

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No.CC16 of the Community Committee held on 28 March 2019 in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner, Tauranga commencing at 9.30am

Present

Councillor M Murray-Benge (Deputy Chairperson), Councillors G Dally, M Dean, M Lally, K Marsh, D Marshall, J Palmer, J Scrimgeour, M Williams and His Worship the Mayor G J Webber

In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), D Pearce (Community Manager), C Lim (Engagement Specialist), I Kruis (Resource Recovery and Waste Team Leader), J Rickard (Senior Policy Analyst) and M Parnell and L Nind (Governance Advisors)

Community Boards

A Sole (Chairperson, Waihi Beach Community Board)

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mackay and Thwaites. It was noted that Councillor Marsh was on leave of absence.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Councillor Scrimgeour

THAT the apologies for absence from Councillors Mackay and Thwaites be accepted.

Acknowledgement

One minute's silence was observed to acknowledge victims of the recent terror attack in Christchurch on 15 March 2019.

Introduction

The Deputy Chairperson introduced Council's new Community Manager David Pearce to the Committee. David gave a brief summary of his career to date.

CC16.1 Community Team

The Committee considered a report from the Engagement Specialist dated 14 March 2019 and noted the following:

- The Community Matching Fund was open from 29 April 2019 until 29 May 2019 calling for applications from community groups. The Community Team were working with Council's communications team to get the information out into the community.
- The Community Relations Advisor attended the Katikati Safety Forum where rural theft was a priority topic of discussion. It was noted that Councillors Marshall and Scrimgeour had not been able to attend the meetings as they occur on Thursday mornings and coincided with the Elected Members' meeting schedule. The Community Relations Advisor would have further information regarding the Forum that could be shared with the Committee.

9.34am Councillor Dally entered the meeting.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Marshall

THAT the report from the Engagement Specialist dated 14 March 2019 be received.

Change to the Order of Business

The Deputy Chairperson requested that the order of business be amended so that the next item of business be Welcoming Communities, as the presenter for the next listed item on the agenda was not present.

Resolved: Palmer / Williams

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that the item Welcoming Communities be dealt with as the next item of business.

Presentations**CC16.2 Welcoming Communities**

The Welcoming Communities Advisor commended her presentation by acknowledging recent tragic events in Christchurch on 15 March 2019.

The Committee considered a presentation from Haidee Kalirai, Welcoming Communities Advisor from Tauranga City and Western Bay of Plenty District Councils regarding the Welcoming Communities Programme, the Welcoming Plan and Race Relations Day.

She noted the following points:

- The programme current covered Southland, Ashburton, Whanganui and the Bay of Plenty.
- Staff were currently considering how things would proceed if funding was not achieved and the Welcoming Communities Advisor would speak to the Project Manager regarding this.
- Welcoming Communities work with a group of stakeholders including Priority One and the Chamber of Commerce. More interest would be generated as the programme rolled out.
- Stronger relationships had been built with the Sikh and Indian communities in Katikati. On 30 March 2019 an event would be held in Te Puke, showcasing Chinese Culture in the area.

The Deputy Chairperson expressed her good wishes to the Welcoming Communities Advisor for her upcoming trip to Brisbane, to represent the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty areas for New Zealand, at the Welcoming Cities Symposium next week.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Williams

THAT the presentation from Welcoming Communities [regarding the Welcoming Communities Programme, the Welcoming Plan and Race Relations Day] be received.

CC16.3

Envirohub

The Community Committee considered a presentation from Emma Wood, Coordinator from Envirohub regarding the Predator Free Bay of Plenty Programme and Envirohub projects.

Ms Wood noted the following points:

- Predator Free Bay of Plenty's main aims were:
 - to protect native species
 - to have a trap in one in five backyards in Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty District areas.
- The problem pest species were rats, stoats and possums.
- The community led backyard trapping initiative was explained.
- The Coordinator gave examples of registered trap locations and statistics to date.

In response to questions Ms Woods explained the following:

- Predator Free Bay of Plenty was an urban back yard programme.
- The programme was funded by the Bay of Plenty Regional and Tauranga City Councils.
- Traps used were primarily for rats.
- Trapping was a big movement nationally.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Dean

THAT the presentation from Envirohub be received.

CC16.4 Zero Waste Education

The Community Committee considered a presentation from Kim Edwards, Programme Manager from Zero Waste Education, regarding the rural educational programme and worm composting.

Ms Edwards introduced herself and noted the following:

- Two Zero Waste Education contracts were run in the Western Bay of Plenty District area.
- Numerous Saturday workshops had been held in the Western Bay of Plenty District area.
- Composting and worm farming was encouraged for a small fee.
- Home Composting Workshop participants were invited to become Zero Waste Education volunteers, to help out at future workshops.

In response to questions the Programme Manager advised:

- The hardest thing to measure was behavioural change and the Zero Waste Educators were aware of this.
- The Zero Waste Education programme had been unable to access secondary schools to date.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Marshall

THAT the presentation from Zero Waste Education be received.

CC16.5 Sustainability Options

The Community Committee considered a presentation from Jo Wills, Development Manager for Sustainability Options, regarding improving the performance of housing for the wellbeing of communities.

Ms Wills introduced herself in Te Reo and English and noted the following:

- The contextual knowledge regarding 'Sustainability Options for ethical and sustainable living' was outlined.
- EnviroChallenge had been running for 11 years and worked with high school students both in their schools and communities.
- This year's EnviroChallenge topic was "Should Public Transport be Free?"
- The TradeBank initiative was explained. The project worked like a food bank, where trades people gave their time and expertise at no cost. Some trades people and their companies assisted over and above what was normally required and this was appreciated.
- Sustainability Options team members were trained in housing performance and worked primarily with vulnerable communities. As these communities could be hard to reach, they also worked with the appropriate agencies associated with these communities.

- Sustainability Options worked with both rental and private home owners, as their main aim was to improve standards of houses throughout the Western Bay of Plenty District area.
- It was noted that the most vulnerable people were the elderly and the young.
- An electric vehicle charging station had been installed in conjunction with Tauranga City Council in The Strand.

Councillor Marshall declared a conflict of interest, as he purchased his solar panels through the Sustainability Options group, and took no further part in the discussion.

In response to questions the Development Manager advised:

- The more vulnerable the community, the longer the journey to achieve the outcome of a strong healthy community.
- Sustainability Options operated in communities by invitation only and as a result were very respectful.
- The Sustainability Options team were committed for the long haul.
- The assistance of Sustainability Options stakeholders was acknowledged.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Palmer

THAT the presentation from Sustainability Options be received.

CC16.6

Tongan Cultural Performance Group

Ms Haidee Kalirai, Welcoming Communities Advisor for Tauranga City and Western Bay of Plenty District Councils, introduced a Tongan Cultural Performance Group who were in attendance and performed for the Committee.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Dally

THAT the presentation from the Tongan Performance Group be received.

CC16.7

Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway Trust

The Committee considered a presentation from Grant Dally, Secretary and Michael Jones, Treasurer from the Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway Trust regarding the Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway project.

Mr Dally noted the following points:

- The main concept of the project was a 4 kilometre pathway close to Te Puke. The idea for the project began in 2011.
- Meetings were held with appropriate stakeholders and the project was finalised after forming a Memorandum of Understanding with Western Bay of Plenty District Council in 2014.

- The Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway project was volunteer led and community driven.
- Mr Jones explained that the project cost approximately \$237,000.00 and he thanked Western Bay of Plenty District Council for their assistance to date.
- Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway Trust Chairperson, Richard Crawford, advised the Committee that there were concerns, from a safety perspective, about members of the public who used the adjacent railway line as an alternative pedestrian route.
- He encouraged the Committee to keep the project in mind going forward.

12.26pm Councillor Lally left the meeting

12.29pm Councillor Lally re-entered the meeting

Mr Jones encouraged Council to support more projects of a similar nature in the district.

12.50pm Councillor Scrimgeour left the meeting

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Marshall

THAT the presentation from Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway Trust be received.

The Engagement Specialist summarised the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1.04 pm.

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