

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. TP21 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 27 June 2019 at the Te Puke Library and Service Centre commencing at 7.00pm

Present

Members P Miller (Chairperson), J Dugmore and Councillors G Dally and J Scrimgeour

In Attendance

G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) S Harvey (Roading Engineer East), and A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor)

Others

3 Members of the public and Councillor Mike Lally
Jennifer Pearson, Howard Severinson and Monique Lints representing Tauranga City Council
were in attendance in regard to the Waiari Water Supply Scheme project

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Members Button and Spratt.

Resolved: Scrimgeour / Dugmore

THAT the apologies for absence from Members Button and Spratt be accepted.

Declaration 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.

It was clarified that if members 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.

There were no declarations of interest for any items on the agenda.

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.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Miller

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

Noise and Vibrations from Speed Hump – Cameron Road

Mrs Gibney spoke about her concerns that she had first raised at the Te Puke Community Board meeting public forum held on 21 February 2019 (TP18). Mrs Gibney advised that

- She and her husband had lived at their Cameron Road home for 35 years.
- Their property is on the boundary of the Te Puke Intermediate School that was built in 1974.
- Two speed humps had originally been installed at each end of the boundary approaches to the school. One at the western boundary of the school had been removed and the other immediately outside Mr and Mrs Gibney's home had remained.
- There was agreement in principle that the speed hump slowed traffic.
- With the increased volume and types of traffic on Cameron Road, the noise and vibrations had increased and this was now unbearable.
- Heavy trucks and agricultural and horticultural vehicles used the route and the trailers of heavy trucks rattled and caused increasing vibration.
- There were 32 buses using the roadway daily.
- Many heavy truck used the road late at night and at early in the mornings.
- Earlier complaints and requests to do something about the noise and vibrations had brought no action.

Mrs Gibney felt that there should be signage in place to alert motorists of the school zone and she also asked that there should also be an off-set pedestrian crossing immediately outside the school. A pedestrian crossing was urgently needed for the school children who crossed the road and several requests for this had been made over the years.

Councillor Mike Lally supported the concerns of Mrs Gibney and advised that noise and vibrations from the heavy traffic using Cameron Road was increasing and the speed humps accentuated this. It was his opinion that the speed humps should be removed.

The Roading Engineer (East) would be asked to look at options relating to the problems raised by Mrs Gibney and provide a report back to the Board.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Dally

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.19 pm

TP21.1 Presentation - Waiari Water Scheme Project

The Board received a presentation from Jennifer Pearson, Howard Severinson and Monique Lints representing the Tauranga City Council in

regard to the Waiari Water Supply Scheme project. They spoke to a presentation advising the following updates:

- Works Timeline
 - Package 1 Membrane Contract
 - Package 2 Access Road
 - Package 3 Balance of WTP Civil Works
 - Package 4 Trunk mains Part A Section 1
 - Package 5 Trunk mains Part A Section 2
 - Package 6 Trunk mains Part B Reservoir to Reservoir
 - Package 7 Software Development and Commissioning
- Pipeline Routes
- Works undertaken since February 2019 – excellent summer and autumn construction season.
- Stream bank riparian planting
- Blessing
- Reservoir to Reservoir Construction and Welding
- Traffic Management
- Access Road, Bridge and Intake Contract
- Continuing Engagement with community groups –The Project Team would be looking to undertake more opportunities to have tours to show the progress of the construction scheme.
- Consent Conditions
- Ecological Monitoring undertaken in February 2019 was mandated by the specific consent requirements. Results were consistent with previous years testing.

The Board was advised that there was an information seminar at the Orchard Church on 19 July 2019 that was open to the public to provide a general update about the Waiari Water Scheme project.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives of the Waiari Water Scheme project team for their attendance at Board meetings, for listening to community concerns and for keeping the community informed about the progress of the project.

Resolved: Member Miller /Councillor Dally

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

TP21.2

Minutes of Meeting No. TP20 of The Te Puke Community Board held on 16 May 2019

The Board considered the minutes no. TP20 of the Te Puke Community Board for the meeting held on 16 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Miller

THAT the Minutes from meeting no. TP20 of the Te Puke Community Board held on 16 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

TP21.3 **Council Decisions on Board Recommendations - Te Puke Main Street Project - Outcome of Community Board Survey**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 10 June 2019.

Resolved: Members Miller / Dugmore

THAT the report of the Senior Governance Advisor dated 10 June 2019 titled Decision Report from Recommendation to the Operations and Monitoring Committee - Te Puke Main Street Project – Outcome of Community Board Survey be received.

TP21.4 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 5 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

TP21.4.1 **McLoughlin Drive Up-Grade**

The Board was advised that the Roothing Engineer (East) was in the process of formalising an agreement with the owner of the Orchard Church in regard to a financial contribution toward the installation of a parking extension to be undertaken during the rooding upgrade of McLoughlin Drive.

TP21.4.2 **Rubbish Bin Replacements Jellicoe Street - Minute Action Reference TP19 19 4.2**

Board Members had inspected the rubbish bins along Jellicoe Street that needed refurbishing. They agreed that the bins on Jellicoe Street between Oxford Street and Boucher Avenue should be refurbished on a revolving basis of 4 at a time (2 bins from one area and 2 from another).

The Board requested that artwork in keeping with the Kiwifruit theme of the township be applied to the refurbished bins.

The bins would need to be cleaned and primed before final painting and artwork was applied.

The Roothing Engineer (East) would ascertain the first lot of bins to be refurbished and make enquires about who would undertake the refurbishment of the bins. He would also source a local artist to undertake the kiwifruit artwork.

TP21.4.3 **Landscape Artist Report**

The Roading Engineer (East) provided a copy of a summary of the discussions relating to improvement of the Main Street landscape plantings and ongoing improvement proposals from Trish Waugh.

Board members acknowledged that there were experienced and knowledgeable gardeners in Te Puke and there would be the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed planting plan.

The Board noted that visibility improvements at some intersections points in Te Puke were currently being undertaken.

Ms Waugh had extensive experience as a landscape planner and designer and was sensitive to the uniqueness and sense of place that needed to be established in regards to the Te Puke Main Street landscaping.

Resolved: Councillors Scrimgeour / Dally

THAT the Te Puke Community Board support proceeding with the report from landscaper Trish Waugh relating to the review and improvement of the Main Street landscape plantings.

TP21.4.4 **Tactile Paving**

This significant community initiative was continuing to be progressed by the Board in conjunction with Council engineering staff. The Board noted that the tactile paving removed during the upgrade of Jellicoe Street would be reinstated and the cost met from the Council Revocation Budget.

TP21.4.5 **Public Forum - Te Puke Memorial Swimming Pool**

The new date for the Community Board Public Community Forum to discuss the town swimming pool was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Settlers Lounge at the Te Puke War Memorial Hall.

TP21.4.6 **ANZAC Day Commemorations**

After consultation with Mayor Webber the Board was looking to include in its annual budget a new line to cover the cost of this important annual event. A meeting of the Te Puke Anzac Committee was held on Tuesday 25 June and the Chairperson advised that he would provide a full report to the next Community Board meeting.

TP21.4.7 **Christmas Lights**

Councillor Dally had been requested to liaise with the suppliers of the Flagtrax System to ascertain the cost of adding Christmas lighting to the structures. The Board had received positive comments after the reinstatement of the lighted Christmas tree at the eastern entrance to the township and further festive lighting would compliment this.

Board Member Dugmore was not in favour of using the current flag poles for festive lighting as the flags and lighting could be easily entangled.

Councillor Dally advised that the cost for up to 50 lighting sets and subsequent installation would be in excess of \$35,000.

The Board agreed that while the festive lighting was attractive, the cost was a big commitment that was not appropriate for the Board to make at this time, with only one more Community Board meeting to be held before the conclusion of the current 2016/19 triennium.

It was suggested that the Christmas tree currently being held in storage should be checked and refurbished if possible and installed to provide extra festive lighting in the township.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the Te Puke Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 5 June 2019 be received.

