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PAEKĀKĀRIKI COMMUNITY BOARD	TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2011	7.00PM

Minutes of a Meeting of the Paekākāriki Community Board on Tuesday, 12 April 2011 commencing at 7:00pm in the St Peter's Village Hall, Paekākāriki

PRESENT: Mr A Webster (Chair)
Ms J Holborow
Cr H Wooding
Mr S Eckett

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Mallon (Group Manager, Infrastructure Services)
Ms M Harris (Executive Secretary, Infrastructure Services)
Mayor J Rowan

APOLOGIES Ms H Keivom

The Chair welcomed Her Worship the Mayor, members of the Community Board, Council staff, members of the public, and declared the meeting open.

MOVED (Wooding/Holborow)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board receive the apology from Ms Keivom.

CARRIED

PCB 11/04/59

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Eddie Hartnett spoke about his dissatisfaction with the continual increase in rates and his objection to water meters being installed in Paekakariki.
2. Mike Alexander said he had spoken to Kiwirail about the siding along State Highway - the siding was not needed and therefore pohutakawa could be planted alongside creating more room in this area for extending the slip lane. A matter of concern for Mr Alexander and his neighbours were incidents of Council staff spraying on their land and he thought that this matter had been addressed when he met with Gary Simpson, Lex Bartlett and Sean Mallon about a year ago.

The Chair said responses would be given to public speakers at the end of public speaking.

3. Simon Reeves spoke about water meters and Plan 75. Mr Reeves said he had recently developed a property in Paekākāriki and Council required him to place a water tank onto the property as well as replacing an existing toby with a tank restrictor unit. The Council issued an invoice for \$901.36 for the toby replacement, and in his opinion it appeared that other residents had had water tobies replaced at no charge. Mr Reeves queried the invoice he received and thereafter Council issued an invoice for the lesser amount of \$768. Mr Reeves felt he should have only been charged \$220 for the auto-flow tank restrictor unit. Also included in the invoice was a charge of \$252 for reinstatement; an hourly rate of \$46.20 for three staff and a separate charge for a Council vehicle.

Mr Reeves requested the Board ask Council to review Plan 75 and its pricing, given the equity issues, when other residents had had their tobies replaced at no charge. Lastly, he asked who was responsible for the restrictor unit repairs and maintenance.

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4. Gwenda Martin said in 1986/87 said she thought Paekākāriki would be a nice place to retire to - it was explained that Paekākāriki had its own town water supply. Mrs Martin said she strongly objected to the installation of districtwide water meters.
5. Joan Hilder said the Tennis Club was running well and the Club's membership had increased. Mrs Hilder spoke to the Paekākāriki School 125th Reunion Committee's funding application to assist with the purchase of commemorative badges.
6. Raima Kingi spoke to the Self Defence Paekākāriki Club's Campe Estate funding application. The club was newly formed and met once a week for a few hours - the funding was primarily for equipment.

The Chair asked about the equipment the Club intended to purchase, specifically the digital camera and what that was intended for. Ms Kingi said the camera would digitally track the children and demonstrate how to use an opponents body against themselves - the uniform would be T-shirts.

7. Aleksandra Tanasic spoke to the Yoga School's Trust (YES Trust) Campe Estate funding application – the instruction given to school children assisted them to concentrate more, improved learning, breathing, posture and behaviour.
8. Paul Hughes (distributed map) and explained that he was interested in the restoration of the scarp across from the railway station east of the village – the map showed a parcel of Council owned land which was currently grazed by the Perkins family. Mr Hughes said he would like Council to change the designation of the land into a reserve.
9. Jan Logie, Green Party candidate for Mana said she opposed water meters and was concerned about equity and sustainability issues. Ms Logie said she recognised the intent of this measure was around sustainability and recognising that water was a precious resource, however, she did not believe the evidence was good enough. The evidence she had seen around metering was that to remain effective, the cost of water needed to keep going up and there would be really significant equity issues around that. Ms Logie said this measure appeared to have the human rights element missing.

