



TE AWAMUTU COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 23 MARCH 2009

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board held in the Mayor's Office, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Monday, 23 March 2009 commencing at 7.25pm.

1 PRESENT

Members

D Taylor (Chairperson)

H Barnes, M Gower, L Hoverd

In Attendance

Sandra des Forges, Senior Planner Community Planning and Governance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

Public

Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

6/09/048

That apologies for absence from Board Members Hurrell and Hall be received.

Gower/Hoverd

3 DRAFT 10-YEAR PLAN (LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN - LTCCP) 2009-19

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The Draft 10 Year Plan was distributed separately to Board Members.

The draft 10-year Plan (LTCCP) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), including being subject to audit by Audit New Zealand. In preparing the draft Plan regard has been given to the relevant provisions and corresponding years of the current 10-year Plan, relevant community feedback provided since 2006, changing operating environments and priorities, the extent to which recent and current annual plans have been implemented and any additional legislative requirements. The development of the draft Plan has been preceded by a review of community outcomes, a review and updating of asset management plans and a review of services/levels of service. These review processes, and the preparation of the draft Plan itself, have been guided by sector best practice.

Mayor Livingston presented the Draft 10 Year Plan and members compiled their submission as follows -



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3.1 Cambridge Community Pool

Support Option 1 - Build the new pool facility in 2011/12 at a project cost of \$14.8 million (including inflation of \$800,000) for year round use.

Design faults of the Te Awamutu aquatic centre have been acknowledged and the Board requests these faults are investigated with a view to improving the facility.

3.2 Te Awamutu Cultural Centre

Support Option 1 - Retain and scope project and make the final decision in 2012.

Members anticipate that the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board would take a lead role in fundraising and recommend a museum, public art gallery and performing arts centre being included in the cultural centre.

3.3 Public Transport

Support Option 1 - Proceed with the introduction of the new bus services for Cambridge and Te Awamutu.

A bus service between Cambridge and Te Awamutu should be revisited with a defined destination to encourage the use of this service; the information centres and Chambers of Commerce could be engaged to assist. Residents with Gold Cards are using the current service.

A terminal stop for buses should be finalised and identified. An ideal location being in the vicinity of the Information Centre as tickets are sold by the centre and there are public toilets available. The town centre is easily accessible and the rose gardens are in the area. Freight and passengers are currently collected from different pick up points.

Discussions should be held with On Track to reinstate the rail service and build a railway station.

3.4 Seal Extensions

Support Option 2 - Work towards sealing all sealable roads and confirm a total of \$7.1 million.

3.5 Maungatautari Ecological Island Project

Council should continue to fund the Maungatautari Project to ensure its long term future.



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3.6 Waste Management – Recycling, Council Policy and the Cambridge Refuse Transfer Station

Council should retain its general policy of leaving refuse collection services to the private sector, funded on a full user pays basis (ie no rate funding).

There should be only one designated day to collect refuse for all refuse collectors.

Council should continue to ensure that the public have access to a refuse transfer station in Cambridge so long as it is viable.

3.7 Speed Restriction Review

There should be a consistent speed limit of 70kph for rural schools and 40kph for town schools.

Cambridge Road should be reduced to 50kph; it remains at 70kph even though new development is proposed in the area and school children use the footpath to gain access to Pekerau school. This is in contrast to the Cambridge end of Cambridge Road where the speed limit is 50kph due to new development in the area.

3.8 Heart of Te Awamutu

Priority should be given to the removal of the brick seats in Alexandra Street and new seating installed which would improve the aesthetics of the street. The current seating is hazardous; Police and the local shop owners would like it removed.

The outcome of the Heart of Te Awamutu project should be portrayed in a long term plan illustrating the vision of the project and creating a visual picture. It should include the proposed location of playgrounds, the steam train etc and the different themes of planting for the different areas of the town.

3.9 Kihikihi - Separate Identity

Members request Council to recognise Kihikihi's vision to be a stand alone village and to support groups that are working towards establishing a heritage theme; new businesses to be encouraged and a vibrant business area attained.

Chairperson Taylor will present the submission on behalf of the Board with the preferred day being Tuesday, 12 May 2009.



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4 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7 April 2009 in Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.16pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS