

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

## Minutes of Meeting No. TP20 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 16 May 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

J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), S Harvey (Roading Engineer East) and A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor)

### Others

3 members of the public  
1 member of the press

### Public Forum

**Resolved:** Members Miller / Spratt

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

The Chairperson outlined the protocols relating to the Public Forum section of the meeting as set out in the Standing Orders for the Te Puke Community Board. Attending members of the public were invited to take part in the Public Forum.

### Antisocial Behaviour in Te Puke Township

A member of the public spoke about her concern with regards to the increasing antisocial and intimidating behaviour by drunk and disorderly people in Jubilee Park and the town centre area. She stressed that she was deeply concerned and noted the behaviours mentioned were:

- The number of people drinking and taking drugs in public places was increasing.
- Members of the public going about their daily business had been threatened and frightened by the attitude of people under the influence of drink and drugs.
- People were being harassed and witnessed bad language and offensive behaviour.

- Police had advised that they could not take any action. If police found alcohol on the people causing problems, they confiscated the alcohol but did not remove the drunk/drugged people.
- Members of the public were not going to the public park area with their families because of the antisocial and intimidating behaviour of drunk and drugged people in the immediate area.
- People did not feel safe at the public bus stop where street dwellers and drunks often congregated.

The speaker clarified that she was referring to the street dwellers and homeless people, not the freedom campers. Volunteers in the community had tried to assist the homeless people in the community, but their numbers had grown and the speaker would like to see some community action. It was pointed out that some of the homeless people chose to live on the streets and would not accept community or social assistance.

A Community Board Member who was also a member of the Te Puke Community Patrol advised that the local police were aware of the antisocial behaviours in the public areas and had not acknowledged the concerns of the community relating to the growing situation.

The Chairperson thanked the speaker for bringing her concerns to the attention of the Board and he advised that neither the Board nor Council were in a position to directly manage or control antisocial behaviour in the community. The Chairperson asked that the concerns raised be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer with a request that the local Police be advised of the public forum discussion at this Community Board meeting. The Chairperson also asked for comment and advice on what possible measures could be put in place to find a solution to manage the antisocial behaviours of the group of people that affected many in the community.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Spratt

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.14 pm*

**TP20.1 Minutes of Meeting No. TP19 of The Te Puke Community Board held on 4 April 2019**

The Board considered the minutes no. TP19 of the Te Puke Community Board for the meeting held on 4 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Spratt / Miller

*THAT the Minutes from meeting no. TP19 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 4 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**TP20.2 Council Decisions on Board Recommendation to Council - Funding for The Centre Te Puke**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 6 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Spratt

*THAT the report of the Senior Governance Advisor dated 6 May 2019 titled Decision Report from Recommendation to Council – Funding for The Centre at Te Puke be received.*

TP20.3 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 3 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

TP20.3.1 **Annual Plan Submission**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April the Chairperson presented the Te Puke Community Board Annual Plan Submission to Council on behalf of the Board. The Chairperson thanked Board members for their assistance and support in putting together the submission.

TP20.3.2 **McLoughlin Drive Up-Grade**

The Chairperson advised that the parking proposal put forward for the Orchard Church in association with the McLoughlin Drive road works was still under negotiation.

TP20.3.3 **Rubbish Bin Replacements Jellicoe Street**

Board Members were asked to view the bins between Oxford Street and Boucher Avenue to familiarise themselves with the number of bins that needed to be replaced. The Board would like to see a Kiwifruit design casing similar to those in Jubilee Park for the replacement bins.

The Roading Engineer would ascertain what budget funding may be available for the bins that needed to be replaced and what the price of the bins would be. Board members would check out the bins at their walk-about with the Roading Engineer (East) on 25 June 2019.

TP20.3.4 **Te Puke Memorial Pool**

As a result of the concerns raised in public forum at the February meeting, the Board decided that the Memorial Swimming Pool would be the focus of the next Public Forum with the hope of stimulating a public conversation on the future of the Te Puke public swimming pool. The agenda for the evening would follow closely the questions asked and points raised in the February public Forum. The Board would consider a date in July to initiate public discussion about the pool.

**TP20.3.5 Urban Speed Limits**

The Board was aware that the New Zealand Transport Agency was reviewing speed limits and that Council was awaiting the outcome of their review but asked if a reduction to urban speed limits requested by members of the public relating to No 3 Road and Manoeka Village could be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

The Roothing Engineer (East) advised that Speed Limits for the Western Bay of Plenty District were still under review and any changes would be implemented on a district wide basis rather than applied to individual roadways area by area.

**TP20.3.6 Station Road Upgrade**

The Board was advised that the Station Road upgrade work was scheduled to be undertaken in the 2019/20 financial year.

**TP20.3.7 Tactile Paving**

This significant community initiative is continuing to be progressed by the Board in conjunction with Council engineering staff. The Board is waiting for a costing on this project from engineering staff.

**TP20.3.8 Town Centre Walk-a-Bout**

The Town Centre walk-about with the Roothing Engineer (East) and Westlink staff had been scheduled for Tuesday 25 June 2019.

**TP20.3.9 Te Puke Main Street Project**

The Board had completed its consultation process with the community regarding the Te Puke Main Street Project in response to the Operations and Monitoring Committee request. The process undertaken included:

- The Board approached EPIC Te Puke and Te Puke EDG and asked for a response to the Board survey.
- The Board Chairperson met with the local paper and an article was published in the Te Puke Time Thursday 4 April 2019.
- The Community Board utilized its Facebook page to set up a survey and 84 people responded to it.
- Through the newspaper article, residents were encouraged to record their thoughts regarding the plaza and place them in a box at the Te Puke Library and Service Centre. A copy of the three options together with the suggestion of the kiwifruit themed piece of artwork was also on display behind the response box. 13 residents took the opportunity to respond to this item.

- A reminder notice about the survey was placed in the Te Puke Times issue of 18 April and 25 April clearly indicating the closing date for responses. An "In Brief" note was also published in the Te Puke Times reminding residents of the deadline for comments.
- The Board also noted a submission from Te Puke Business Strategies that was signed by 12 retailers in the immediate vicinity of the Jellicoe Street Plaza.

Four Board members agreed that given the constraints around the review, the reinstatement of three carparks was the most cost effective way to address the present concerns.

**Resolved:** Members Spratt / Miller

1. *THAT the Te Puke Community Board recommend that the Operations and Monitoring Committee consider increasing car parking on Jellicoe Street by reducing the garden area at the western end of Jellicoe Street Plaza to reinstate two carparks.*
2. *THAT the Operations and Monitoring Committee consider reducing the mobility parks at the eastern end of the plaza to one park.*

#### TP20.3.10

#### **Disability Park Shelters**

The Chairperson advised that he had arranged to meet with the Roading Engineer (East) to investigate the location of a prototype shelter installation that would satisfy the concerns of the Transportation Manager regarding vandalism and public safety. This would be undertaken during the town centre walk-about to be held on 25 June 2019.

#### TP20.3.11

#### **ANZAC Day Commemorations**

It was important that conversations were held about the funding and organisation of future Anzac Day commemoration services. Concerns had been raised earlier by the local Returned Services Association personnel and the Board. After consultation with Mayor Webber, the Board would look for options to cover the cost of the important annual civic event. The Chairperson would continue to speak to the local Te Puke Anzac Day Committee to ascertain exactly what current expenses for the commemoration services were.

#### TP20.3.12

#### **Christmas Lights**

Councillor Dally had been in touch with the suppliers of the FlagTrax System in Jellicoe Street to ascertain the cost of adding Christmas lighting to the structures. The Board considered that Christmas lighting would be well supported by the community relating to the positive comments the Board received after the reinstatement of the decorated tree at the eastern

entrance to the township. This item would be further discussed at the next Community Board workshop.

### TP20.3.13 **Significant Council Processes**

#### **(a) Community Matching Fund - 2019**

The Board was advised that the Community Matching Fund was available to Western Bay Community Groups. The 2019 Community Matching Fund applications open 29 April and close 29 May 2019.

#### **(b) Remuneration Authority – Childcare Allowance (Draft Policy Paper)**

Elected Members were reminded that they were welcome to provide comment on the Remuneration Authority – Childcare Allowance (Draft Policy Paper) to the Remuneration Authority at [info@remauthority.govt.nz](mailto:info@remauthority.govt.nz) by Friday 31 May 2019.

**Resolved:** Member Miller / Councillor Dally

*THAT the Te Puke Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 3 May 2019 be received.*

### TP20.4 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 2 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

#### **2019 Triennial Elections**

At the Council meeting held on 18 April 2019 Council adopted that for the 2019 triennial elections nominees names listed on voting papers be in pseudo-random order (as done in previous elections). The key dates relating to the forthcoming election were noted:

- Nominations open on 19 July and close on 16 August 2019
- Voting papers to be distributed from 20 September 2019
- Voting to be closed at noon on 12 October 2019

#### **Kaituna Rediversion**

At a recent update from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council it was advised that construction work was about 6 months ahead of schedule.

Concerns had been expressed about the water quality in the Little Waihi Estuary. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council Kaituna Catchment Manager had advised that it was expected that the water quality within the Maketu Estuary and the wetland would improve with increased water flow into the immediate area.

The water quality of the Little Waihi Estuary was also a concern and the Kaituna Catchment Manager had advised that there was work being undertaken to monitor and improve this water area.

### **Te Puke Recycling Centre**

The trial of the extended opening hours of 8am to 5pm on Tuesday's and Thursdays at the Te Puke Recycling Centre had proven to be worthwhile and had now been made permanent.

### **Representation Arrangements for Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

On 8 April 2018 the Local Government Commission announced its decision relating to the representation arrangements for the Western Bay of Plenty District Council that would apply for the 2019 local authority elections. The Commission had endorsed the decision of Western Bay of Plenty District Council that the existing arrangements of 11 councillors elected from three wards, with one boundary alteration, would apply for the October elections.

### **Te Puke Wastewater Consent**

The submission hearing on the Te Puke Wastewater renewal had been held on 15 and 16 April 2019.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Miller

*THAT the report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 2 May 2019 be received.*

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### **Community Board Grant Application - May 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 3 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Board considered an application from the Youth Encounter Ministries Trust.

**Resolved:** Councillors Dally / Scrimgeour

- 1. THAT the report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 3 May 2019 titled Community Grant Application – May 2019 be received.*
- 2. THAT the Te Puke Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Te Puke Community Board Grants 2018/2019 Account subject to all accountabilities being met. For the delivery of the programme*

*Youth Encounter Ministries Trust      \$1,000.00*

**TP20.6 Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke - May 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 3 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**TP20.6.1 Washer Road Footpath**

The Roding Engineer (East) was advised that there had been some comments regarding the standard of workmanship for the footpath not being up to expectation, particularly at the termination point at the Eastpack packhouse crossing.

The Roding Engineer (East) advised that rather than constructing a solid extension over the culvert at the crossing point, there had been a deviation around the culvert and he would check this specific area.

**TP20.6.2 Tactile Paving - Minute Action Reference TP16 18 3.5**

The Roding Engineer (East) advised that the cost to install the six tactile paving area would cost approximately \$6,000.

The tactile paving removed in the course of the revocation works would be replaced and the cost for this met by the revocation budget.

**TP20.6.3 Community Roding Account****Ronald's Lane – Future Proposal – Minute Action Reference TP19 19 7.2**

The Roding Engineer (East) advised the Board regarding the current status relating to the proposed project to form a public pedestrian walkway along Ronald's Lane for access to the Eastpack packhouse on Collins Lane.

The Roding Engineer (East) advised that he would provide the Board with a report outlining options relating to the proposal for the next Board Meeting.

**TP20.6.4 Review of Te Puke Main Street Project - Minute Action Reference TP19 19. 9**

The Roding Engineer (East) advised the Board that he had met with a landscape artist and walked around the Te Puke main street area. The landscape artist would prepare a report that would be presented to the next Community Board meeting.

The Board was also advised of an email received immediately before the meeting from Don Paterson that outlined a number of points relating to Jellicoe Street. The Chairperson accepted the email as a tabled item. And



asked that a copy of the email be sent to all Te Puke Community Board members for information.

The Board had adopted a recommendation to the Operations and Monitoring Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 May 2019 under Item TP20.3.9 of this meeting.

TP20.6.5 **Roundabouts at the No.3 Road and Jellicoe Street Intersection and at the Intersection of Te Puke Quarry Road and Jellicoe Street - Minute Action Reference TP18 19 3.9**

The Roading Engineer (East) advised that he was still investigating the problems of noise and vibration as reported at the Board meeting TP18 on 21 February 2019.

It was advised that a similar roundabout in Thames had less and smaller 'spokes' and this type of structure may not cause the reported amount of noise and vibration that was the issue of concern as reported at the February 2019 Community Board meeting.

The Roading Engineer (East) advised that he would continue to look at workable options relating to this item.

**Resolved:** Member Spratt / Councillor Scrimgeour

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 3 May 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke May 2019 be received.*

TP20.7 **Financial Report Te Puke - March 2019**

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

**Resolved:** Member Spratt / Dugmore.

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 11 April 2019 and titled Financial Report Te Puke – March 2019 be received.*

TP20.8 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of May and June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

*THAT the schedule of meetings for May and June 2019 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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P Miller  
Chairperson  
Te Puke Community Board

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