

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 SEPTEMBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT Crs G R Leonard (Chairperson), G A Harris, B A Gordon and D H Swales

IN ATTENDANCE Messrs S B Fabish (Group Manager - Community Services), A de Laborde (Group Manager - Engineering Services), D Peddie (Group Manager - Corporate Services), Mr J McIver (Community Development Officer), P Matthews (Parks & Reserves Manager), G Thomsen (Roading Manager) and Ms D Bezuidenhout (Acting Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies of His Worship the Mayor, J P Tregidga be received and sustained.

PLWC16/61

Swales/Gordon

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no late items.

PRESENTATION: TURUA HALL COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF FUNDING OF WALKWAY PROJECT (#1594251)

Members of the Turua Hall and Domain Committee, Geoff Gordon and Jim Sutherland were in attendance.

They presented a proposal that a walkway be constructed around the Turua Township. The walkway will encompass most of the town following Piako, Oparia and Raratuna Streets and along the river back to Bagnall Square.

They envisage the construction will be similar to the rail trail.

Initial estimates are from \$40,000 to \$65,000. Public consultation on the proposal is yet to be undertaken with members of the community affected by the proposed route, approximately 4-5 properties.

The need for a walkway has been highlighted by the community in that pedestrians are walking this circuit already and have to use the road to get around. They believe the walkway will be an asset to the town.

The group sought leadership and consideration of funding from Council in support of the project. They proposed that construction of the walkway could take place at the same time that Council is undertaking the upgrade of the Turua Jetty and Domain car park.

The Group Manager – Community Services explained the process involved in the development of such a project and the funding process. He noted that the Piako Road section of the proposed walkway would be the most urgent section as it has more significant safety issues due to it being in the high speed zone.

It was also suggested that consideration is given in the pre-development stage of the walkway to incorporate areas which will attract campervans users.

RESOLVED

THAT the Group Manager – Community Services and Group Manager – Engineering Services meet with the Turua Hall and Domain Committee to discuss in more detail, the feasibility and logistics of the Turua Walkway proposal.

PLWC16/62

Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2016 (1578474)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Plains Ward Committee held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

PLWC16/

Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Waitakaruru and Kopuarahi Halls – Improvements and Upgrade

The Chairperson has made contact with the group. The Waitakaruru Hall Committee would like to meet when they have painting quotes available and the Kopuarahi Hall Committee are receptive to the council spraying weeds and giving the hall a wash down.

Road Maintenance – SH27 and SH2

Members asked if staff had followed up on the issue raised regarding their concern about the poor condition of the state highway network particularly where it passes through the Ngatea Main Street.

The Parks and Reserves Manager advised the members that roadside spraying of state highways is currently being reviewed with the Waikato Regional Council.

The Roding Manager was in attendance and explained that NZTA are responsible for the management and maintenance of the state highway network. All maintenance will be undertaken by them as they deem necessary as part of their road safety maintenance programme.

Community Meeting - Methamphetamine

It was advised that the scheduling of a public meeting on the issue of methamphetamine will be followed up once the calving season is over.

Addressing Positively Promoting the Plains Issues

The Chairperson confirmed that a letter from the Ward Committee had been sent to the PPP group in response to their concerns raised regarding Plains Ward – beautification, town entrances, maintenance, and management of community halls, graffiti management and road maintenance.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2016 (1583179, 1579588, 1579355, 1585487)

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

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

PLWC16/63

Swales/Harris

CARRIED

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1st Waihi Scout Group [1579588 – Appendix A]

The Eastern Waikato Leader of Scouts has written seeking financial assistance for 10 scouts and 5 leaders from the Waihi and Turua groups that will be going to a jamboree in Marlborough at the end of this year.

The writer has provided a budget for this event.

RESOLVED

THAT correspondence from Turua Scout Group (1st Waihi Scout Group) be received, and

THAT \$750.00 is granted from the Plains Ward Community Assistance Fund to the Turua Scout Group (1st Waihi Scout Group) in support of their attendance at the Marlborough jamboree event to be held at the end of 2016.

PLWC16/64

Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

Ngatea Playcentre [1579355 –Appendix B]

The Operations Manager for the association has written requesting financial assistance with their rates account. The association currently owes \$1,255.81 for the 2015/16 term.

RESOLVED

THAT correspondence from the Ngatea Play Centre be received, and

THAT the Community Services - Group Manager write to the Ngatea Playcentre explaining why they are being charged and to also inform them that no penalties will be levied against their account for late payment, and

THAT Council will be reviewing charging of rates to community organisations.

PLWC16/65

Swales/Harris

CARRIED

The Group Manager - Corporate Services Manager, Mr Duncan Peddie was in attendance to explain the rates remission process.

Social Initiatives

Elephant in the Paddock

Members were invited to the 'wind up' event on the 21st September where the project group will report on the project activities.

Ngatea Northern Estate Development

The Group Manager – Community Services advised that the development is progressing well.

Auckland Home Show

The Group Manager – Community Services advised that he and the Property Manager had attended the Auckland Home Show earlier in the month. The interest in the Ngatea North subdivision was received mainly from people in the middle to senior age group.

Kerepehi Industrial Subdivision

There have been six new sale offers received for the purchase of sections in the subdivision.

WARD FUNDED PROJECTS

The Parks and Reserves Manager updated on Ward funded projects.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kaiaua Public Toilets Planning

Cr Gordon advised that the location of the Kaiaua toilets is being considered with the Tauwhare Koiora Co Governance Committee as part of the management plan of the reserve. He proposed that the present toilets be upgraded to a satisfactory standard for public use until the reserve management plan for the Tauwhare Koiora Reserve has been finalised.

GENERAL

Swimming Pools

The new heat pump has been ordered for the conversion of the Ngatea swimming pool.

Staff has met with the schools to discuss the upcoming time table for the pool season. The opening date for the Ngatea pool is set for 19th November 2016 with the tentative closing date of Sunday the 19th March 2017. The recruitment process for lifeguards has commenced.

Current Projects

Scout Hall on Hugh Hayward Domain

Council has been in contact with NZ Scouts, who have taken the issue to their national office. The issue being that the building material of the structure contains asbestos. They recognise that the Scout Den is their property and needs to be removed as soon as possible. NZ Scouts are putting together an exit strategy and have asked for financial assistance towards the removal of the building.

Staff have requested formal correspondence from NZ Scouts informing of total costs and what level of funding they are seeking from Council. When this information has been received, staff will present this to the Ward Committee for discussion.

Welcome to Kerepehi Signs

Staff have been working with the Kerepehi Community Group who have finalised the design for the "Welcome to Kerepehi" signs. An application for the resource consent for the installation of the signs is underway and once approved, the signs can be installed.

The size of the sign has been up-scaled to 1600mm x 1090mm. Final costs will be known once consent has been granted and these costs will be presented to the Ward Committee with funding options before being presented to Kerepehi community at their November Community meeting.

Doggy Doo Bins – Appendix C (1585487)

The Parks and Reserves Manager included in his report, maps for each park/reserve/domain that is to receive new doggy doo bins and signage, the maps identify where each bin (indicated in red) and sign (indicated in blue) will be located.

Staff recommended that the purchase and installation of the bins and signs will come from the existing animal control budget. The emptying of the doggy doo bins would be funded from the nearest reserve's budget.

The cost of each bin is \$430.00 and \$250.00 for each sign.

RESOLVED

THAT the Ward Committee recommend to Council that the cost of the doggy doo bins of \$430.00 per bin and \$250.00 per sign be approved for the Plains Ward dog exercise areas and that these costs be funded from the existing Animal Control Budget.

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Leonard/Gordon

CARRIED

Planting Projects in Ngatea

Staff has almost completed the plant list and costing for a number of planting projects in Ngatea. Once completed, staff will meet with the Ward Committee to discuss the planting varieties and programme.

Remedial Maintenance for the Domain

Staff have received the bi-annual NZ Sports Turf report for the Hauraki District. The timing for conducting of remedial works to remove the unevenness in the playing surface of Hugh Hayward Domain was discussed at the Domain Committee meeting held on 8th September.

Ngatea Overnight Park over Area

New signs are being designed and installed to inform the users of this area behind the Ngatea Office and of the terms and conditions for the use of this area. It is also being planned to alter the layout for parking to allow only a maximum of 12 vehicles to be parked there at any one time. The Group Manager – Community Services updated the Ward members on further development in making improvements to this area.

Street Sweeping

A programme of weekly street sweeping has begun in the Ngatea CBD. This to be conducted on

Tuesday mornings starting at approximately 6.30am. A wash of the CBD is planned to be undertaken in September.

Kopuarahi Hall

The Parks and Reserves Manager will present costs to the October Ward Committee meeting to assist the Kopuarahi Hall Committee with weed spraying the car park area and cleaning the outside of the building.

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

Cr Gordon

- Advised that the owner of the (Stop 'n' Eat Cafe) has requested that a rubbish bin be installed in front of her premises. There are no bins along the section from the College to the Post office. She has complained that Hauraki Plains College school students are dropping their rubbish on the pavement in front her cafe.
- Turua and Ngatea experience difficulty with rubbish issues. Staff responded that Council are currently reviewing bin numbers presently and their locations.
- Hugh Hayward Domain Users meeting – issues with Rugby and Netball.
- Kerepehi Hall committee meeting – issues with the halls plumbing. They require financial assistance.
- Lighting in Main Street.
- Scout Hall and Kerepehi Hall.

Cr Swales

- Inspected slip on Torehape Road.

Cr Harris

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- Kaihere Bridge remedial work.

Cr Leonard

- Kerepehi Hall & Domain Committee AGM
- Citizens & Young Achievers Awards
- Ngatea Swimming Pool meeting – noted some issues involving schools shared use of the facility.
- Dudding Reserve – concerns were raised regarding where trees have been planted.

The meeting closed at 10.43am.

CONFIRMED

G R Leonard
Chairperson

4 October 2016