TP21.5 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Dally dated 14 June 2019 as

Annual Plan 2019-2020

Council adopted the 2019-2020 Annual Plan on 26 June 2019. The Long Term Plan and Annual Plan showed that Council was in good shape in terms of higher than forecast income (mainly from financial contributions), lower interest rates, debt position and future infrastructure needs as identified in our 10 year Long Term Plan and 30 year Asset Management Plan. There were no glaring concerns or irregularities that were not budgeted for, or not included in our planning, unlike some other Councils and notwithstanding short traffic bypasses for Te Puke and Katikati.

Our favourable financial position allowed Council to be flexible with our debt management approach which had a positive bearing on the final rates outcome.

The major item in the Annual Plan consultation was the proposal to change the way rubbish and recycling collections were managed across the District by introducing a Council-led kerbside collection service which was generally

met with a favourable response. There was confidence to proceed with the proposal and initiate procurement of a contracted service for kerbside collection of rubbish, recyclables and glass for approximately 80% of the District and food scraps in urban areas only which would become operational in 2021.

The Te Puke Centre Charitable Trust

As part of the Annual Plan process, Council had received written and verbal submissions from the Te Puke Centre Charitable Trust who were taking over the NZ Post Services in the existing Te Puke Post Shop building and operating as a community-led social enterprise. The Te Puke Community Board pledged their support for the project on the condition that Council also contribute an equal or greater amount. Councillors from across the District also saw merit in the proposal and the evident commitment from the passionate trustees. This resulted in support that would give the trust a strong chance of meeting their objectives.

2019 -2022 Triennial Elections

Now that Council had completed the 2019-20 Annual Plan and with the end of this triennium and the looming election it is with some sadness to be writing my penultimate Councillors Report. The media have initiated a bit of an election frenzy, mainly relating to constant reports about budget blowouts, project delays, internal culture and governance concerns over at our neighbours at Tauranga City Council.

As referenced above I am happy to report that Western Bay of Plenty District Council does not suffer from the same criticisms and generally our Councillors reach majority agreement on issues even after sometimes rigorous discussions. We have faith in our Chief Executive Officer to manage the business and staff in a responsible and reputable manner.

We would be handing over a Council in a very strong position to incoming elected members. It was important to have good people around the table representing our side of the District who could work harmoniously together presenting a united front when advancing local proposals and who believed in the strength and value of our communities. I am hopeful that we have a strong candidate list for the Maketu/Te Puke Ward so that can be achieved.

Resolved: Councillors Dally / Scrimgeour

THAT the report from Councillor Dally dated 14 June 2019 be received.

TP21.6

Ronalds Lane Unformed Legal Road - Information Item

The Board considered a report from the Roading Engineer (East) dated 31 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the information report on Ronalds Lane – Unformed Legal Road be

received.

TP21.7 Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke - June 2019

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 5 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

TP21.7.1 Commerce Land Car Park adjacent to Heritage Walkway

The Community Board was advised that a proposed revision of car park markings would reduce the number of car parks and add motor bike parking to the Commerce Lane car park adjacent to the Heritage Walkway.

The Board believed that the car park markings should remain as they were and that signage be installed advising that the car parks were suitable for smaller vehicles.

Resolved: Member Miller / Councillor Dally

THAT the Te Puke Community Board recommendation that the car park adjacent to the Heritage Walkway remain as currently marked and that a sign be installed advising that the car parks were suitable for smaller vehicles.

TP21.7.2 Emergency Management Te Puke

The Chairperson advised that it was important that the Te Puke Community Response Team hold bi-monthly meetings to ensure that the community response plan was maintained and updated on a regular basis.

Resolved: Councillors Scrimgeour / Dally

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 5 June 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Te Puke June 2019 be received.

TP21.8 Financial Report Te Puke - April 2019

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 27 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Dugmore / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 27 May 2019 and titled "Financial Report Te Puke – April 2019" be received.

TP21.9 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

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

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Dugmore

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

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

P Miller
Chairperson
Te Puke Community Board

Date

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