

MINUTES

TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 9 October 2024

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Ms Gail Larsen
- Ms Emma Abernethy
- Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
- Mr Les Clarke
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Gill Duncan

In attendance

- Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
- Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

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Mr P Kipling-Arthur is to follow up about phone box outside of Greenstone insurance. It is thought, as the gardens had been cut back there is possibly no problem with visibility for the pedestrian crossing. Mr Kipling -Arthur will confirm this and report back to Spark.

Item 4- Overnight truck parking

Ms Prince advised that staff are looking at specific legislation, presently “nuisance law” to see if there is anything that we can do, acknowledging refrigerated trucks may be creating an effect and keeping people awake. Staff will report back when we have an outcome.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/044

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

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

8 Chair’s Report

8.1 Chair's Report - October 2024

Mr P Kipling-Arthur spoke to his tabled report. He has received positive feedback regarding the rural TCB workshop meeting held at Mataroa.

Ms G Prince reported that the grassed area by the Gretna corner is owned by Waka Kotahi so they need to be consulted regarding any planting in this area. Mr P Kipling-Arthur is to consult with Keep Taihape Beautiful in regards to this.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/045

That the Chair’s Report – October 2024 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024

The board discussed the roading budget available to council and how it should be spent on rural roads.

The board will discuss the capital works budget at their next workshop.

Cr Wong noted that the board needs to be aware that the government has removed the Four Well beings from legislation.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/046

That the Mayor’s Report – 26 September 2024 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

Ms Prince provided a verbal update.

The parks and reserves team will start the planting at Papakai park, near the waste water pumping station next week.

Two shelters adjacent to Nga Awa and number 3 field will be relocated due to a proposed replacement fence in that area. It is intended one go to the dog exercise area and the other to Taihape Cemetery.

The parks and reserves team are looking to improve the gardens at the town clock and the Gumboot park.

Cr Wong advised the rugby clubs would like an estimate for refurbishment of the interior of the grandstand.

Ms Prince advised that Councils priority was the seismic strengthening and the preliminary cost estimates, would be an indication what amount of funding the community would need to raise for that alone . A Memorial Park user group meeting was due and an update could be provided to the group at that time.

Cr Duncan suggested around 10th November for MPUG meeting.

Taihape Grandstand

Staff have received 3 seismic strengthening design options from the structural consultant. These options assume the lower level will not be available for use.

Staff have forwarded the required information to the QS for preparing preliminary cost estimates for all three design options.

Staff anticipate these costings be ready by 21st October.

Taihape Town Hall Redevelopment

Maycroft have carried out investigations within and outside the Taihape Town Hall building.

These investigations include the following.

- Trail pit within the building to expose the foundation to concrete piles.
- Remove wall linings to expose brickwork.
- Cut out floor boards to reveal joist connections to existing walls.
- Asbestos sampling of subfloor materials.

- Cut hole or remove ceiling panel to expose hall roof structure.

The key milestone dates from the preliminary program have been included below.

- Initial report on seismic condition due 18th October 2024
- Prepare initial scope document for RDC review 15th November 2024
- Budget estimate for seismic upgrade including building and service upgrade.
- RDC review of budget estimate (Hold Point) 1st January 2025

Roading

The registration of interest for the new Roothing Contract has gone out, and closes 18 October. ROI will then be evaluated and short-listed for Request for Proposal process.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/047

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Cr J Wong/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

10.2 Funding Schemes Update - October 2024

Mr Kipling-Arthur asking if there is any easily accessed information regarding funding.

Ms Prince advised that this advertised on the council website when the funding rounds come up. Council is also signing up with Grants Guru a digital resource identifying fundraising and grant applications. Taihape Community Development Trust can also help with applications.

Cr Wong stated, the Events Sponsorship budget has been halved so it is advised to suggest applicants source outside funding for example Pub charity if possible.

Cr Duncan asked if board requires feedback from funding recipients. Mr P Kipling-Arthur said they report back to him.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/048

That the Funding Schemes Update –October 2024 be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Cr J Wong. Carried

10.3 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2024

Mr P Kipling-Arthur would like the TCB to be more proactive in seeking requests for funding and discussing areas where small project money could be spent.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/049

That the Taihape Community Board agree to fund \$700 to the Taihape Art Society for equipment at their "have a go at painting" stall at the Big Day in The Park.

Ms G Larsen/Mr L Clarke. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/050

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

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.4 Taihape Community Board: Workshops October 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/051

That the report Taihape Community Board: Workshops October 2024 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.5 Inward Correspondence

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/052

That the inward correspondence be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

11 Late Items**11.1 Taihape Slip Zone**

Cr Duncan has received correspondence about the Slip Zone in Taihape.

Insurance companies have been requesting a Lim report before they will consider insuring properties. Some homeowners have also been required to get a Lim report before their insurance can be renewed. Some can get insurance and others can't. Enquiring if we still have levels/areas in the slip zone.

Fast track projects discussed. The government has approved approximately 147, 5 or 6 of these are in the Rangitikei, including the proposed wind farm.

Cr Duncan has raised concern re Powerco-Downer will no longer have a contractor based in Taihape. This is a concern if accidents occur and time is taken waiting for a contractor to travel to disconnect the power. If a structure fire or damage occurs would insurance companies be aware of this.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 11 December 2024.

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Chairperson