

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 14 JUNE 2016 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT Crs G R Leonard (Chairperson - from 9.30 – 10.38am), G A Harris (Deputy Chairperson - from 9.00 - 9.30am), B A Gordon and His Worship the Mayor J P Tregidga

IN ATTENDANCE Messrs S B Fabish (Group Manager - Community Services), Mr J Mclver (Community Development Officer), Ms C Black (Council Secretary) and Ms D Bezuidenhout (Acting Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology for absence of Cr D Swales and for the lateness of Cr G R Leonard be received and sustained.

PLWC16/27

Harris/Gordon

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016 (1536810)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Plains Ward Committee held on Tuesday 10 May 2016 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

PLWC16/28

Gordon/Harris

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2016 (1542434, 1543055, 1545971, 1545760, 1542642)

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

RESOLVED

THAT the Community Services monthly report for May 2016 be received.

PLWC16/29

Tregidga/Gordon

CARRIED

Hauraki Plains College – Letter of Appreciation (1546281)

A letter of appreciation was presented from the Hauraki Plains College and Districts Rowing Club thanking the Ward Committee for donating the cost of the hall hire for their recent prize giving event.

Ngatea Primary School [1543055 - Appendix A]

The Principal of the school has written requesting financial assistance towards the building of a cycling track along the border of their school. The writer has provided a quote for GAP 7 metal being \$2,110.60.

RESOLVED

THAT the correspondence from Ngatea Primary School be received, and

THAT a grant of \$2,110.60 plus GST is contributed from the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund to the Ngatea Primary School in support of the building of a cycling track along the border of the school.

PLWC16/30

Gordon/Tregidga

CARRIED

Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund 2015-16

Discussion was held to determine what should be done with the balance of the funds in the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund from the 2015-16 year.

RESOLVED

THAT the unspent funds from the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund be carried forwarded to the 2016-17 financial year.

PLWC16/31

Gordon/Harris

CARRIED

Ward Discretionary Social Initiatives

The Plains Ward Committee has \$10,000 from the 2014/15 term that was not allocated and a further \$5,000 for the 2015/16 term making a total of \$15,000 for discretionary grants of a social services nature.

Grants have been made to the following:

Organisation	Amount Granted
"Elephant in the Paddock" Project	\$10,000.00
TOTAL ALLOCATED	\$10,000.00
BALANCE	\$5,000.00

Significant District Funded Projects

Ngatea Northern Estate Subdivision: Progress on the Subdivision Works

The Group Manager – Community Services updated the members on the progress of the Ngatea north subdivision development.

Service Requests for Consideration

Upgrade of Kerepehi Playground – Appendix B (1545971) Appendix C (1545760)

Following previous requests raised at the Kerepehi public meeting, a request from Esther Balderston representing the Kerepehi residents was received, asking that minor upgrades to the children's playground/park be made to make it more welcoming and park like.

The residents are requesting the installation of a compactor rubbish bin at the park as well as a BBQ similar to Railway Reserve and Gilmour Reserve. Some of the playground equipment is still in a satisfactory state, however, very outdated. Residents have indicated that an upgrade would be greatly appreciated

It was also requested that some sort of a fence with a gate be installed around the playground as it is on the corner of two roads. Residents note that there is a good balance of younger and older children wanting to use the playground and ask that Council consider playground equipment that caters for all age groups. Also requested was permission to create a flower garden.

In response to the letter requesting improvements, the members considered the key projects they believed were a priority in Kerepehi is as follows:

- General upgrade of the town.
- The members supported as does the community "Welcome to the town" signage.
- Maintenance of the bus shelter. Who is responsible?
- The BBQ is not supported.
- The Kerepehi Domain Committee continues to work with Council.
- That the upgrade of the playground be supported with the aim of working with the community on the project.

RESOLVED

THAT the Plains Ward Committee work with the Kerepehi community on the village improvements proposed at the time of the LTP process, and

THAT this item be raised at the Kerepehi community meeting to be held in August, and

THAT staff contact Esther Balderston advising of the Committee's decision.

PLWC16/32

Harris/Gordon

CARRIED

State Highway 27 Road Reserve at Kaihere Request for Public Toilets – Appendix D (1542642)

Residents are very concerned with tourist buses stopping at the dress circle reserve allowing their tourists to use the bushes as toilets.

It poses a health risk and it is requested that we place toilets at the area and signage to warn visitors not to use the bush as a toilet.

No funding provision of public toilets on this reserve has been allowed for in the current Long Term Plan.

Staff recommended that signage be placed indicating where the closest public toilets are located.

A number of concerns were raised by the members:

Further investigation is required on the matter suggested to determine the scope of the problem. Members supported signage to be placed indicating where the closest toilets are located but did not support the installation of toilets due to the high cost of maintenance.

It was requested that the Group Manager – Community Services follow up on the action proposed and report back to the August meeting.

RESOLVED

THAT the Group Manager - Community Services writes to Maree Clark and the Kaihere Hall Committee advising that the Plains Ward Committee supports the installation of signage at the reserve on Kaihere/SH27 indicating where the closest toilets are located but does not support the installation of toilets due to the high cost of maintenance, and

THAT signage (advising of the location of nearest toilet facilities are) is designed in accordance with Councils signage strategy.

PLWC16/33

Harris/Gordon

CARRIED

Signage to Kerepehi Village Entrances and Community Sign

Staff advised that they are working with a Kerepehi community group on the design and suitable placement of signage to the entrances to the village and a sign for the centre of the village with relevant community information.

The Committee supported the installation of signage at the entrances to the town but did not support the installation of a community information board at this time.

Freedom Campers

The Group Manager – Community Services sought discussion with the Ward about the growing issues apparently due to the increase in the numbers of freedom campers staying overnight in the area designated behind the Ngatea Service Centre. It is believed that one attraction is the access to free library wifi from the service centre.

Campers are using the toilets for doing their dishes, and for washing and drying clothing.

To address this issue, it was agreed that staff trial reducing the hours of the wifi to office hours allowing access only from 8am to 5pm, improve signage notifying users what activities are permitted in the area and that staff monitor the area.

It was requested that the Group Manager undertake the proposed measures as suggested and report back to the August meeting.

Feedback on Ngatea Northern Estate Street Names

The Group Manager-Community Services sought feedback from the Plains Ward Committee on the selection of names for the new roads within stages one and two of the subdivision.

A list of proposed names was presented for the naming of four streets in the subdivision. Out of the list, the following four family names were chosen:

- Bob Shaw
- Stembridge
- Costello
- McWatters

It was requested that the Group Manager contact the road naming authority to ensure there is no double up of these names and that an article be placed in the Plains Profile seeking from the community information on the background and history of the four family names proposed.

RESOLVED

THAT the Plains Ward Committee supports the proposed naming of the four streets in the Ngatea Northern Estate after the following families Bob Shaw, Stembridge, Costello and McWatters.

PLW16/34

Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

NGATEA HALL AND DOMAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (1543435)

Minutes of the Ngatea Hall and Domain Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 19 May 2016 were presented for the information of the Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Ngatea Hall and Domain Management Committee held on Thursday 19 May 2016 are received.

PLWC16/35

Harris/Gordon

CARRIED

Issues that were raised at the meeting:

- Parking on wet grass, no hard surface.
- Safety issues of current parking arrangement – Western end of hockey turf.
- Parking up to the grandstand blocking access for ambulance.
- Yellow lines for official vehicles.
- Appointment of Parks and Reserves Manager

New Staff – Community Services Department

The Group Manager reported that the Parks and Reserves Manager and Community Services Manager positions have now been filled. The Parks and Reserves Manager will start in the role on Monday 20 June and the Community Services Manager will start on Monday 4 July.

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

Cr. Harris

Attended the Kaihere Public Meeting.

Cr Leonard

- Leaves cleaned up during certain times of year. Service request to be raised in order to have it cleaned up in the retail area (in Main Street).
- Positively Promoting the Plains new members, state of town entrances especially mentioned. Proposed improvements received by Cr Leonard. Letter from new resident to next ward meeting for further discussion on how to progress.
- State Highway beautification – due to a number of trees being identified as in poor condition causing a health and safety issue to stock along the section of the state highway from the Maukoro to the Canal Road East, it has been proposed that they be attended to by an arborist. Geoff Canham (Parks and Reserves contractor) has been working on this project. It was requested that Cr. Gordon seek the names of landowners bordering this section of the state highway so that they can be advised of this project.

Cr Gordon

- Is to write up next Plains Profile edition.
- Cr Harris is to write up next Kaiaua Compass edition.

The meeting closed at 10.38am

CONFIRMED

G R Leonard
Chairperson

12 July 2016