

## HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL PLAINS WARD COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLAINS WARD COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

### **PRESENT**

Crs G R Leonard (Chairperson), G A Harris, B A Gordon, D H Swales and His Worship the Mayor J P Tregidga

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs S B Fabish (Community Services Manager), A de Laborde (Engineering Services Manager), S Clark (Parks & Reserves Manager) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2015 (1412296)

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Plains Ward Committee held on Tuesday 15 September 2015 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

PLWC15/37

Leonard/Harris

**CARRIED**

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### International Day of Older Persons

The Older Persons Day will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> of October at 1.00pm at the Ngatea Hall.

#### Kopu to Kaiaua Update

At the previous meeting, it was proposed that the Plains Ward seek an item on the September Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust agenda requesting an update on the community consultation regarding the Kopu to Kaiaua (K to K) leg of the cycleway. As this item was not able to be included on the Trust's agenda, the members considered that it was necessary that the communities be updated on its status of the K to K.

Engineering Services Manager, Adrian de Laborde gave a brief overview of the K to K section. He noted that the major restriction to the development of the K to K section is a lack of funding.

It was proposed that an article be published in the Hauraki Herald updating the public on the status of the project and that a public meeting be held on 16 November 2015 at 7.30pm at the Waitakaruru Hall for this purpose and that notification of this meeting also be advertised in the Hauraki Herald.

## **DECISION MAKING**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH 2015 (1418457)**

The Community Services monthly report on activities for the month of September 2015 was presented for the Committee's consideration.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the Community Services monthly report for the month of September 2015 be received.

PLWC15/38

Swales/Harris

**CARRIED**

#### **Plains Discretionary and Discretionary Social Fund**

Staff provided an update on the balances of the two funds. There were no financial assistance requests this month.

#### **Marketing Ngatea Northern Estate**

The Community Services Manager updated the members on the 'Welcome to Ngatea' signs on SH2 and provided a brief summary of feedback on the marketing aspects of the subdivision received from Jillian O'Neill (Oomphatic Ltd).

#### **Kaiaua – Request for Bottle Bank**

A request has been received from members of the community asking that the bottle bank which was previously situated at the Boating Club reserve be returned to Kaiaua.

A discussion was held whether the bottle bank should be reinstated and relocated for a six week period over the peak holiday season to a more appropriate location due to the area being sensitive to iwi because it is a wahi tapu area. It was agreed that Crs Leonard and Swales be delegated to work with the community and council staff to find a suitable location for the bottle bank to be placed.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the bottle bank be reinstated in Kaiaua for a trial period of approximately six weeks from mid December 2015 until end of January 2016, and

THAT the decision on the location of the bottle bank be delegated to the Plains Chairperson and Cr Swales and the Parks and Reserves Manager.

PLWC15/39

Tregidga/Harris

**CARRIED**

### Pioneer Park – Ground Levelling

A price to level the ground at Pioneer Park was requested by the Plains Ward Councillors.

An approximate cost to do this work is \$6,000. It was recommended that if this work is to proceed that it be undertaken next autumn when the weather conditions are more favourable to turf work and sowing.

Ward members asked that staff reassess their Pioneer Park budgets in March/April to see if this work can be funded from the existing operational budget.

### Kaiaua Labour Day Public Meeting

The Community Services Manager updated the Ward members on preparation progress for the Kaiaua Public meeting.

It was advised that the Engineering Services Manager, Adrian de Laborde will be the staff representative at the meeting this year.

Proposed items for discussion on the agenda to be:

- Solid Waste
- Solar Bins
- Old Dump Site
- Bottle bank
- Kopu to Kaiaua
- Storm Water/ Coastal Management
- Co Governance Arrangement
- Rate Rebate Scheme
- Franklin Plan
- Rates
- Reserve (iwi)

The list of items will be circulated to Plains Ward members on Friday 16 October.

### Ngatea Pool – Opening Date

The Parks and Reserves Manager proposed that the Ngatea pool opens to the public on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2015. The Ngatea Swim Club has indicated that they wish to commence their season on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2015. The pool has opened on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of November for the last two seasons. Pool closure, at this stage is suggested as being on the 20 March 2016.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the Ngatea pool opening date be the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2015.

PLWC15/40

Gordon/Swales

**CARRIED**

### Ngatea Town Centre – Gardens

Following the recent Council staff and the Plains Ward Councillors field trip to Morrinsville and Te Aroha to look at planting and structure of gardens in their central business districts, staff sought feedback from the Ward members on the next stage of the proposed replanting for the Ngatea CBD and surrounds.

After discussion on which areas of the town are a priority, the Committee suggested the following areas be identified for garden upgrades.

- Entranceways into town
- Darlington Street
- Mahana Road
- Soften the structures that are holding together main street gardens
- Area in front of Council Service Centre building
- Ngatea Domain

#### GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT PLAN (1441863, 562225, 1362356)

The Community Services Manager reported on and requested feedback on the proposed approach for the Graffiti Management Plan. A copy of the draft plan was attached.

A number of volunteers have offered to repaint over graffiti in the towns. The Ward members supported that offers be accepted from volunteers to remove graffiti as this was an effective way of monitoring and managing the issue within the community.

The Mayor suggested that as part of the development of the policy, business owners be approached to cover the cost of applying 'graffiti guard' to their buildings/fences as part of the policy with the proviso that Council would remove graffiti within 24 hours.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

PLWC15/41

Harris/Swales

**CARRIED**

#### **WARD MEMBER'S MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY GROUPS**

##### Cr Swales

Waitakaruru Hall Committee – Cr Harris agreed to meet with members of the Committee to discuss tidying up of the hall area.

##### Cr Gordon

Kerepehi Domain & Hall Committee  
Turua Hall & Domain Committee – upgrade of main road

Cr Gordon raised issues of redundant tyres at Pipiroa and Kerepehi impacting on the amenity of the environment and the issue that they could create a health and fire risk.

##### Cr Leonard

(WRC/OPUS feedback on effluent pond requirements  
Jiading Exchange Students – Meeting local students before their trip to China  
Historical Society Plains – storage of archives  
Positively Promoting the Plains – signage and uplifting image  
Dudding Reserve – landscape upgrade with Hauraki Plains College students

The meeting closed 11.00am.

CONFIRMED

G R Leonard  
Chairperson

10 November 2015