



TE AWAMUTU COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 13 JUNE 2006

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board held in Council Chambers of the Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 13 June 2006

1 PRESENT

Members

D Taylor (Chairperson)

H Barnes, N Hall, G Roberts, R Twidle

In Attendance

Sandra des Forges, Community Planning and Governance Manager
Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

Public

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2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

6/06/117

That apologies for absence from Board Members Martin-Page, Empson and Derbyshire be received.

Hall/Barnes

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-21-13

RESOLVED

6/06/118

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Roberts/Hall

5 PUBLIC FORUM

File: 01-21-07

A local representative of Webber Brothers Circus and New Zealand Circus said that the circus were poorly treated by Council during their recent visit to the town. Chairperson Taylor advised of the reasons which justified the action taken by Council.



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6 DELEGATION – HOUSING NEEDS IN TE AWAMUTU

File: 01-21-07

Mr Peter Hannam of Housing Corporation of New Zealand addressed the Board about housing needs in Te Awamutu. He stated that housing prices are too expensive for 30% of the population. Based on statistics, residents are paying 51% of their income on rent with the average rental varying from \$220 to \$260 per week. The average income is \$19,000. House prices are influenced by the increasing value in land which can be attributed to Council policy regarding zoning, subdivision and development fees. By introducing extra costs onto land, when it has been proven that increased land values is driving the house prices up, he queried if Council has considered what impact this has on the community, especially those who cannot afford to buy houses. There are situations in Te Awamutu where 13 adults live in three bedroomed homes, people are living in garages or in someone's lounge or caravan. Most overcrowding is caused by high costs of housing resulting in diseases and lack of sanitary provisions.

Housing Corporation of New Zealand has an Innovation Fund available for Local Authorities to purchase, modernise or reconfigure homes - pensioner flats are considered by many to be too small and the cost of first homes and rental housing is driven by increasing land prices making purchase or renting unaffordable for those on low income in Te Awamutu.

After general discussion Board members decided to investigate this issue more fully before making a recommendation to Council.

7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-21-13

7.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 May 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/119

That the minutes of the meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board held on 9 May 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Barnes/Hall

8 OTHER MINUTES

8.1 Te Awamutu Brass

File: 01-48-02

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2006 were included in the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/06/120

That the minutes of the meeting of Te Awamutu Brass held on 17 May 2006 be received.

Hall/Barnes

8.2 Te Awamutu Alive

File: 20-07-02

The meeting scheduled to be held on 23 May 2006 was cancelled due to lack of attendees.

8.3 Waipa Community Arts Council

File: 20-08-14

Minutes of the meetings held on 15 May 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/121

That the minutes of the meetings of Waipa Community Arts Council held on 15 May 2006 be received.

Hall/Barnes

8.4 Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee

File: 33-09-02

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/122

That the minutes of the meeting of Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee held on 4 May 2006.

Hall/Barnes

8.5 Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful

File: 20-09-01

Minutes of the meetings held on 4 May and 1 June 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/123

That the minutes of the meetings of the Management Committee of Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful held on 4 May and 1 June 2006 be received.

Hall/Barnes



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8.7 Te Awamutu Public Relations Organisation Incorporated

File: 20-07-02

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/124

That the minutes of the meeting of Te Awamutu Public Relations Organisation Incorporated held on 27 April 2006 be received.

Hall/Barnes

9 DIVISIONAL REPORTS

9.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FINANCIAL

9.1.1 Community Services Report

File: 01-84-03

Community Services Report dated 22 May 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/125

That the Community Services Report dated 22 May 2006 be received.

Barnes/Hall

9.1.2 Treasury Report

File: 75-16-09

Report of Group Manager Finance dated 15 May 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/126

That the report of the Group Manager Finance for the period ended 30 April 2006 be received.

Roberts/Twiddle

Matters Arising

(a) Te Awamutu Alive - Christmas in Te Awamutu

File: 20-07-02

Res: 6/06/029



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RESOLVED

6/06/127

That the Te Awamutu Community Board request Council reimburse the Board's Minor Community Works fund of \$620 which was paid out in error to Te Awamutu Alive; an amount of \$2,480 was approved whereas \$3,100 was paid (resolution 6/06/029 refers).

