

## 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 9 FEBRUARY 2016 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), D Peddie (Corporate Services Manager), A de Laborde (Engineering Services Manager), S Clark (Parks & Reserves Manager) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

#### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **DECLARATION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015 (1463596)

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Plains Ward Committee held on Tuesday 8 December are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

PWC16/01

Harris/Gordon

**CARRIED**

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

##### Roading – Footpath Repairs

A member commented that the new concrete patching was not aligned well with the existing concrete due to ground movement and is causing a dangerous trip hazard.

##### Kaiaua Bottle Bank

It was advised that the firm who is supplying the bottle bank at Kaiaua could not provide the facility over the summer peak holiday period.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016  
(1465771, 1472877, 1476913, 1476933)**

The Community Services monthly report on activities for the month of December 2015/January 2016 was presented for the Committee's consideration.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Community Services monthly report for December 2015/January 2016 be received.

PWC16/02

Swales/Harris

**CARRIED**

**Request for Financial Assistance: Lions Club of Ngatea [1472877]**

The Director for the Club has written seeking financial assistance for a "Free Family Fun Day" to be held on the Hauraki Plains College field on Sunday 6 February. The writer seeks a grant of \$250 towards this event.

The Plains Ward have informally agreed in principal to support this application for funding as the event will be occurring prior to 9th February 2016.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the correspondence from the Lions Club of Ngatea be received, and

THAT \$250.00 is granted from the Plains Ward Discretionary Fund to the Lions Club of Ngatea in support of their Free Family Fun Day.

PWC16/03

Leonard/Harris

**CARRIED**

**Mowing – 24 Kaikahu Road Road South, Kerepehi**

The landowner of 24 Kaikahu Road, Kerepehi has requested Council give consideration to taking on the responsibility of mowing an area of road reserve adjoining their property. The area once had an open drain running through it and has now been filled in and piped by Council.

After consideration, it was agreed that as this is now a private road reserve of the 24 Kaikahu Road property, it is the responsibility of the landowner to mow it.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the request to mow the private road reserve on 24 Kaikahu Road South, Kerepehi be declined.

PWC16/04

Swales/Harris

**CARRIED**

**Garden Vegetation Removal at Pedestrian Crossings, Ngatea**

The Parks and Reserves Manager advised of a potential safety issue which has been brought to his attention. Due to the restriction to the visibility of motorists approaching the pedestrian crossings located in the Ngatea main street at the Butchers shop, Hammer Hardware and Primary School, it has been recommended that the vegetation be reduced in height to ensure better sight lines for motorists and for the general safety of pedestrians using the crossings.

It was suggested that the existing plantings be removed and replaced with low growing species such as ground covers.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the current plants in the central islands and pedestrian refuges on the Ngatea main street at the location of the Butchers shop, Hammer Hardware and Primary School are removed and replaced with ground cover plants only.

PWC16/05

Gordon/Harris

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**2016/17 ANNUAL PLAN – DRAFT RATES IMPACT (1472325)**

The Corporate Services Manager reported on and presented the financial impact of the draft 2016/17 annual plan proposals as they currently stand and requested the Committee's feedback on whether it considers the draft rates impact to be appropriate.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

PWC16/06

Leonard/Harris

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Committee recommends to Council that the \$10,000 for the Ngatea Gardens be rated \$5,000 in 2016-17 and \$5,000 in 2017-18, and

THAT the changes from what was originally forecast in year two of the Long Term Plan be included in the 2016/17 Annual Plan including the 0.0% increase in the Ward Rate, and the 3.2% increase in the Ward Business Rate.

PWC16/07

Swales/Gordon

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**UPDATE ON PROPOSED DOG CONTROL AREAS IN THE PLAINS WARD (1476831)**

The Policy Analyst reported on and sought approval from the Committee about the proposed dog control areas in the Plains Ward to be included in the Draft Dog Control Policy 2016 and associated Bylaw.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be received.

PWC16/08

Swales/Harris

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the Plains Ward Committee approves the inclusion of the proposed dog control areas with the change in the River Road designated area for inclusion in the Draft Dog Control Policy 2016 and associated Bylaw.

PWC16/09

Harris/Swales

**CARRIED**

**WARD MEMBERS MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS ATTENDED AND COMMUNITY MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Cr Harris – plan to hold a meeting of the Waitakaruru Hall Committee to discuss maintenance issues with the hall.

Cr Gordon advised that the Kerepehi Hall & Domain Committee will be held at 7.30am at the Kerepehi Bowling Club on Wednesday 10 February.

Cr Leonard – attended the WWI tunnelling memorial ceremony in Gilmour Park, Waihi.

Cr Gordon – Ngatea Rowing Club - requested that consideration be given to the ownership of the club pontoon. It was suggested that funding towards the maintenance of the club is supported by the district as it is utilised by residents of the district not just the Hauraki Plains. Staff have been asked to meet with the Ngatea Club to discuss options.

Ngatea Cooperating Parish Community Garden Water Rates - a report will be submitted to the March Ward Committee meeting for consideration of this matter.

Kaiaua Motorhome/Camping Area – it was commented that further consideration is needed regarding options for an alternative motorhome/camping area at Kaiaua due to the large amount of campers currently utilising the area. It was also commented that as part of this discussion, that options be considered to include the rail trail. It was suggested that a workshop be held following the March Ward meeting for discussions on this matter.

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

CONFIRMED

G R Leonard  
Chairperson

15 March 2016