

# MINUTES

## TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 10 April 2024

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
2 Kokako Street  
Taihape

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**Present** Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur  
Ms Gail Larsen  
Ms Emma Abernethy  
Mr Les Clarke  
HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Jeff Wong

**In attendance** Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Manager- Community Property  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community  
Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Apologies

Apologies received Cr Duncan and Ms. Gaylene Prince for lateness.

## 3 Public Forum

Ms. Charity Davis provided an update on behalf of The Taihape Playground Group.

Council have confirmed the site locations as per their request. The area allocated by the grandstand would be used as a playground for smaller children. The next stage is to seek some advice from a playground designer and put together a draft conceptual plan.

Also discussed, was the need for a new toilet facility within the playgrounds vicinity. The current public toilet does not meet the needs of families as it did not have a baby change table and was not accessible for wheelchairs.

Mayor Watson advised that Council would take over the upkeep of the playground once it was completed and signed off.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Mr Kipling-Arthur declared a conflict of interest in regard to Item 10.3

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the Order of Business

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/010**

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 21 February 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms G Larsen/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/011**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - April 2024

The Chair spoke to his tabled report.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/012**

That the Chair's Report – April 2024 be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - March 2024

The Mayor spoke regarding the Utiku slip work. Waka Kotahi had advised that emergency work only has been carried out and they have committed to finding a long term solution

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/013**

That the Mayor's Report – 28 March 2024 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Verbal Update- Group Manager, Community

Ms Prince provided the following updates:

**Hautapu Bridges**

- Resource Consent has been granted - Building Services have been notified. The first pour inspection(only) has been scheduled.

**Taihape Town Hall:**

- An update was provided to the Taihape Town Hall User Group on 28 March 2024..

**Taihape Grandstand**

- The structural consultants have recommended a series of investigations to be undertaken before the final solution can be determined. They have estimated these investigations would take between 4 to 8 months. The Project Management Team are now seeking a second opinion from another structural consultant.

**Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge**

- Notification has been received that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga has approved the Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge (List No. 9746) for entry on the New Zealand Heritage List/ Rārangī Kōrero ('the List'). This took effect on 21 March 2024. Note: Due to a database limitation, only one Council can be listed in the 'Local Authority' field. Manawatū District Council is also noted as 'Local Authority' but does not currently display in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga record.

**Parks Update**

- Bellis Park and the surrounding road corridor adjacent State Highway 1 /Heron Drive has had a number of 'tired' trees removed, while others have been lifted. A number of stumps have been ground down and areas recontoured. Grass seed to be sown in the coming weeks. A selection of trees will be replanted during late winter. Local resident Gordon Collier has been supporting RDC with this project.
- A number of flax bushes along Hautapu Street which inhibit motorist visibility will be removed.
- In conjunction with Friends of Taihape, RDC is currently pricing up weed control for a number of recently installed walking tracks within the vicinity of Papakai Park.
- A post & rail fence will be installed at the Nga Awa car park to restrict vehicle access to Memorial Park fields.

**Taihape Cemetery**

- The conifer hedge has been partially trimmed with a shelter trimmer. A larger machine was scheduled to complete the hedge however this machine was destroyed by fire several weeks ago. The Parks Team are waiting to hear if a replacement machine is available. If not, it will be completed the old fashion way within 3 weeks.
- Two new burial and two new cremation berms have been installed to increase capacity.
- The majority of trees throughout the site have been lifted, with a number of specimens pruned back off burials throughout the southern part of the cemetery. A number of stumps have been ground throughout the site.
- The front fence bordering State Highway 1 has been water blasted ready for repainting. RDC is aware of the request to install a tap at either entrance of the cemetery. We hope to renew a number of water lines throughout the cemetery during the 2024/25 financial year. If this project is undertaken, hand washing taps will be installed as part of this project. No interim taps or facilities will be installed at this site.

**Taihape Toilets**

- Ms Srhoj gave a verbal update on the Tui Street public toilet block. The roof has been sprayed for moss and lichen control but it will take 10 to 12 months for this to be effective. Councils

Maintenance and Renovation Technician will be undertaking remedial work in order to refresh and tidy these toilets.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/014**

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

**10.2 Social Media Guide for Community Committees and Boards**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/015**

That the Social Media Guide for Community Committees and Boards report be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**10.3 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2024**

Mr Kipling-Arthur declared a conflict of interest with this item.

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/016**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –April 2024' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**10.4 Funding Schemes Update - April 2024**

The report was take as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/017**

That the Funding Schemes Update –April 2024 be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**10.5 Update from the Taihape Community Development Trust**

Tabled report was received.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/018**

That the verbal updates from ‘Update from the Taihape Community Development Trust’ be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 11 Discussion Items

### 11.1 Workshops 2024

Mr L Clarke is to organise the venue for the July workshop which is to be held in Mangaweka.

The remaining workshops are:

September – Mataroa

November – Moawhango

#### **Resolved minute number 24/TCB/019**

That the workshop dates and venues be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Mr P Kipling-Arthur. Carried

### 11.2 Town Events Boards

Ms S Srhoj reported that the Taihape Southern Events Board would need a resource consent and NZTA approval if it was to be relocated to a more visible location.

The Board agreed to discuss this further at their next workshop.

### 11.3 Taihape Community Board Vision

Ms Gaylene Prince presented a printout template to be used to gather information. This is to be discussed at the Boards next workshop.

**The meeting closed at 6.35pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 19 June 2024.**

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**Chairperson**