

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. TP18 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 21 February 2019 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

K Perumal (Group Manager Finance and Technology Services), S Harvey (Roading Engineer East), K Elder (Governance Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

Tauranga City Representatives: Howard Severinson (Infrastructure Delivery Manager), Monique Lints (Community Liaison Coordinator), Te Puke Centre spokesperson Karen Summerhayes, eight members of the public and one member of the press.

Public Forum

Resolved: Members Button / Spratt

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

Noise and Vibrations from Speed Bump – Cameron Road

Sheryl Gibney spoke to the Board outlining her concerns relating to noise and vibrations to her home on Cameron Road in the vicinity of the Te Puke Intermediate School. Mrs Gibney advised:

- She had lived in the same house for 35 years and the traffic along Cameron Road had greatly increased in that time.
- Many heavy trucks and trailers and double axle vehicles travelled along the road and when crossing the speed bumps caused increased noise when gears were changed.
- The heavy vehicles also caused her house to shake and vibrate when they crossed over the speed bump.
- The new bus routes and travelling hours from 6.55am to 7pm meant that there were 28 buses running every half hour over the speed bump on Cameron Road.

If the speed bump was removed there was a solar controlled speed restriction sign outside the Intermediate School which provided adequate warning for vehicles that there was a school in the immediate area.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Gibney for speaking to the Board and advised that there was a letter expressing similar concerns within the Chairpersons Report that would be considered by the Board later in the meeting. The Board would take advice from the Roding Engineer and report back to the next meeting.

Disability Car Park Shelters

Steven Bailey spoke to the Board outlining the difficulties people with disabilities had when they were getting out of their vehicles in wet weather. Mr Bailey reinforced that he was thankful for the number of disability parks available in Te Puke noting that:

- Some of the parks were in the wrong place, had gardens and kerbing too close to vehicle door opening spaces that limited movement.
- Some disabled drivers had to manoeuvre themselves backwards to be able to close their vehicle door which was very difficult for a person with limited mobility.
- The new Jellicoe Street single lane road traffic design had made it much safer for wheelchair users to access the back of their vehicles.
- Some kerbs needed to be lowered in the town centre to enable easier access for wheelchair users.

Mr Bailey would like to see some covered wheelchair locations (similar to those that cover bike stands) in specific parking areas – outside the pharmacy, the medical centre and pathology laboratory. He asked that the Board give consideration to putting in some covers over mobility car parks and also that the Roding Engineer look at options to change the position of some of the existing mobility parks in the town centre to improve accessibility.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Bailey for his attendance and advised that there was a report on Disability Park Shelters in the Te Puke Central Business District within the Chairpersons Report that would be considered by the Board later in the meeting. The Board would take advice from the Roding Engineer and report back to the next meeting.

Kapok Vine – Moth Vine

Gael Blaymires spoke of her concern at the proliferation of the Kapok Vine (also known as the Moth Vine –*Araujia hortorum*) that was particularly rampant throughout Te Puke. The vine was very attractive with bell flowers and after flowering produced pear-like pods that produced a kapok pulp and many thousands of seeds that were easily spread and quickly took hold, strangling established trees and plants.

To eradicate the Moth Vine pest plant it needed to be pulled out, as it would grow again if just cut back. Mrs Blaymires noted that this was the second time she had come to the Board about the Moth Vine and previous contact with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council about the pest plant had not resulted in any action. It was suggested that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council be requested to undertake a publicity campaign to advise residents of Te Puke about the pest plant and how it should be eradicated. It was also suggested that the local Te Puke newspaper highlight another story about the pest plant in an attempt to inform residents about the invasive pest plant.

Proposed Dog Exercise Park Area along the Kahikatea Walkway

Mrs Blaymires asked if there had been any progress on a proposed Dog Exercise Park adjacent to the Kahikatea Walkway.

The Chairperson advised that this would be further considered when the Dog Control Bylaw was reviewed by Council during 2019/2020 year.

Te Puke Memorial Swimming Pool

Jo Page spoke of her concerns about the recent machinery breakdown and subsequent closure of the Te Puke Memorial Swimming Pool. It was extremely unfortunate that the breakdown had occurred during peak summer temperatures. Mrs Page raised the following points:

- Who owned the pool?
- Who ran the pool?
- What was the future of the pool?
- Were the mechanics of the pool checked on a regular basis – particularly through the winter to ensure it would operate during the busy summer period?
- The dressing rooms were dirty and required refurbishment.
- The water in the pool had at times been 'green'.
- There was no covered seating at the pool for spectators.
- Local children needed to learn to swim and needed to be able to use the local pool on a regular basis.

Mrs Page noted that the Te Puke Memorial Pool was a wonderful community amenity that needed to be upgraded and efficiently maintained and operated. A new pool complex was not needed in the community as the current pool met the needs of users who visited the pool regularly and participated in various aquatic activities.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Page for her address and advised that the Board would discuss the topic at their next workshop and give consideration for the Te Puke Community Pool to be the next Community Forum meeting topic.

Resolved: Member Button / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.40 pm

7.42pm The meeting adjourned
7.47pm The meeting reconvened

TP18.1 Presentations

TP18.1.1 Te Puke Centre

The Chairperson of the Te Puke Centre Trust Karen Summerhayes gave an update to the Board regarding the proposed Te Puke Centre noting:

- Following Kiwi Bank vacating the NZ Post Shop in Te Puke the need to maintain a central postal and social service in the same premise was recognised.

- A funding campaign had resulted in \$65,000 being raised over a 5 week period to support the establishment of the NZ Post and central service centre in the same building.
- There was a lot of support from the general community and local business operators.
- People who had private mail boxes did not want that service to cease.
- Negotiations with New Zealand Post and the building landlord were continuing.
- The landlord needed assurance that the lease payments would be met.

Ms Summerhayes asked the Board to:

- Make a contribution from the Community Board reserve fund as a one off payment for the set-up of The Centre.
- Support an application for rent for one year through the Annual Plan.
- Support an application for a service contract for the Te Puke Centre.
- Give an invitation to the Te Puke Centre representative to attend the Board's Annual Plan Workshop.

Ms Summerhayes noted that there was room in Te Puke for a Visitors Centre and a post office shop in the same building and tabled a concept plan of the proposed outfitted complex.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Summerhayes for her presentation and requested that a formal letter be provided to the Te Puke Community Board outlining the current status and projected sustainability of the proposed Te Puke Centre.

Resolved: Members Spratt / Button

THAT the presentation from Karen Summerhayes representing the Te Puke Centre be received.

TP18.1.2

Waiari Water Scheme Project

Howard Severinson and Monique Lints were in attendance representing the Tauranga City Council in regard to the Waiāri Water Supply Scheme project and spoke to a presentation noting the following updates:

- The construction of the Waiāri site access was continuing
- Consultation with landowners at No.1 Road was currently underway.
- The vegetation plan had been consulted on and completed.
- Regular e-news updates and community consultation was continuing.
- Fact Sheets and the pipeline map were available to the public.
- Tenders for the pipeline work had gone out in October 2018. As a result of limited response, a split tender process (for 3 separate contracts) would be undertaken, being:
 - 4km of pipeline from the water processing plant down No 1 Road and across Landscape Road
 - Farm land across Te Puke Highway to Poplar lane

- Reservoir to Reservoir – 9km of pipeline to Te Puke Highway from Poplar Lane to Welcome Bay Road and along Welcome Bay Road to the eastern reservoir.

The Reservoir to Reservoir pipeline route was the first contract to be awarded. The work was expected to commence in mid-March 2019 and be completed by June 2020.

The required resource consents were being managed in consultation with the Waiari Kaitiaki Action Group and included a Mauri monitoring model, vegetation management plan and ecological monitoring. Options to improve access to the Waiāri Stream were being considered.

The Board was advised that there would be no construction work undertaken on No.1 Road during the kiwifruit season. The No.1 Road section of pipeline would be designed to decrease traffic disruption. Horizontal drilling would be undertaken along sections of the road, except where there were tight curves and some steep embankments.

The community would be kept informed of the progress of the project at various local community events, by web-site and social media, YouTube, and e-news sites and local newspapers.

The Chairperson recalled earlier discussion about the possibility of some 'give back' options from Tauranga City Council to the Te Puke community and asked if there had been any progress on this. A walkway/cycleway along No.1 Road to the Trevelyan Pack House and a pedestrian clip-on structure for the Waiari Bridge had been highlighted. The Infrastructure Delivery Manager from Tauranga City Council advised that there had been no further discussion or confirmation on this matter.

A question was asked whether in the current dry season that resulted in water restrictions, would sharing of water resources would be considered to minimise the impact of future restrictions, particularly for those in the agricultural, horticultural sector. The Infrastructure Delivery Manager from Tauranga City Council advised Tauranga City Council was doing as much as they could to minimise water use and enable availability of the resource to be shared as much as possible.

The Chairperson extended thanks to the presenters noting that he looked forward to the future updates on the progress of the project.

Resolved: Members Spratt / Button

THAT the presentation in regards to Waiari Water Scheme Project from representatives of Tauranga City Council be received.

TP18.2 **Minutes of Meeting No. TP17 of The Te Puke Community Board held on 29 November 2018**

The Board considered the minutes no. TP17 of the Te Puke Community Board for the meeting held on 29 November 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the Minutes from meeting no. TP17 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 29 November 2018 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

TP18.3 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 22 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

TP18.3.1 **Annual Parking and Bylaw Review**

The Chairperson reiterated that heavy trucks parking in residential areas of Te Puke continued to be a serious health and safety risk and asked that this be discussed at the forthcoming Parking and Bylaw review.

TP18.3.2 **Beattie Avenue Litter**

The Board advised that since the installation of the bins alongside the Domain in Beattie Avenue, there had been a marked reduction in litter being dropped along the roadway.

TP18.3.3 **MacLoughlin Drive Up-Grade**

The Board was advised that the design for the upgrade to MacLoughlin Road was almost complete and work on the project was expected to begin in June after the Board had had the opportunity to preview the project.

The Roading Engineer (East) advised that he would approach the Orchard Church for a financial contribution for the requested parking area (to be incorporated into the project) in the immediate vicinity of the Church facility.

TP18.3.4 **Rubbish Bin Replacement Jellicoe Street**

The Board requested that two other quotes for the refurbishment or replacement of four older rubbish bins in Jellicoe Street be sourced. In their opinion the first quote provided for the replacement of four bins at \$6,600.00, or refurbishment at \$619.00 each was exorbitant. The Board would consider replacement or refurbishment of the bins on receipt of new quotes.

TP18.3.5 2019 Speed Limit Review

The Board was advised that the Western Bay of Plenty District Council had put on hold the review of speed limits on local roads, pending direction from the New Zealand Transport Agency on its Western Bay of Plenty state highways.

The Board reaffirmed the proposed speed limit changes they wished to see considered when the review was undertaken:

1. Manoeka Village

The proposed speed limit to be 50 km/hr.

This would extend from Te Puke Quarry Road to Shraun Orchard at 293 Manoeka Road.

2. No. 1 Road

The proposed speed limit to be 50 km/hr 900m up the road from the Te Puke Highway intersection.

3. No.2 Road

The proposed speed limit to be 50 km/hr extended a further 100m up the road.

4. No.3 Road

The proposed speed limit to be 50 km/hr 100m above McLaughlin Drive to the Jellicoe Street intersection/roundabout.

5. Washer Road

The proposed speed limit to be 50 km/hr.

6. Te Puke Highway

Extend the 50 km/hr speed limit to the Waiari Bridge and do away with the current 70 km/hr limit.

TP18.3.6 Tactile Paving

The Board was advised that the Boucher Avenue tactile paving pathway would be installed over the next month. The Chairperson noted that this was a significant step forward for those in the community with a sight disability.

TP18.3.7 Flaxes and Grasses Jellicoe Street Median Strip

The Board requested that serious consideration be given to whether flaxes, toi-toi and tall grasses continued to be used as decorative plantings in the median strip along Jellicoe Street and on other district roads. Sight lines at pedestrian crossings and intersections along Jellicoe Street were at times reduced. If the plants were trimmed they grew back very fast and it was suggested that they be progressively removed as roadside plants.

TP18.3.8 Right Turning Centre Lane Strang Road

The Board had requested that a right-hand turning lane be installed on the Te Puke Highway at Strang Road just before the Waitangi Village. The Board stated that a turning lane would facilitate safer traffic flow to the east especially when traffic was at peak times.

The Roading Engineer (East) advised that Westlink had reported to him that while there was the physical space for a turning lane, they did not feel that it was warranted.

Board members asked that this be reconsidered as there was evidence from local residents in the immediate area of minor crashes and incidents at the merge point onto the State Highway.

