

MINUTES	MEETING HELD ON	TIME
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD	TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2012	7.00PM

MINUTES of a meeting of the Ōtaki Community Board, held in the Dr Gertrude Atmore Supper Room, Memorial Hall, Main Street, Ōtaki, on Tuesday 14 February 2012 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Mr	D	Moselen
Mr	J	Cootes
Cr	P	Gaylor
Ms	M	Stevens
Mr	C	Pearce

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	J	Rowan	
Deputy Mayor	R	Booth	
Dr	G	Ferguson	(Group Manager, Strategy & Partnerships)
Mrs	S	Shaw	(Executive Secretary, Strategy & Partnerships)
Mr	S	Mallon	(Group Manager, Infrastructure Services)
Mr	J	Perkins	(Network Contracts Engineer)
Mr	M	Scott	(Chair, Waikanae Community Board)

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared it open.

OCB 12/02/123
APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

OCB 12/02/124
PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

1. Mr Henke spoke about the amount of rubbish in the streets around Ōtaki and also grass growing out of the gutters. He also has concerns around the speed of the traffic along Waerenga Road as there is no signage to say its 50km. Cars speed along this road all the time some even up to 100km per hour.
2. Maia Williams from St Peter Chanel School spoke to the Board in regards to their grant application. They are seeking funding to help reinstate the power to their swimming pool.
3. Iris Te Kahuwharariki spoke to the Board in regards to her grant application. She has started a community garden in her complex. There are 17 residents that live at Tahuna Flats. She would like assistance in planting more fruit and vegetables that will be shared around the complex.
4. Laura Petersen thanked the Board for her grant last year. She went to France for a college trip which she enjoyed immensely. The trip helped her improve her French. She extended her thanks to Errol Maffey for the DVD on Ōtaki that she gave to one of her host families.

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5. Mikaira and Mataura Blackler spoke to the Board in about their grant application. They are seeking funding to attend the Touch New Zealand Youth Nationals in Nelson. They would both like to experience touch rugby at a national level.
6. Max Lutz spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Ōtaki River group in regard to the great facilities that have been developed around the Ōtaki River. Mr Lutz informed the Board that the group have concerns about the youth that are running along the railway bridge and jumping off the bridge into the river. They would like the Board's support in writing letters to KiwiRail and Greater Wellington Regional Council. There have been several calls to the police on this matter.
7. Dave Frost spoke to the Board in regards to the Oriwa Street proposed playground. He understands that a decision will be made tonight and asked if he could respond after that decision has been made.

The Chair advised Mr Frost that this was not possible. Mr Frost responded by swearing. Cr Gaylor called a Point of Order *Standing Order C25 – the chairperson may require any member of member of the public whose conduct is disorderly or who is creating a disturbance, to withdraw immediately from the meeting for a time specified by the chairperson.*

8. Gillian Gordon spoke on behalf Otaki College Senior Study Tour that went to Japan in December. Ms Gordon extended her thanks to the Board for grant they received for their trip. The group showed photos to the Board of their trip and the students spoke about their favourite moments of the trip.
9. Romaine Butterfield spoke to the Board in regards to Main Street. Specifically the issue of communication. At the last meeting it was agreed to put a regular update in the paper, the only update came in the December Otaki Mail. She suggested that all ratepayers and residents are affected and should be included in the distribution list currently going to people on the Main Street.
10. Peter Rahr the secretary of Te Horo hall spoke to the Board in regards to an upgrade they are planning to undertake at Te Horo Hall. It is a general upgrade of the toilet facilities, upgrade of fire alarms etc. He asked for the Boards support in regards to the LTP process. The estimates are around \$60k including GST, which they would be seeking half possibly from Council.

OCB 12/02/125
GREATER ŌTAKI PROJECT UPDATE

Ōtaki Main Street Upgrade

Sean Mallon, Group Manager Infrastructure Services and John Perkins, Networks Contract Engineer gave an update about Main Street.

The following points emerged from discussions:

- PCL will be starting back on site on 27 February;
- the expected duration will be eight weeks, weather permitting;
- to reduce the impact on retailers they are going to do short sections throughout the Main Street;

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- there will be an update going out in the Otaki Mail as well as the newsletter being restarted;
- the car park behind the museum has been chipsealed with line markings to be completed shortly;
- after this project is finished there will be total number of 117 off street carparks available additional to car parks in the Main Street;
- look at promoting the Main Street once the project is finished with local media and publications, the Street Scene comes out in May;
- issue with truck getting stuck going to supermarket, Mr Mallon has been looking into it.

Mr Perkins also addressed the comments in regards to weeds growing out of gutters. He indicated that the contract structure was being reviewed.

Mr Pearce asked if Mr Perkins could see a lady who lives at the end of Maclarens Place off Lemon Street who are having issues with weeds.

OCB 12/02/126

CHAIRPERSON'S/MEMBERS' BUSINESS

(a) Public Speaking Time Responses:

1. Speeding on Waerenga Road – Dr Ferguson will talk to Council staff in regards to this and get them to liaise with the police as well.
2. The Board will write a letter of support to KiwiRail and Greater Wellington Regional Council in regards to people jumping off the railway bridge at the Ōtaki River.
3. Proposed Oriwa Street Playground - the advice from Council officers is not to proceed with the location of the playground and they will be looking for direction on this from the Community Board. A letter will go out to residents advising them the decision. A seat if they wish to support this will be located at the Oriwa Street park.
4. Te Horo Hall – the Board can look to include it in their LTP submission. Dr Ferguson suggested that if there was any other information around the upgrade that it could be passed on to the Board.

(b) Leave of Absence – no applications made.

(c) Matters of an Urgent Nature – there were none.

(d) Declarations of Interest Relating to Items on the Agenda – there were none.

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CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (SP-11-479)

MOVED (Pearce/Gaylor)

That the Ōtaki Community Board approves a funding grant to be made to St Peter Chanel School of \$500 from the Community Grants Fund, to assist with the costs of reinstating the power to the school swimming pool. It is noted that the Board will come back and look at this application at the last meeting of the financial year to see if they can assist further.

CARRIED

MOVED (Gaylor/Stevens)

That the Ōtaki Community Board approves a funding grant to be made to Iris Te Kahuwharariki Ngawhare of \$500 from the Community Grants Fund, to assist with the costs of planting fruit and vegetables for the Tahuna Flats Garden.

CARRIED

The Board asked if the property management area at Council could assist in any way at the Tahuna Flats complex and also asked about putting in fruit trees there.

MOVED (Gaylor/Cootes)

That the Ōtaki Community Board approves a funding grant to be made to Mataura Blackler of \$250 from the Sporting Activity Grants Fund, to assist with the costs of attending the Touch NZ Youth Nationals in Nelson.

CARRIED

MOVED (Gaylor/Cootes)

That the Ōtaki Community Board approves a funding grant to be made to Mikara Blackler of \$250 from the Sporting Activity Grants Fund, to assist with the costs of attending the Touch NZ Youth Nationals in Nelson.

CARRIED

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ŌTAKI PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES

Dr Ferguson gave an update to the Board in regards to Ōtaki public transport issues. The presentation examined the Regional Targeted Transport rate and how it's applied across the region, in an attempt to identify whether Ōtaki is receiving a fair level of service for what it pays. The Ōtaki Public transport review has resulted in very limited improvements to the bus services.

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Mayor Jenny Rowan and Deputy Mayor Roger Booth left the meeting at 8.33pm

OCB 12/02/128
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED (Gaylor/Cootes)

That the minutes of the Ōtaki Community Board meeting held on 29 November 2011 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

Matters Arising

- Dr Ferguson gave an update on the Beach Patrols. Police have gained access to a four wheel drive to help with patrolling the beaches. The police have noted that complaints have gone down due to an increased presence.
- Ms Stevens queried what was happening with the rubbish around the Old Pacific Plastics Building, this would be followed up with staff.

OCB 12/02/129
COMMUNITY BOARD TRAINING OPTIONS 2012-2013 (CORP-12-453)

This report seeks the Board's consideration and approval of Community Board members' attendance at training sessions during 2012 and 2013. Board preferences were noted.

The Board agreed to let this report lie on the table and look at costs for the LGNZ conference and factor that into the budget as well.

OCB 12/02/130
EXPRESSWAY

Dr Ferguson updated the Board that the NZTA have sent information out confirming the alignment. They have appointed a new project manager to the Peka Peka to Otaki Project and Dr Ferguson will meet with him next week.

The following points emerged from discussions:

- need for contact with the Te Horo Business owners. Council staff will organise someone to go and talk to them;
- engaging with Taupo City Council to see what they would do differently in terms of detailed mitigation;
- possibility of a joint Waikanae and Ōtaki Community Board meeting to discuss the Peka Peka to Ōtaki section.

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COMMUNITY ISSUES CHECKLIST AND ARCHIVE

Otaki Boating Club

Still include on matters under action.

Waitohu Stream Group

Police have gained access to a four wheel drive to help with patrolling the beaches. The police have noted that complaints have gone down due to an increased presence.

NZTA – Graffiti on highway

Mark Owen from NZTA has been identified as the person to deal with graffiti and other operational matters.

NZTA – Signage at South End

At the southern end of Riverbank Road there is still signage there that refers to the Art Gallery. Need to explore the possibility of putting a sign there for the Clean Technology Park.

NZTA – Puffin Crossing

This continues to be a frustration; NZTA would like to meet with Ōtaki Community Board to discuss. The Board will get a letter of support from Otaki Police.

Atkinson Avenue Bridge

Consultation is underway, then once feedback is received a resource consent can be lodged with the Kāpiti Coast District Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council. A tentative construction date of early April is achievable if the feedback is received on time. Cr Gaylor asked if a letter had been sent to residents in that area?

Request for a sign at the top of Tasman Road

Ōtaki Police advised that signage was not needed. Mr Pearce will follow up with residents in that area.

Proposed Oriwa Playground

The advice from Council officers is not to proceed with the location of the playground and they will be looking for direction on this from the Community Board. A letter will go out to residents advising them on the decision.

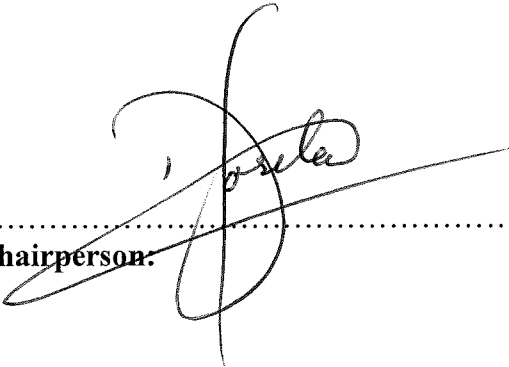
The Board agreed to add onto the Matters Under Action list, the letter that will be sent to KiwiRail and Greater Wellington Region re the people that are running along the railway tracks to get onto the bridge to jump into the Ōtaki River. Also to follow up with Ōtaki police to see if they have responded to these calls.

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OTHER BUSINESS

- Sunny Otaki Sign – the sign is being repositioned this week and the yearly payment is being organised. The Board will need to formally decide if they want to continue this arrangement.
- Consultation with Te Horo – Council staff are contacting Margaret Hayward and are looking at processes around consultation
- Mr Peace asked about the buildings in the Ōtaki area that could possibly be an earthquake risk. Is there a directory?
- Playground by the Memorial Hall – there has been discussions around about if sand was the right type of surface at the playground and there has also been questions around the swing. This would be reported back.
- The Board requested a copy of the Economic Development Strategy.
- Ms Stevens had circulated an email to the Board in regards to Byron’s Resort. She is disappointed that what was a motor camp is now looking like a subdivision. Dr Ferguson updated the Board that our building officers are looking into this and will be monitoring the situation.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.26pm

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Chairperson: 

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Date: 27th March 2012