ultimately any decision would have to be made by Council in regard to any changes to the town centre development plan currently in place.

Te Puke Business Society - Murray Holyoake

Mr Holyoake spoke on behalf of the Te Puke Business Society asking the Board that they make a recommendation to Council to revisit Te Puke's parking, specifically in the Plaza area. He stated that in his opinion to review the parking in 2019 was too far away.

Mr Holyoake stated a summary of points in relation to the upgrade of the Town Centre. He advised that the Plaza had not been used for its stated use of promotions and the parking spaces in this area needed to be reinstated. If the missing four parking spaces were reinstated then the Te Puke Business Society believed that the Community Board had met their responsibility. He stated that the Te Puke Business Society was tired of being short changed and pleading for what was rightfully theirs.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Holyoake for his address and advised that the Board would consider the presentation further at their next workshop.

Various Te Puke Items - Karyl Gunn-Thomas

- **Its Not OK Signage**

Karyl Gunn-Thomas spoke to the Board and advised that the sign boards at each of the main highway entrances into Te Puke funded by the It's Not OK campaign and donated to the community were now being managed by Epic Te Puke. The placement of event signage to be placed on the boards were easy to manage and this was a great asset for the township.

- **Median Strip Planting and Pedestrian Crossings**

Mrs Gunn-Thomas acknowledged that the planted flaxes were higher the recommended planting for median strips. She felt that the median strip should not be put back into grass and suggested that red flowering carpet roses would be a good hardy and colourful species to block plant along the median strips. The carpet roses were virtually maintenance free and flowered for up to nine months of the year and it was time to 'think outside the square' and give some colour to our main street.

Pedestrians should not be crossing the road at random points, rather they should be encouraged to use the pedestrian crossings in a responsible and sensible manner for the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike. She noted that the basic instruction of the look left - right - left rules did not seem to be taught anymore and pedestrians put themselves at risk by simply stepping out onto the main street with an expectation that traffic would stop for them.

Mark Lally - Councillors Report on Representation Review

Councillor Lally spoke to the Board about his disagreement with the wording of the Councillors Report within this agenda on Page 18 that stated "It is interesting to note that all councils that voted in favour of Māori wards were challenged in this same way with campaigns well resourced by the Hobson's Pledge group." He stated that the statement was misleading and Councillor Scrimgeour acknowledged that the word 'supported' rather than resourced would have been a better choice for the sentence in question.

Citizens RSA Te Puke - Future Anzac Day Commemoration Services

Mr Vic Mottram from the Citizens and RSA Club of Te Puke spoke to the Board about forthcoming Anzac Day Commemorations. He asked how the Board saw the future of Anzac Day Commemoration services noting that the average age of a Returned Services Club member was in excess of 70 years of age. It was getting more and more difficult to find people capable and willing to organise the annual Anzac Day parade and commemoration services and each event came with increasing cost to the club that hosted the respective services.

The Anzac Day Commemoration services were a civic service and while part of our history and heritage it was important that the future funding and management be given consideration.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Mottram for raising this point noting that Council assisted by organising the traffic management for parades held throughout the Western Bay, and Council and Community Boards contributed to the costs of wreaths for respective services.

Business Owner - Changes to Te Puke Township

Mr Nigel McPherson, the owner of Sportsworld in Te Puke spoke to the Board saying that the changes to the Te Puke Town Centre had greatly affected his business. He stated that Te Puke was not a city and there were not buses running to and from the immediate town

centre. People used cars and car parks needed to be available for those users. If we cannot provide parking for our customers then they would go elsewhere - it was as simple as that.

Mr McPherson felt that it was extremely disappointing that others had made decisions that directly affected the business owners of the township and the plans for the town centre development that they had been shown and voted on were not the plans that they got.

He also felt that the appearance of the main street was untidy and the maintenance personnel were seen as being lazy in their approach to the required level of service to keep our township clean and tidy.

Mr McPherson stated that he preferred more car parks rather than the bigger plaza area.

Resolved: Members Spratt / Button

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.39pm.

The Chairperson advised that the meeting was now under formal process and members of the public were most welcome to stay but may not interject or speak to Board members during the course of the formal meeting.

Change to the Order of Business

The Chairperson requested that the next item of business be consideration of a Community Board Grant Application from the Citizens RSA Te Puke Anzac Day Committee in order to release representatives of the Te Puke Citizens and RSA Anzac Day Committee from the meeting.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that the item Community Board Grant Application - March 2018 be dealt with as the first item of business.

TP11.1 Community Board Grant Application - March 2018

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 5 March 2018, as circulated with the agenda.

An application from the Citizens RSA Te Puke Anzac Day Committee requesting funding assistance for Anzac Day Commemoration expenses was received. It was reiterated by the members of the Citizens RSA Te Puke Anzac Day Committee that the Anzac Service was a civic parade and members were the merely the facilitators to ensure the commemorations happened.

Resolved: Members Spratt / Dugmore

1. *THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 5 March 2018 titled Community Grant Application March 2018 be received.*
2. *THAT the Te Puke Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Te Puke Community Board Grants 2017/2018 Account subject to all accountabilities being met.*

Citizens RSA Te Puke Anzac Day Committee\$1,000.00

TP11.1.1 **Future Funding for Anzac Day Commemoration Services**

Comment was made that consideration for the funding of Anzac Day commemoration services in the future needed to be discussed by Council. It was felt that Anzac Day commemoration services were a civic event and should be funded by Council. The cost to specific Returned Services Association Clubs and other hosting agencies/committees were increasingly difficult to bear - particularly for those in smaller towns, and the need to rely on minimal grant funding year after year (from a Community Board Grant) was very stressful for the organisers of those respective annual Anzac services.

The Board was aware that Council organised and met the cost of the traffic management services required for the Anzac Day events, and provided wreaths for all participating services throughout the Western Bay but agreed that costs incurred by organising groups needed to be given further consideration.

The Board was advised that this was an item that should be included in their final Long Term Plan submission.

TP11.2 **Minutes of Meeting No. TP10 of The Te Puke Community Board Held On 8 February 2018**

The Board considered the minutes no. TP10 of the Te Puke Community Board for the meeting held on 8 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Dally / Member Button

THAT the minutes from meeting no. TP10 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 8 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

TP11.3 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 5 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

TP11.3.1 **Storyboards**

The Chairperson advised that the Storyboard for the Raymond Bridge would be installed on Thursday 29 March at 10.00am and he hoped that Board Members would be able to attend this. He would invite the local press reporter for the occasion and hoped that the publicity from this installation would prompt others who may be interested in developing a similar storyboard for historic sites in Te Puke to come forward.

TP11.3.2 **Jellicoe Street Flags**

Councillor Dally presented flag designs or the Board's approval.

The Board agreed to the following suggested amendments:

- The word 'Celebrates' should be used rather than welcome for both the Indian and and Nepalese flags.
- The Pacifika Peoples Flag was too busy and the names of respective islands should be removed.
- The 1918 First World War Flag Commemoration Flag needed to be adapted with less wording.

Councillor Dally would work on the amendments and forward them to Board Members to ensure confirmation of the proposed changes before submitting orders to the flag supplier.

The Board commended Councillor Dally for his work on bringing the flag designs to the table for consideration.

Resolved: Members Dugmore / Spratt

THAT the Te Puke Community Board approve funding up to \$3,450.00 plus GST from the Te Puke Community Street Decoration Account for the following street flags:

10 x 1918 Anzac Victory Flags

10 x Epic Te Puke Flags (2 of each design)

30 x Te Puke Celebrates our Indian, Nepalese and Pacifika Peoples (10 of each design)

TP11.3.3 **Additional Flag Order from Epic Te Puke**

The Board agreed that an order for ten Epic Te Puke - 'Te Puke Treat Trail' flags funded by Epic Te Puke be placed with the flag supplier the same time as the Te Puke Community Board flags order to achieve best discount rates for the combined number of flags.

TP11.3.4 New World Parking - Designated Public Car Parking Spaces

The Chairperson outlined the history of the land area now taken up by the New World development noting the agreement with Council that the land within the carpark area would be used for designated public car parking.

The Development Engineering Manager advised that he had had a very convivial meeting with the New World business owner and it was agreed that the 30 designated car park spaces should be identified and made available for public car parking.

A simple stencil design marked on the kerb and channel face of each carpark would indicate the respective public car parking spaces that would have availability for a 90 minute period at any time. The markings would be undertaken as soon as possible and it was important that public awareness of the availability of these public car park spaces be highlighted.

Councillor Dally left the meeting at 8.10pm.

TP11.3.5 Plunket Rooms Parking

The Development Engineering Manager had advised that due to traffic safety concerns, the initial request for a car park directly outside the front entrance of the Plunket Rooms in Queen Street was not viable.

TP11.3.6 Bus Park Commerce Lane

The Chairperson reminded the Board that it had been six years since the need for a specific bus park space had first been raised.

The Board had been advised that the designated Bus Park area would be marked in the very near future.

TP11.3.7 Jellicoe Street Median Strip

Further to the points raised in the public forum section of the meeting, outlining concerns about the plantings in the Jellicoe Street median strip it was felt that the current plantings were untidy and were overgrown and dangerous. It was also suggested that there was vermin infestation in the flaxes. There needed to be colourful low maintenance plantings and Board members would look at what other towns had done for their median strip planting.

The Board would further consider this topic at their next workshop.

TP11.3.8 Parking Kebab Shop to Community Hub (72 Jellicoe Street)

The Development Engineering Manager advised that he had checked the mobility car parks and parking time limits outside the three fast food outlets. It was agreed that there needed to be only one mobility car park (this should not be directly next to a kerbside garden) and the time limits for parking along the strip from the Kebab Shop to the Community Hub be reduced. The Development Engineering Manager advised that when the car park spaces were re-marked at the correct angle one more car park space would be achieved in this vicinity.

Members of the Te Puke Community Board agreed that between the Kebab Shop and the Community Hub on Jellicoe Street:

- one disability car park space be removed and the remaining disability car park be easily accessible for both driver and/or passengers (not next to a kerbside garden)
- the car parks be realigned and re-marked creating one extra car park
- the time limits for car parking outside the fast food shops be reduced.

TP11.3.9 Parking Outside Primary School - Boucher Avenue

The Roading Engineer (East/West) had been in touch with the Principal of the Fairhaven Primary School on Boucher Avenue in regard to options for improving traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times.

TP11.3.10 Community Consultation Programme 2018

The Chairperson advised that the Board would be hosting a community forum on Thursday 5 April at 7.00pm in the Vector Group Building on Oxford Street to provide the opportunity for the public to meet with the Board prior to the next Council Long Term Plan public consultation meeting.

TP11.3.11 Long Term Plan - Consultation Document and Have Your Say Events

The Long Term Plan Committee would adopt the Consultation Document on 15 March followed by a six-week consultation period from 23 March to 3 May 2018. A 'have your say' event would be held at Te Puke on the 15 April 2018 from 10.00am to 12.00pm at the Te Puke Sports Club. The event would include a registration area, informal information area and a separate area for a roundtable discussion between the community and Councillors/Community Board Chairs.

It was important that members of the public were encouraged to attend the 'have your say' events.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the Te Puke Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 5 March 2018 be received.

TP11.4

Councillor's Report

The Board considered a report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 6 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Representation Review

Councillor Scrimgeour acknowledged that his last sentence relating to the representation review should have said 'supported' - rather than 'resourced' (by the Hobson's Pledge group).

Smartgrowth

Councillor Scrimgeour acknowledged the value of the recent bus tour around the eastern regions of the Western Bay District that highlighted the agricultural, horticultural and business aspects and innovations in our region for our Tauranga associates.

Roading

It was noted that the concerns relating to the current western roading corridors in our district, highlighted how fortunate Te Puke was in regard to their completed highway improvements.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Miller

THAT the report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 6 March 2018 be received.

TP11.5

Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke - March 2018

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 21 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

TP11.5.1

Upgrade to Tom Balkie Lane

The Deputy Chief Executive was advised that Tom Balkie Lane from the roadway back to the bamboo had numerous potholes and was very rough and needed urgent attention.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that he would check the location of the roadway. If the required repairs were on Council land then the repairs would be undertaken within the roading maintenance budget.

Resolved: Members Miller / Spratt

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 21 February 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke March 2018 be received.

TP11.6 **Financial Report Te Puke - January 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 22 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Spratt

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 22 February 2018 and titled "Financial Report Te Puke – January 2018" be received.

TP11.7 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered of meetings for the months of March, April and May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Button / Spratt

THAT the schedule of meetings for March, April and May 2018 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

P Miller
Chairperson
Te Puke Community Board

Date

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