

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 16 AUGUST 2016 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs S B Fabish (Group Manager - Community Services), A de Laborde (Group Manager - Engineering Services), Mr J McIver (Community Development Officer), P Matthews (Parks & Reserves Manager) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of D H Swales be received and sustained.

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Harris/Gordon

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 JULY 2016 (1559860)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Plains Ward Committee held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

PLWC16/55

Harris/Tregidga

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ngatea Service Centre Site – Wifi Access Hours

It was advised that availability of access to free Wifi at the Ngatea Service Centre has been changed to 8.00am – 5.00pm daily.

Waitakaruru and Kopuarahi Halls – Improvements/Upgrade

Further to the discussion held regarding the PPP's concerns raised as to the state of the Waitakaruru and Kopuarahi halls, Cr Leonard advised that a letter requesting a meeting with the Waitakaruru Hall committee had been sent and that she has also had a phone conversation with the Kopuarahi Hall Chair discussing their needs.

Road Maintenance – SH27 and SH2

Cr Gordon requested engineering staff investigate the issues the Ward and PPP have raised concerning the poor maintenance of SH27 and SH2, particularly where SH2 passes through the Ngatea main street.

The Mayor suggested a report on the general maintenance of both state highways be brought to the Operations Committee by roading staff at some time in the near future.

Community Meeting - Methamphetamine

The Chairperson advised that the P3 group are agreeable to setting up a community meeting to raise awareness of the issue of methamphetamine.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2016 (1570446,1564794, 1572593, 1560987, 1576011, 1576958)

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

RESOLVED

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

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Harris/Tregidga

CARRIED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Requests for Financial Assistance

Lions Club of Ngatea [1564794 - Appendix A]

The secretary for the club has written seeking financial assistance towards their annual World Service Day.

Last year the Club joined with the Plains Ward to celebrate the International Day of the Older Persons where a contribution to the event was made from the Community Initiatives budget.

RESOLVED

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

THAT a grant of \$500.00 is contributed from the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund to the Lions Club of Ngatea in support of International Day of the Older Person, and

THAT Council work with the Lions Club to provide resources in support of the International Day of the Older Person.

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Gordon/Harris

CARRIED

Kerepehi Brass Band [1572953 - Appendix B]

The secretary/treasurer for the brass band has written seeking financial assistance towards their 70 year anniversary event that will be taking place in Kerepehi and Paeroa.

RESOLVED

THAT the correspondence from Kerepehi Brass Band be received, and
THAT a grant of \$250.00 is contributed from the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund to the Kerepehi Brass Band in support of their 70th anniversary event, and
THAT it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$250.00 be contributed from the District Discretionary Fund towards the event.

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Harris/Gordon

CARRIED

Elephant in the Paddock Social Initiative

Cr Leonard provided an update on the progress of the social initiative established to support members of the farming community who are experiencing stress as a result of the low dairy payout.

New Zealander of the Year 2017 [1560987 – Appendix C]

The Community Development Officer advised that nominations are now open for the 2017 New Zealander of the Year Awards. Full details on how to nominate and the six award categories were attached. Nominations close Friday 30 September 2016.

The organisers also encourage Council to consider the New Zealander of the Year Awards as an extension of Councils own Civic Awards and, in so doing, raise the national awareness of the great people within our community.

Ngatea Northern Estate Subdivision- Progress of Works

The Group Manager – Engineering Services updated the members on the status infrastructural works of Stage 1 of the Ngatea North subdivision. Earthworks are currently being undertaken for Stage 2 of the development.

Auckland Home Show – Council will be setting up a stand at the Auckland Home Show for the promotion of the Hauraki District, on 11 September.

Capital Projects

The Parks and Reserves Manager updated on the Plains Ward capital projects for 2016-17 and Community Facilities and Community Recreation Projects for 2016-17.

New Kaiaua Public Toilets

Cr Gordon questioned if new toilets are really needed and if they are, where they should be located and, that consideration be given to upgrading the existing toilets.

Turua Jetty & Ramp Reserve Development

Cr Gordon suggested that the community and the Turua Hall Committee be given the opportunity to have input into the development of these projects.

GENERAL

Ngatea Swimming Pool

Staff are in the process of considering options for upgrading of the Ngatea Pool heating to a more cost efficient system and consulting with the swim club and schools in regards to the 2016/17 swim season start.

Current Projects

Dudding Reserve

Two meetings have been held with representatives of Council, Hauraki Plains College, and Ngatea Lions. A number of ideas have come forward - this project is gathering momentum and generating excitement for a development that will have very positive outcomes for Ngatea. Community members are coming on board with this project.

Pedestrian Crossing Planting

Staff are currently in discussions with Canham Consulting to decide what plant species will meet safety standards for planting next to pedestrian crossings.

Tilbury Reserve

An incident was reported on last month involving a person falling down after slipping on the bridge at Tilbury Reserve. The timber has been cleaned to prevent a similar incident recurring.

Staff advised that they are investigating all potential areas where there is a risk of slippery surfaces, designing signage that warns of slippery surfaces, and also looking into options for non-slip materials that can be fixed to the surface of potential slip hazards.

Irrigation Unit for the Hugh Hayward Domain

An irrigation unit has been ordered and will be in place for the coming summer season. In addition, the annual inspection of the sports fields will be conducted by the NZ Sports Turf consultant this week. Staff will be meeting with the consultant to determine any further remedial work that will need to be done to the Hugh Howard Domain to remove the unevenness in the playing surface.

Staff emphasised the need that weed killer is not used for line marking of the sports fields. This message has been advised to the Domain Committee members.

Scout Hall

Quotes have been requested to determine the cost of removing the building. This is proving to be more costly than initially thought due to the presence of asbestos. Negotiations are continuing with Scouting New Zealand over the removal of their building.

Addressing Positively Promoting the Plains issues – Appendix D (1576011)

The Community Services Manager has written to the Chair of Positively Promoting the Plains accepting their letter and offered assistance in working together to find suitable solutions to a number of issues.

Cr Leonard also responded to a number of issues raised regarding the Waitakaruru Hall. Copies of both letters were attached for the member's information.

Welcome to Kerepehi Signs – Appendix E (1576958)

Staff have been working with a Kerepehi community group on the design of the new "Welcome to Kerepehi Signs". Staff sought the Ward Committee's feedback on the signs, approval of funding and to decide where they should be located.

RESOLVED

THAT the Committee approve the design of the 'Welcome to Kerepehi' signs, and
THAT staff seek input from the community as regards to the size and the preferred location of the signs.

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Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

Kerepehi Community Issues

- Kerepehi stormwater – a number of issues need to be addressed
- Kerepehi playground – a suggestion was made to revamp the playground
- Kerepehi Domain Committee AGM will be held on Monday 22 August.

It was decided that the proposed August public meeting be postponed and held following the local body elections.

Kopuarahi Hall

Discussion has been held with Hall Committee Chair to determine how Council could assist the community in improving the amenity to the Kopuarahi Hall area.

It was agreed that staff seek a price for the spraying of weeds and the washing of the Kopuarahi hall building and that these costs be reported back to the Ward Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT Council staff provide a price for the spraying of weeds and the washing of the Kopuarahi hall building and submit these costs to the Plains Ward Committee meeting in September.

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Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

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

Cr Harris has met with residents concerned about the slip which has occurred on Torehape Road. Residents wish to see the issue addressed.

Cr Leonard attended for following meetings - LGNZ Conference in Dunedin, Dudding Reserve and Positively Promoting the Plains

The meeting closed at 10.45am.

CONFIRMED

G R Leonard
Chairperson

13 September 2016