

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 4 OCTOBER 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 (9.00– 9.45am)

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs S B Fabish (Group Manager - Community Services), A de Laborde (Group Manager - Engineering Services), Mr J Mclver (Community Development Officer), P Matthews (Parks & Reserves Manager) 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 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 (1589668)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Plains Ward Committee held on Tuesday 13 September 2016 are confirmed and are a true and correct record.

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Gordon/Harris

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Community Meeting - Methamphetamine

Public meeting on Methamphetamine is still to be confirmed.

Addressing Positively Promoting the Plains Issues

In response to concerns raised by the PPP group as regards to beautification of town entrances, maintenance and management of community halls, graffiti issues and road maintenance, the Group Manager - Community Services suggested that Community Services staff along with the Plains Ward members meet with the PPP group to discuss these matters raised.

Members asked staff if progress had been made in seeking a price for the cleaning of the Kopuarahi hall building and the clearing and spraying of weeds around the site.

Staff are currently waiting on a price from a contractor for this work.

State Highway Network Road Maintenance - Update

A regards to maintenance of the state highway network, the Group Manager – Engineering Services advised that he has met with Regional Road Maintenance Operations Manager (Karen Boyt) for discussions regarding state highway roading maintenance projects affecting the Hauraki District. Staff will report back on the status of these to the Ward Committee under the new council.

Ngatea Playcentre – Financial Assistance towards Rates

Staff advised that Councils Communications Officer will be writing to the centre advising that Council is undertaking a general review of rates for all community organisations.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 2016 (1592922)

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

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

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Significant District Funded Projects

Ngatea Northern Estate Subdivision

The Group Manager – Community Services updated the Committee on the progress of the development on the subdivision.

Ward Projects

Dudding Reserve

The Parks & Reserves Manager updated on the concept plan for the covered seated area of the reserve and other design ideas. The Hauraki Plains College are designing an information sign about the project.

Capital Projects

The Parks & Reserves Manager provided an update on the status of capital projects for the 2016-17 year.

K2K Project

The Group Manager – Engineering Services updated on progress of the Kaiaua to Kopu section of the cycleway project.

Xmas Lights – Ngatea

Staff suggested that a permanent lighting display be considered. After discussion, it was agreed that permanent lights be delayed until early next year. Staff will meet with the PPP group and the new Ward Committee members for a further discussion regarding the installation of permanent lights.

Acknowledgement of Retiring and Standing Members

Before taking his leave from the meeting, the Mayor acknowledged all members of the Plains Ward Committee, thanking them for their support and commitment to the communities of the Hauraki Plains over his time as Mayor and wished them all well for the future.

The Mayor left the meeting at 9.45am.

Swimming Pool

Recruitment is underway for lifeguards and the water heating system at the pool is on track for completion.

Current Projects

Planting Projects in Ngatea

For the member's information, the Parks & Reserves Manager advised he now has a planting plan for the Ngatea main street. A number of suggested species have been approved to conform to the NZTA requirements regarding plantings along state highways.

Netball Club

The Parks & Reserves Manager has met with Netball Club regarding storage issues and ponding on the courts.

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

Cr Swales

Kaiaua Citizens and Ratepayers Association
Kaiaua Public Meeting – will be attending the public meeting at Labour Weekend

Cr Gordon

Turua Hall & Domain Committee – discussion on Turua walkway project
Kerepehi Hall & Domain Committee – changes to positions of Committee

Cr Leonard

Dudding Reserve meetings.

Meeting with Jiading students undertaking trip to China.

Torehape Road slips still exist. She has met with the Roding Manager to review slips. Staff are working with roading consultants presently. Meeting with affected residents regularly to update on how issue is being progressed.

Elephant in the Paddock – representation was provided from medical people. Debrief was provided on the project and how it has been received.

Goldfields School Special Olympics – disco and dinner.

Kerepehi public meeting – proposed date needs to be confirmed.

Acknowledgements to Retiring and Standing Members

Cr Leonard acknowledged retiring members Cr Harris and Cr Gordon for their valued input as members of the Plains Ward Committee and the support they have contributed to the Hauraki Plains communities over their years as elected members.

Cr Swales spoke of his experiences as an elected member and thanked Cr Leonard, as Chair, and the other members for their support, approach and camaraderie as a group.

Cr Harris spoke of his experiences on Council and thanked the other Ward members and particularly Cr Leonard, as Chair, for the support she had given to the group over the previous trienniums as a member of the Ward Committee and Council.

Cr Gordon spoke in support of the Chair, Cr Leonard commending her for her inclusive style of operating meetings and the other members for their support and drive to support the communities of which they serve.

The meeting closed at 10.25pm

CONFIRMED

G R Leonard
Chairperson