



TE AWAMUTU COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 9 JUNE 2009

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 9 June 2009 commencing at 7.00pm

1 PRESENT

Members

D Taylor (Chairperson)

H Barnes, M Gower [from 8.31pm], N Hall, R Hurrell, C Pinkerton

In Attendance

Brian Aspin, Communications and Marketing Manager [Item 10]

Sandra des Forges, Senior Planner Community Planning and Governance

Noelene Barr, Committee Secretary

Public

Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

6/09/097

That the apologies for lateness and absence from Board Members Gower and Hoverd respectively, be received.

Hall/Hurrell

3 LATE ITEMS

RESOLVED

6/09/098

That the letter from Kainga Aroha Community House be accepted as a late item.

Barnes/Hurrell

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-21-13

RESOLVED

6/09/099

That the order of the meeting be confirmed with item 10 following item 5 due to presence of Council staff.

Hall/Pinkerton

5 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil



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6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-21-13

6.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 May 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/100

That the minutes of the meeting held 12 May 2009, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Hurrell/Pinkerton

Matters Arising

6.1.1 Proposed Committees

File: 01-21-07

Chairperson Taylor reported that members of Te Awamutu Alive and Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful Society (KTAB) have discussed the proposal as provided by Council staff. Te Awamutu Alive prefer to keep their name so would be known as Te Awamutu Alive Promotions Committee and one of the appointees from the Te Awamutu Community Public Relations Organisation would be the Manager. The proposal is still being considered by KTAB but would prefer the name of Te Awamutu Reserve and Landscape Committee to bring it in line with the equivalent committee of the Cambridge Community Board. KTAB are intending to finalise this before the next Board meeting.

6.1.2 Seating in Alexandra Street – Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce

File: 60-14-01

The Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce was not involved as the temporary seating is already in position. Council staff liaised with Chairperson Taylor who suggested that the seats be placed to enable some shelter.

6.1.3 Agapanthus – Alexandra Street

File: 01-51-10

Members were advised that Environment Waikato confirm that agapanthus is not listed as a noxious weed. It is recommended that they are not planted or used in amenity settings mainly due to its seeding ability.



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Staff have not planted any new agapanthus for some years and annually remove a portion of the existing plantings. The main street upgrade includes a new planting schedule for all gardens which will progressively replace all the agapanthus. In the meantime, staff will remove any plants or flowering heads that cause visibility problems.

RESOLVED

6/09/101

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend Council staff commence a programme of removing agapanthus and replacing them with annuals for safety and aesthetic reasons.

Barnes/Hall

6.1.4 Te Awamutu Alive - Walk of Fame

File: 20-07-02

Board Member Hurrell reported that the tentative date for the official opening of the Walk of Fame is 19 July with the Pride of Te Awamutu event held on 18 July. Further discussions are to be held regarding the location of the pou; an engineer has designed the entrance way. Te Wananga o Aotearoa has expressed an interest in being involved with the official opening.

[Board Member Gower arrived 8.31pm]

[Item taken at 8.11pm]

7 OTHER MINUTES

7.1 Te Awamutu Alive

File: 20-07-02

Minutes of meeting held on 26 May 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/102

That the minutes of meeting of Te Awamutu Alive held on 26 May 2009 be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

7.2 Te Awamutu Safer Community Charitable Trust

File: 65-10-09

Minutes of meeting held on 14 May 2009 were included in the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/09/103

That the minutes of the Te Awamutu Safer Community Charitable Trust held on 14 May 2009 be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

7.3 Kihikihi Police House Restoration Trust

File: 4552/100.00

Minutes of meeting held on 30 April 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/104

That the minutes of a meeting of the Kihikihi Police House Restoration Trust held on 30 April be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

7.4 Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau

File: 01-48-02

Minutes of meeting held on 1 May 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/105

That the minutes of a meeting of the Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau held on 1 May 2009 be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

7.5 Kihikihi Residents and Ratepayers

File: 01-21-07

Minutes of meeting held on 13 May 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/106

That the minutes of a meeting of the Kihikihi Residents and Ratepayers held on 13 May 2009 be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

7.6 Te Awamutu and District Highland Pipe Band

File: 60-20-04

Minutes of meeting held on 7 April 2009 were included in the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/09/107

That the minutes of a meeting of the Te Awamutu and District Highland Pipe Band held on 7 April 2009 be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

7.7 Waipa Community Arts Council

File: 20-08-14

Minutes of meeting held on 18 May 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/108

That the minutes of a meeting of the Waipa Community Arts Council held on 18 May 2009 be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

7.8 Health and Welfare Forum

File: 01-85-01

Minutes of meeting held on 30 April 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/109

That the minutes of a meeting of the Health and Welfare Forum held on 30 April 2009 be received.

Hall/Pinkerton

Board Member Barnes said that the health and social well being of a community should be a consideration of Council and currently there is no conduit between Council and the Health and Welfare Forum and suggested that they become a committee of the Board.

Chairperson Taylor said that the group appears to be an information sharing group.

8 DIVISIONAL REPORTS

8.1 Community Services Report

File: 01-84-03

Community Services Report dated 28 May 2009 was included in the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/09/110

That the Community Services Report dated 28 May 2009 be received.

Hall/Gower

Matters Arising

8.1.1 Road Maintenance

File: 55-28-10

RESOLVED

6/09/111

That the Te Awamutu Community Board express concerns at the state of road maintenance and in view of increased staffing levels look forward to an improved level of service and greater monitoring of roading contractors.

Taylor/Gower

8.1.2 Moxham Road

File: 55-26-06

Chairperson Taylor said that residents of Moxham Road are concerned that their access will be limited with the closure of the paper road between Moxham and Te Rahu Roads, especially if Bond Road is inaccessible. A meeting between residents and Council staff to be arranged.

8.2 Treasury Report

File: 75-16-09

Report of Financial Accounting Manager dated 12 May 2009 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/112

That the report of the Financial Accounting Manager for the period ended 30 April 2009 be received.

Hall/Gower

Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful (6/08/249)

Board Members requested an update from Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful regarding the grant approved for the Pioneer Walk Entrance. Board Member Pinkerton to progress.

8.3 Building Statistics

File: 01-84-07

Building Statistics for May 2009 was distributed to Board Members separately to the agenda.



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RESOLVED

6/09/113

That the Building Statistics for May 2009 be received.

Hall/Gower

9 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Waipa District Council - Te Awamutu Draft Vision Statement

File: 65-06-36 and 01-21-07

A letter from Council's Project Manager District Plan Review requesting feedback to the Te Awamutu Draft Vision Statement was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/114

That the letter dated 25 May 2009 from Waipa District Council be received.

Hurrell/Gower

Board Member Barnes said that residents of Kihikihi were anxious to make it clear to Council that their Vision Statement should be separate to statement for Te Awamutu.

Members commented as follows -

- Support the draft vision statement, in particular the cycle way between Kihikihi and Te Awamutu.
- Firmly support Te Awamutu as being recognised as a centre of educational diversity and excellence and query why 40% of school children attend schools outside Te Awamutu. A lot of people choose a town because of the quality of schools.
- Support Maungatautari and the peat lakes.
- Support amenities of a high standard in particular artistic or cultural amenities as there is currently more sport facilities available.
- Encourage Council to enter into serious negotiations with the owner of the rail road to either upgrade current facility in Te Awamutu and provide a service or remove it completely to tidy the area. The public transport link between Te Awamutu and Cambridge should be revisited.
- The challenge is to get "buy in" from Te Awamutu residents as it is apparent there is a lot of apathy, negativity and inbuilt conservatism.
- The one action that could be taken to make Te Awamutu the best it can be is to implement the vision statement and work towards making it happen.



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10 COMMUNICATIONS, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONS DEPARTMENT – WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

File: 01-21-07

Brian Aspin, Communications and Marketing Manager gave an overview of Council's new department and team members and said that a plan with an associated budget to enable delivery of the team's mission will be prepared. Input and involvement is requested from the Board and suggested arranging a special time to discuss this to enable members to reflect on the presentation.

Board Member Hurrell pointed out the lack of publicity in country rural newspapers when neighbouring country towns had been mentioned. Brian Aspin said that the information was not provided by Council and suspected that it was due to the fact that the Te Awamutu Courier was part of the competitive group in opposition to the rural newspapers.

The Chief Executive had received an email from the Monarchists League of New Zealand suggesting that an event be held in 2012 to mark the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Brian Aspin said that the Queen had visited the area shortly after her coronation and that there could be something in the area which could be added to or the occasion marked in some other way.

Board Member Hall to research to research this matter and report back to the Board.

RESOLVED

6/09/115

That the information be received.

Hurrell/Hall

[Item taken at 7.07pm]

11 NOTICE OF MOTION – SISTER CITY WITH PORTLAND

File: 01-21-07

A Notice of Motion submitted by Board Member Gower.

RESOLVED

6/09/116

That the Te Awamutu Community Board recommend Council staff investigate a Sister City relationship with Portland, Oregon, United States of America.

Gower/Hurrell

Due to a family crisis, Board Member Gower had been unable to circulate an information pack to members prior to the meeting.



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12 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 reported on the following organisations –

- Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful Society
- Te Awamutu Community Public Relations Organisation
- Temple Cottage Development Committee
- Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau Committee
- Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce
- Te Awamutu Brass
- Te Awamutu and District Highland Pipe Band
- Waipa Community Arts Council
- Kihikihi Domain Sports Incorporated
- Order of St John

13 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 29 May 2009 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

6/09/117

That the Te Awamutu Community Board Resolutions Under Action as at 29 May 2009 and not included as an item in this agenda be received.

Hurrell/Gower

Members queried if updates had been provided as requested at the previous meeting (resolutions 6/08/225, 6/08/226, 6/09/019 and 6/09/021).

14 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

File: 01-21-07

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

15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Te Awamutu Community Board will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 14 July 2009, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu.



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16 KAINGA AROHA COMMUNITY HOUSE - GRANT

File: 01-31-10

A letter dated 3 June 2009 from Kainga Aroha Community House was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

6/09/118

That the letter dated 3 June 2009 from the Kainga Aroha Community House be received.

Hurrell/Gower

The letter from Kainga Aroha Community House requested \$127.00 to produce and distribute an updated version of the Te Awamutu Social Service Directory which has been a valuable resource for helping social service agencies for a number of year.

Supporting financial documentation to be requested so that this matter can be considered at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.06pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS