

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 15 MARCH 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), A de Laborde (Engineering Services Manager), Mr J McIver (Community Development Officer) 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 9 FEBRUARY 2016 (1494691)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Plains Ward Committee held on Tuesday 9 February 2016 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

PLWC16/10

Swales/Harris

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Garden Vegetation Removal at Pedestrian Crossings, Ngatea

A member asked when the removal and replanting of the gardens at the pedestrian crossing areas will commence. The Community Services Manager advised he will follow up on this matter.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - 2016 (1495569, 1496590, 1500801, 1503276, 1501314)

The Community Services monthly report on activities for the month of February 2016 was presented for the Committee's consideration.

RESOLVED

THAT the Community Services monthly report for February 2016 be received, and

THAT the correspondence from Positive Paeroa Inc., Ngatea Community Garden and Serena Hammond be received.

PLWC16/11

Gordon/Harris

CARRIED

Positive Paeroa – Request for Funding towards Covi Motorhome Caravan & Outdoor Super Show

At the February Ward meetings, it was suggested that all Wards contribute to the cost for the Positive Paeroa Group to have a stand at this year's Covi Motorhome Caravan & Outdoor Super Show in the ASB Showground from the 11th to the 13th March. The purpose of their attendance at the show was to promote Hauraki as a campervan friendly district. Destination Coromandel has agreed to fund the stall site (\$600), and both Paeroa and Waihi Ward's agreed to grant \$500 each towards the setting up of the stand.

The Chairperson requested the member's consideration of granting funding support to Positive Paeroa also.

RESOLVED

THAT \$250.00 is granted from the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund to Positive Paeroa in support of their representation Hauraki as a campervan friendly district at the COVI Motorhome Show in Auckland which was held from 11-13 March 2016.

PLWC16/12

Gordon/Swales

CARRIED

Ngatea Community Garden (1500801)

The organiser for the community garden writes seeking financial assistance for the use of water over the last 5 months. During this period 79 cubic metres of water was used. The cost of consumption is \$134.30.

RESOLVED

THAT \$200.00 is granted as a one off contribution for the Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish church Community Garden group water rates from the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund.

PLWC16/13

Gordon/Harris

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee recommends to the Corporate Services Manager that a rates remission be approved to the Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish church for the vacant property while it is being used for community garden purposes.

PLWC16/14

Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

Serena Hammond (1503276)

Mrs Hammond has written seeking financial assistance towards her participation in the World Ironman Championships in Kona, Hawaii in October 2016.

RESOLVED

THAT a grant of \$250.00 is contributed from the Plains Ward Discretionary Fund to Mrs Serena Hammond in support of her participation in the World Ironman Championships in Kona, Hawaii in October 2016.

PLWC16/15

Tregidga/Harris

CARRIED

Community Initiatives

Plains Social Initiative – Elephant in the Paddock (1497464)

The Chairperson and Community Development Officer presented a report on the social initiative which has been established in support of the mental well being of the farming community. A comprehensive group of farming community and industry support stakeholders have been included to assist with the initiative.

Discussion was held as regards to other support options to be offered as part of the initiative.

Citizenship and Young Achievers Awards

The Community Development Officer updated on the citizen and young achievers awards assessment process. Nominations are being sought for prospective candidates and an advertisement will be placed in the local papers. Nominations close 3 June 2016. The gala event will be held in the Waihi Memorial Hall on Wednesday 31 August 2016. A list of previous recipients was presented.

It was also reported that the Industry Training Graduation event will be held by the Thames-Coromandel District Council this year.

Ngatea North Subdivision

The Community Services Manager updated on the development of the Ngatea North subdivision.

Proposed Shade Cover over Play Area – Pioneer Park, Ngatea

A Ngatea resident has proposed that a shade cover be installed over the playground as the area and playground equipment is too hot in the heat of the day for young children to use.

The Community Services Manager suggested that this matter be reviewed when Council undertakes its consultation on the Reserve Management Plan.

RESOLVED

THAT the application for the installation of a shade cloth over the Pioneer Park playground be delayed until consultation on Councils Reserve Management Plan has been undertaken.

PLWC16/16

Gordon/Harris

CARRIED

The Community Services Manager provided updates on the following matters:

- Compacting rubbish bins (solar big belly bins)
- Operation and use of Ngatea swimming pool
- 'Welcome to Kerepehi Sign' - (suggestion of community sign)
- Next Kerepehi public meeting proposed date – Wednesday, 4 May at 7.00pm at the Kerepehi Hall.

Proposed topics for the Kerepehi public meeting:

- Ice Cream Factory Update (proposed open day)
- Cr Leonard and Mayor to confirm the agenda

NETWORK SERVICES

KEREPEHI WATER SUPPLY – DIRTY WATER UPDATE (1502456)

The Utilities Manager provided an update on the dirty water issues currently being experienced by the wider Kerepehi area. He explained to the Committee what is causing the issue and what measures have been undertaken to help address the poor water quality. A number of options were also provided on how the higher than acceptable manganese levels could be dealt with.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

PLWC16/17

Harris/Swales

CARRIED

WARD MEMBERS MONTHLY UPDATE

Members were invited to report on community meetings attended and any community matters of significance.

Cr Leonard – Farmfit bike ride.

Cr Harris – Kaihere Hall meeting – issues at turnaround area re buses stopping and members of public defecating.

Cr Gordon – Turua Hall & Domain Committee Meeting – upgrading of toilets and campervan area.

Kerepehi Hall & Domain Committee Meeting – discussions have been held regarding upgrade work required to hall.

Mayor – attending Pukorokoro-Miranda Bird Centre on Friday, 18 March – marking the departure of godwits and knots on the beginning of their epic migration to China and the breeding grounds in the high Arctic. The Director-General of the Department of Conservation and the Vice-Minister for State Forestry Administration will sign a Memorandum of Arrangement to promote greater cooperation between the two organisations to protect and enhance the populations and habitats of wading birds as they migrate between NZ and China.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

CONFIRMED

G R Leonard
Chairperson

12 April 2016