TP18.3.9 **Roundabout at the No.3 Road and Jellicoe Street Intersection and at the Intersection of the Te Puke Quarry Road and Jellicoe Street**

The Board received a letter from a local resident that expressed concerns about the construction and resultant noise caused by vehicles travelling over the roundabout. It was requested that the noise and vibration problems experienced since the installation of the roundabouts be investigated and changes made to mitigate the problems if possible.

The Roading Engineer (East) advised that he would investigate the noted concerns and report back to the Board.

TP18.3.10 **Te Puke Memorial Pool Closure**

The Board was advised that a new pump for the Te Puke Memorial Pool had been mounted and new pipe work was now being fabricated. Installation of the new pipe work was expected next week and system testing/adjustments would follow with a view to restoring the pool operation by the end of February. It was also advised that while the pool plant system was being upgraded on the toilet changing rooms had been refreshed with new paintwork.

The Board would discuss future options for the Te Puke Memorial Pool at their next workshop to be held on 1 March 2019. The future of the Te Puke Memorial Pool would also be a discussion topic at the next 'Have Your Say' community conversation event to be held at Te Puke on Saturday 6 April 2019 from 9am to 12pm at the Te Puke Memorial Hall.

The Board was advised that submissions to the Annual Plan opened on 18 March until 18 April 2019 and the Te Puke Memorial Pool would be included in the Board's submission

The Te Puke Memorial Pool would be the main topic for the next Community Forum.

TP18.3.11 **Disability Park Shelters**

Further to the public forum presentation from Steven Bailey, the Chairperson spoke to a report he had prepared in support of shelters for mobility parking spaces.

The Chairperson would liaise with the Roading Engineer (East) to list possible sites where a shelter could be erected over a MobilityPark and undertake an inspection to list improvements that needed to be made to the

specific siting and accessibility of existing mobility parks for drivers with disabilities.

TP18.3.12 **Jellicoe Street Upgrade**

The Board was advised that a report on the review of parking supply and demand would be presented to the Operations and Monitoring Committee meeting to be held on 28 February 2019 and referred to the next Community Board Meeting. A copy of the Operations and Monitoring Committee resolution from the meeting OP9 held on 15 February 2018 which stated "that the Te Puke Main Street Plaza between the Heritage Walkway and the pedestrian crossing remain as constructed and be reviewed in the first quarter of 2019 as part of the overall review of parking in the Te Puke Central Business District" was included in the Chairpersons Report.

Member Button and Dugmore stated that there was a perception that the community would have been consulted and involved in the review.

The Chairperson advised members Button and Dugmore that they were welcome to attend the Operations and Monitoring Committee to be held on 28 February 2019 and speak in the public forum section of the meeting about the Te Puke Parking Review.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Dally

THAT the Chairperson's Report to the Te Puke Community Board for September 2018 be received.

TP18.4 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Dally dated 07 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Dally / Member Miller

THAT the report from Councillor Dally dated 07 February 2019 be received.

TP18.5 **Council Decisions on Board Recommendations - Funding for the Te Puke Sport and Recreation Society Grandstand Project**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 23 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Spratt

THAT the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 23 January 2019 titled Council Decisions on Board Recommendations in regard to Council Decision on the Te Puke Community Board Recommendation - Funding for the Te Puke Sports and Recreation Society Grandstand Project be received.

TP18.6 Anzac Day Commemoration 2019

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 16 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Miller / Spratt

1. *THAT the Democracy Support Officer's report dated 16 January 2019 and titled Anzac Day Commemoration 2019 be received.*
2. *THAT the Te Puke Community Board provide a wreath for the ANZAC Day Service, to be paid from the Te Puke Community Board Contingency Account (up to the value of \$200).*
3. *THAT Te Puke Community Board Members represent the Te Puke Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service at Te Puke on 25 April 2019.*

TP18.7 Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke - February 2019

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 05 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Miller / Button

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 05 January 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke – February 2019 be received.

TP18.8 Financial Report Te Puke - December 2018

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 18 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 18 January 2019 and titled Financial Report Te Puke – December 2018 be received.

TP18.9 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of February and March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Button / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the schedule of meetings for February and March 2019 be received.

The meeting concluded at 9.50 pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

P Miller
Chairperson
Te Puke Community Board

Date

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