Taylor/Hall

(b) Te Rahu Hall Society – Hall Roof Repairs

File: 75-06-05

Res: 6/05/245

Referring to the amount of \$556 remaining of the \$5,000 approved to Te Rahu Hall Society for hall roof repairs, members queried if the repairs were complete and if this balance was still required by the society.

9.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

9.2.1 Building Statistics

File: 01-84-07

Building Statistics for May 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/128

That the Building Statistics for May 2006 be received.

Barnes/Roberts

10 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Waipa District Council – Update on Draft Long Term Council Community Plan

File: 01-91-39

A letter from the Waipa District Council giving an update of the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/129

That the letter dated 12 May 2006 from Council's Executive Assistant – Policy and Strategy be received.

Hall/Roberts



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11 INSTALLATION OF A 'ZEBRA' CROSSING – TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

File: 01-31-10

A letter from the Principal of Te Awamutu College requesting the Board consider the installation of a 'zebra' crossing on Alexandra Street, in the vicinity of the college, for safety reasons was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/130

That the letter dated 17 May 2006 from the Principal of Te Awamutu College be received.

Roberts/Hall

Traffic calmers in the area of Te Awamutu College were considered dangerous as the students used them as pedestrian crossings and had the tendency to force bikes into the path of traffic. As the bus stop in the area is used by primary aged school children as well as college pupils, the construction of a pedestrian crossing is considered vital because of safety issues.

RESOLVED

6/06/131

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend Council staff urgently meet with the Principal and Board of Trustees of Te Awamutu College to discuss the construction of a pedestrian crossing, because of safety issues, on Alexandra Street in the vicinity of the college.

Barnes/Hall

12 ADOPTION OF NEW MODEL STANDING ORDERS

File: 45-02-08

Model Standing Orders NZS9202:2003 incorporating Amendment No 1 was attached separately to the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/132

That the Te Awamutu Community Board adopt "Model Standing Orders NZS9202:2003 incorporating Amendment No.1" as its Standing Orders pursuant to the Local Government Act.

Roberts/Twiddle



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13 NOTICE OF MOTION – REMOVAL OF SIGNAGE

File: 45-02-14

A Notice of Motion submitted by Chairperson Taylor.

RESOLVED

6/06/133

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend to Council that businesses have to remove all signage from buildings they vacate.

Taylor/Barnes

Board Member Taylor distributed coloured photos, depicting signage on vacated buildings, in support of his motion. Members requested that the coloured photos are included with the minutes for Councillors to view.

14 NOTICE OF MOTION – SUBSIDISED TAXI FARES

File: 01-21-07

A Notice of Motion submitted by Chairperson Taylor.

RESOLVED

6/06/134

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend that Council investigate opportunities for subsidised taxi fares for people with disabilities.

Taylor/Barnes

Board Member Barnes will include a comment in her newspaper column requesting people to contact Board members if there is a need for this service. Chairperson Taylor and Board Member Barnes to discuss further.

15 NOTICE OF MOTION – THE CENOTAPH, ANZAC GREEN

File: 60-12-34

A Notice of Motion submitted by Board Member Hall.

RESOLVED

6/06/135

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend to Waipa District Council that a thorough examination be made of the Cenotaph's (ANZAC Green, Te Awamutu) concrete plinth which supports the statue of a soldier with the view to replacing the plinth using reinforced concrete or some other durable material.

Hall/Roberts



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16 COMMUNITY BOARD RESOLUTIONS UNDER ACTION AND NOT INCLUDED IN THIS AGENDA

File: 01-21-07

Schedule of Te Awamutu Community Board Resolutions Under Action as at 31 May 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/06/136

That the Te Awamutu Community Board Resolutions Under Action as at 31 May 2006 and not included as an item in this agenda be received.

Roberts/Barnes

Members queried when the paper concerning Council's street name policy and protocol is to be presented to Council's Policy Committee as stated in the staff comment relating to resolution 6/06/028.

Members requested an update for resolution 6/06/040.

17 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

File: 01-21-07

Items for the Board meeting requested by Board members should be by way of a written Notice of Motion in accordance with Standing Orders.

18 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 July 2006 in Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS