



TE AWAMUTU COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 12 FEBRUARY 2008

Minutes of a meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 12 February 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.

1 PRESENT

Members

D Taylor (Chairperson)

M Gower, N Hall, L Hoverd [7.05pm], R Hurrell, C Pinkerton

In Attendance

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

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2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

6/08/001

That the apology for absence from Board Member Barnes be received.

Hurrell/Gower

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-21-13

RESOLVED

6/08/002

That the order of the meeting be confirmed with item 9 being taken earlier as Mr Bryant was present at the meeting.

Hall/Hurrell

5 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-21-13

6.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 11 December 2007 were included in the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/08/003

That the minutes of the meeting held 11 December 2007, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Gower/Hurrell

- 6.2 Minutes of Meeting held on 20 December 2007 were included in the agenda.**

RESOLVED

6/08/004

That the minutes of the meeting held 20 December 2007, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Gower/Hall

7 OTHER MINUTES

- 7.1 Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful Society**

File: 20-09-01

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2007 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/005

That the minutes of the Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful Society meeting held on 6 December 2007 be received.

Hall/Hurrell

- 7.2 Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau**

File: 33-09-02

Minutes of meeting held 7 December 2007 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/006

That the minutes of meeting of the Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau held on 7 December 2007 be received.

Hall/Hurrell

- 7.3 Kihikihi Police House Restoration Group**

File: 4552/100.00

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2007 were included in the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/08/007

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kihikihi Police House Restoration Group held on 13 December 2007 be received.

Hall/Hurrell

7.4 Kihikihi Domain Sports Incorporated

File: 01-51-03

Minutes of meeting held on 17 October 2007 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/008

That the minutes of the meetings of the Kihikihi Domain Sports Incorporated held on 17 October 2007 be received.

Hall/Hurrell

8 DIVISIONAL REPORTS

8.1 Community Services Report

File: 01-84-03

Community Services Report dated 9 January 2008 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/009

That the Community Services Report dated 9 January 2008 be received.

Gower/Hurrell]

Board Member Hurrell commended staff on the excellent post and single rail barrier that was installed at Centennial Park but was disappointed to note that a car has since crashed through it and several metres of fence have disappeared and vehicles are now accessing the park. Vandalism is a problem at the BMX premises and the skateboard bowl is constantly being tagged.

8.2 Treasury Report

File: 75-16-09

Reports of Financial Accounting Manager dated 21 December 2007 and 15 January 2008 were included in the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/08/010

That the report of the Financial Accounting Manager for the periods ended 30 November and 31 December 2007 be received.

Gower/Hurrell

8.3 Building Statistics

File: 01-84-07

Building Statistics for December 2007 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/011

That the Building Statistics for December 2007 be received.

Gower/Hurrell

9 RURAL SUPPORT SYSTEM

File: 01-21-07

A letter from Mr PL Bryant expressing concerns at the lack of a rural support system was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/012

That the letter dated 14 December 2007 from Mr PL Bryant be received.

Gower/Hall

Board Member Hurrell advised that Mr Peter Bryant had visited the Community Constable's office at Kihikihi today and they were able address some of the issues in the letter. The reference in the letter was to Barbara Barraclough who has been the neighbourhood support co-ordinator for over 20 years and who is now unable to work from the Community Constable's office in Kihikihi. The Safer Community Council has recently employed a Community Safety Officer who will work on existing community and rural support groups.

Mr Peter Bryant expressed his concerns at the vulnerability of the rural community which is now comprised mainly of former urban dwellers. They have relocated to the country to escape the pressures of life but in reality, because of their wealthy homes, are attracting thieves, vandalism etc.

Staff at Waikeria are in the process of establishing a system to alert the local community if there is an escape.

[Item taken at 7.10pm.]



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10 NOTICE OF MOTION – RODENT CONTROL

File: 33-33-01

A Notice of Motion submitted by Board Member Gower.

RESOLVED

6/08/013

That the Te Awamutu Community Board looks at the issue of rodent control in our towns.

Gower/Pinkerton

Board Member Gower said that he had noticed rats running across the roads heading for the drains under driveway entrances in Kihikihi. Board Member Hurrell commented that the number of rats could be due to the dry weather conditions.

Community Planning and Governance Manager said that pest control is administered and monitored by Environment Waikato. Council is responsible for its own property as are the owners of private property.

RESOLVED

6/08/014

That the Te Awamutu Community Board write a letter to Environment Waikato concerning the numerous rats that have been sighted in the Kihikihi area and enquire what monitoring, observations and trapping is currently undertaken in the Te Awamutu area.

Gower/Hall

11 NOTICE OF MOTION – OUTDOOR WORKS OF ART

File: 01-21-07

A Notice of Motion submitted by Board Member Gower.

RESOLVED

6/08/015

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend that Council take responsibility for the maintenance and cleaning etc of the outdoor works of art that have been given to the community.

Gower/Hurrell

Community Planning and Governance Manager said that responsibility is dependant on the arrangements made when the art work was gifted. Often a community group indicates that they will be responsible for a particular item or it is given to the community with the expectation that Council will be responsible for it. Difficulties arise when private property is involved, ie wall, fence, boundary.



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RESOLVED

6/08/016

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend Council undertake an audit of public art and clarify the arrangements, and make new arrangements where necessary, for upkeep, maintenance and budgeting purposes.

Taylor/Hall

Members suggested that groups make arrangements with Council in advance rather than retrospectively; a register of all art works would enable a record to be kept.

Board Member Hall queried whether the arch in the Te Awamutu War Memorial Park would be included along with the cenotaphs in Kihikihi and Te Awamutu.

12 NOTICE OF MOTION – LACK OF ROAD MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE

File: 55-28-11

A Notice of Motion submitted by Board Member Gower.

RESOLVED

6/08/017

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend to Council to install appropriate road markings and signage on the intersection of Mangapiko School Road, Hawthorn Road, Johnson Road and Mangapiko School Road and Burns Road, to improve road safety.

Gower/Hurrell

Board Member Gower said it is very dangerous when turning into Johnson Road as there are no road signs and it is not possible to see traffic coming along Hawthorn Road. Photographs of the Mangapiko School Road, Hawthorn Road and Johnson Road intersection were distributed.

Community Planning and Governance Manager reported that Roading staff will investigate this matter in the interest of road safety.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION – CAMERON STREET BE RENAMED

File: 55-28-12

A Notice of Motion Submitted by Chairperson Taylor.

RESOLVED

6/08/018

That Te Awamutu Community Board recommend to Council that Cameron Street in Kihikihi be renamed General Cameron Street.

Taylor/Hall



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Chairperson Taylor said that Kihikihi streets have military namesakes and as Cameron was a general, it would be an appropriate name. There is Cameron Avenue in Te Awamutu and this has been known to cause confusion for emergency services. Council did embark on a plan to reduce this risk by ensuring names within the district were not the same and this street name appears to have been overlooked.

14 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S LEVELS OF SERVICE

File: 01-91-33

The report of the Community Planning and Governance Manager / Group Manager Policy and Strategy to consider the Community Board process for input into the review of Council's current levels of service was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/019

The report of the Community Planning and Governance Manager / Group Manager Policy and Strategy dated 31 January 2008 be received.

Hurrell/Gower

Community Planning and Governance Manager said that as part of the planning for the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP), a review of the Levels of Service delivered by Council within the community is currently being undertaken. Council has identified nine services (see 7.1 in report) to review. The Board has statutory responsibilities concerning this and should play a key role; any comments should be provided to Council by 14 March 2008.

RESOLVED

6/08/020

That the Te Awamutu Community Board include Council's Review of the Levels of Service in the next agenda to allow discussion and to form a submission.

Taylor/Gower

15 COUNCIL'S TREE POLICY

File: 01-68-01

Res: 6/07/060

At the previous Board meeting, members requested that this item was included in the agenda for further discussion. The Te Awamutu Community Board resolved on 19 March 2007 the following -

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommends that b) of Council's policy on trees be revisited by Council to include the potential danger trees can have on life, health, wellbeing or property. (Resolution 6/07/060)



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Chairperson Taylor provided background to this resolution for the benefit of the new members. General discussion ensued with members deciding not to pursue this matter further.

16 ANNUAL PLAN PRESENTATION

File: 01-91-41

Community Planning and Governance Manager advised that a different format will be undertaken this year with open days held in both Te Awamutu and Cambridge which will showcase projects and activities. The open day will be advertised and staff will be available on the day to respond to any enquiries.

RESOLVED

6/08/021

That the Te Awamutu Community Board hold a meeting on Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 7.00pm for the presentation of the Annual Plan and to form a submission following the presentation.

Taylor/Hurrell

17 BOARD MEMBERS REPORT FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE TE AWAMUTU COMMUNITY BOARD

File: 01-21-07

Board Members who have attended meetings on behalf of the Te Awamutu Community Board gave feedback on the following groups –

- Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful Society
- Te Awamutu Community Public Relations Committee
- Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce
- Te Awamutu Brass
- Te Awamutu and District Highland Pipe Band

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

File: 01-21-21

Schedule of Te Awamutu Community Board Resolutions Under Action as at 31 January 2008 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/08/022

That the Te Awamutu Community Board Resolutions Under Action as at 31 January 2008 and not included as an item in this agenda be received and resolutions 6/07/060 and 6/07/245 be deleted.

Hurrell/Gower



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19 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

File: 01-21-21

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

20 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 March 2008 in Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu.

Board Member Gower gave an apology in advance for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS