

MINUTES

TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 December 2024

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present Ms Gail Larsen
Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
Mr Les Clarke
HWTM Andy Watson (left at 5.53pm)
Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

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1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **24/TCB/053**

Apologies for absence were received from Cr Duncan and Ms Abernethy and for early departure from His Worship the Mayor.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

3 Public Forum

Utiku & Old Boys Rugby Club (UOB) representative, Barry Thomas was in attendance to support Taihape Rugby Club with their request for the continued use of the changing rooms under the grandstand. Although UOB. were happy with the new facilities that Nga Awa provided, they said, and had always said, that at times during the season, 6 changing rooms were required.

(HWTM left at 5.53pm)

(Kurt Ball, Taihape Rugby arrived at 5.54pm)

Mr Ball requested use of two of the grandstands changing rooms and for the teams to be able to run out from underneath the grandstand. He also expressed concerns that without the use of underneath the grandstand, they would have nowhere to store their tackling pads, flags and other items.

Council staff outlined the requirements that would be needed if the underneath of the grandstand was to be used.

Taihape Rugby have been using it, but if there are any concerns for safety, the Chief Executive has the right to close the building. The proposed seismic strengthening (which does not include the lower level of the grandstand) would also result in the changing rooms no longer being able to be used.

A letter was presented outlining the wishes of the Taihape Rugby Club.

The Board were supportive of the content of the letter and suggested that it be forwarded to Council for their consideration, with a formal resolution to this effect to be confirmed at the Boards next meeting.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

It was agreed that Item 9.1 - Mayors Report- 28 November 2024 be taken as the first item due to the Mayor having a prior engagement and requesting to leave the meeting earlier

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/054

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 9 October 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.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. 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/055

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/056

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The Mayor provided the Board with an update on the Gentle Annie Road following his meeting with forestry owners, KiwiRail, NZTA and other parties. It had been agreed that as of next year the logs would be transported by Rail. This is only applicable to forestry operations currently underway.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/057

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.2 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

Ms Prince provided a verbal update.

Taihape Grand stand

Cost estimates for three concept designs were presented to Council during the (Public Excluded) meeting in November 2024. It was noted that the costs were only to provide Seismic upgrades. Upgrading the changing rooms on the lower level were not part of the scope. The whole lower level will have to be demarcated as inaccessible space to circumvent the additional fire regulations.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Maycroft have completed the preliminary site investigations along with an asbestos survey. Initial seismic report, building fabric report, Fire and services reports have been submitted. Concept seismic design along with initial costing is expected in time for the December 19th Council meeting. (These costs are only for seismic upgrades.)

Hautapu River Parks

Two bridges have been completed, which have Certificate of Public Use. A blessing and opening took place this afternoon, with a number of public attending.

Springvale Toilet

A morning tea was held this morning to acknowledge the foresight and contribution of Warren Plimmer and James Williams, owner of Otupae Station to provide a toilet by Springvale Bridge
Roading

Roading contract tender to closed 13th December.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/058

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

9.3 Inward Correspondence

A letter of thanks received from Mrs Margaret Coogan on behalf of the Taihape Art Society for the Boards donation.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/059

That the inward correspondence be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024

Tree Removal

The Board were all in favour of engaging a local contractor to remove the tree that was currently obscuring the Southern Events Signage Board.

Picnic Table Replacement

Following damage to the picnic tables at the Taihape dog park and Quickstop locations, the Board agreed that there was a need to replace one of the tables with a much sturdier model.

Undertaking: The Chair to follow up with the Parks & Reserves Manager regarding the installation of a concrete pad for the dog park picnic table.

Ms Prince noted that Council staff were applying to have the lease renewed for the dog park area.

Undertakings:

The Chair to consult with Murray Bond regarding the possibility of reinstating the Taihape Town Clock bells.

The Chair to investigate costs to have an Ode of Remembrance inserted on the risers of the Taihape Cenotaph steps.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/060

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/061

That the Taihape Community Board accept the quote of \$400.00 plus GST from Mckays Contract Gardening to remove the tree by the Southern Events Board and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/062

That the Taihape Community Board consider options for a heavy duty replacement picnic table up to the value of \$700 and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/063

That the Taihape Community Board agree to fund \$300 towards the Taihape MusicRoom event and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Cr J Wong/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9.5 Consultation Tracker

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/064

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.6 Funding Schemes Update - December 2024

Ms Prince advised that next February, Council would have access to GrantGuru which is one-stop-shop grants portal. The portal would be available on Councils website for all organisations to use.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/065

That the Funding Schemes Update –December 2024 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Taihape Community Board: Workshops December 2024

Further workshops to be discussed at a later date.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

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

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Chairperson