The Chair said a lot of local people in Paekākāriki felt ambushed about water meters coming back onto the Agenda. The current Council was pressing ahead with no mandate in terms of public expectations, when metering was so clearly defeated in 2007. He said some people who had strong conservation values, had had those values overwhelmed by their concerns that if water was metered, it could be treated like a commodity, could be privatised and turned into a profit making scheme. Ms Logie said her concerns were separate from that.

In response to Ms Logie's statement, Mayor Jenny Rowan said she would really appreciate a hard-nosed data-based submission into the Annual Plan.

10. Sam Buchanan thanked the Board for the strong stance previously taken about water meters. Mr Buchanan said that when this issue had been put to the Kāpiti electorate, it had been profoundly rejected. Mr Buchanan said he would like the Board to apply pressure to Council for more information on water meters in comparison to other methods of saving water.
11. Ralph Wallace said he was attending the board meeting to hear/learn about water meters. Mr Wallace asked why Paekākāriki residents needed to have water meters when its overall water usage was low.

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The Chair responded to Mr Wallace's question and said water meters had been raised at a workshop and the unanimous view of the Councillors present was that it was a districtwide proposal and would be applied across the district, notwithstanding the fact that Ōtaki and Paekākāriki had their own separate water supplies.

The Chair said the concerns Eddie Hartnett had raised had been covered off in the general discussion. The Board would be forming a view in time to make a submission on its own account as part of the Annual Plan process.

Sean Mallon asked Mr Alexander if his meeting with Council staff was about the Campbell Mill Road area - Mr Alexander confirmed this and also added that he had heard nothing after the meeting. Mr Mallon offered to follow up on the matter.

The Chair said he shared Simon Reeve's view about equity issues. The Board needed to discuss its views and decide whether to pursue Mr Reeve's request to ask Council to look at the way residents were affected by Plan Change 75 for new dwellings and the associated high costs.

Group Manager Infrastructure Services said Plan Change 75 had been in place since 2008 and it required all new residential dwellings within the urban area to provide a 4,000 litre tank with a grey water re-use system and as part of that requirement, a restrictor installed at the boundary to provide a minimum flow into the tank to allow a toilet to be flushed when there was insufficient water to keep the tank full. Part of the Plan Change was to have your toilet plumbed into the system and all external taps as well. That was Plan Change 75 and it applied to all new dwellings. The costs associated with Plan Change 75 included the tank, the modifications to the toby or the manifold or whatever you had at the property boundary as part of that overall cost. The full cost was met by the property owner or the person that was building the property on the section, and included changes to the manifold to install a restrictor, and if it was an old toby, then it would be full replacement of the full toby including all associated costs. There was reference made to other toby replacements being funded by Council and indeed, once the manifold and restrictor were installed it became a Council asset with Council maintaining or replacing them as needed. Council had been replacing tobies that were leaking or had failed with manifolds, and those were the pieces of work that had been seen around the district. This work was done at Council cost and came out of a capital budget that was funded from borrowing through the rates. There had been no proactive replacement of tobies without a genuine reason and it was Council's asset management best practice to replace with manifolds.

The Chair reiterated Mr Mallon's statement, "Council's practice was to replace tobies at Council cost if there was some event that made the present toby unserviceable" – did Plan Change 75 amount to such an event that the toby was not serviceable for the purpose and therefore should be replaced at Council's expense and he thought this was where the equity issue came in.

Group Manager, Infrastructure Services said the other issue was the Water Supply Bylaw that also states: *if a toby is required to be modified as a result of changes to the property, then the cost of that replacement was to be met by the property owner.* Mr Mallon then referred to the invoice Mr Reeves had received in October which had the break-down in costs and as he understood a replacement invoice was generated because there had been an error in the original invoice in terms of the value and a mistake was made in terms of the hours charged associated with reinstatement - that had now been changed and a new invoice had since been sent out.

The Chair said Gwenda Martin's concerns had been addressed in general discussion.

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Joan Hilder, Raima Kingi and Aleksandra Tanasic's funding applications would be dealt with later on the Agenda.

Paul Hughes had suggested the status of scarp land be turned into reserve land.

In response to Paul Hughes' suggestion, the Community Board agreed to ask Council staff to prepare a report for a future meeting on the feasibility of his request to turn this piece of Council land into a reserve as a first step towards enhancing the escarpment.

The Chair said Mayor Rowan had responded to Ms Jan Logie's statement and he thought it was very important for the supporting data/information be made available through submissions into Council's Plan process.

The Chair said it was important for both Sam Buchanan and Ralph Wallace to make their submissions to the Amendment to the Long Term Council Community Plan process that had been put out for consultation.

Mayor Rowan acknowledged receiving Mr Sam Buchanan's comments through Alan Tristram's blog and she was aware that he was awaiting information which was being treated as an Official Information request. Mr Mallon said he was aware of the questions Mr Buchanan had asked and there would be responses to those within the statutory timeframe.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME RESPONSES - responses had been given.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

PCB 11/04/61

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOVED (Webster)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board granted leave of absence for Mr Steve Eckett from 22 May to 1 July 2011 inclusive.

CARRIED

PCB 11/04/62

MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE - there were none.

PCB 11/04/63

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – there were none

PCB 11/04/64

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of Minutes – 8 March 2011

MOVED (Holborow/Wooding)

That the minutes of the Paekākāriki Community Board meeting held 8 March 2011 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

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MATTERS ARISING

Mr Steve Eckett said he was not present at the last meeting but wished to comment on the matter of the trees at Campbell Park. There had been some work but it had been minimal. The Chair offered to follow this matter up with the Leisure & Open Space Asset Manager, Lex Bartlett and arrange the further promised meeting with residents.

The Chair said that as an improvement on the Board's proposal to invite the Community Trust to tonight's meeting, Mayor Rowan thought we should meet separately and that occurred last Saturday, and Mayor Rowan was helping prepare a report of that meeting.

PCB 11/04/66
MATTERS UNDER ACTION REPORT

The Group Manager, Infrastructure Services provided a verbal update on the following matters:

Matter Under Action	Verbal report : update
Waikākāriki Stream	No change. This matter was still with the property owner in regard to the offer of a negotiated settlement rather than going through High Court proceedings – another time extension had been granted by the Courts and Council/NZTA were still awaiting a response.
Beach Road/ State Highway 1 Intersection	When the report was submitted by NZTA on the modification of Paekākāriki Hill Road, that report as well as the previous report on the Crash Reduction Studies (including the issue of the trees as well) would be included in a Council report on all the options available in terms of what might be done at the Paekākāriki intersection.

PCB 11/04/67
CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (IS-11-201)

The Board considered the applications from Paekākāriki School and The Mukume Taiko Drummers and declined both applications. The Board decided to fund the Paekākāriki School 125th Reunion Committee application from Campe Estate funds because the application fit the criteria and Campe Estate had more money than the Discretionary Fund account.

MOVED (Wooding/Eckett)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board decline the funding application from the Paekākāriki School 125th Reunion Committee and move the application to the Campe Estate fund.

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That the Paekākāriki Community Board decline the funding application from The Mukume Taiko Drummers to assist with the purchase of Taiko drums because the applicant did not live in Paekākāriki.

CARRIED

PCB 11/04/68

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM CAMPE ESTATE (IS-11-202)

The Board considered the Campe Estate funding applications:

Moved (Webster/Holborow)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board decline the application from SPELD Mana Association to the Campe Estate Trustees because the Board required additional information it expected to receive at this meeting. The Board invites SPELD to make an application to the next funding round and to be prepared to attend and speak to its application.

CARRIED

MOVED (Webster/Holborow)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board recommends to the Campe Estate Trustees that the sum of \$750.00 be granted to Yoga Schools Education Trust (YES Trust) to provide part-funding for weekly introductory 30-minute Yoga sessions to Paekākāriki School pupils.

CARRIED

Cr Wooding said the Self Defence Paekākāriki Club should be supported because its focus was more on self-esteem than martial arts. The Board congratulated Ms Kingi for her efforts and emphasised the need for Ms Kingi to provide a report to the Board.

MOVED (Wooding/Holborow)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board recommends to the Campe Estate Trustees that the sum of \$500 be granted to International Combat Hapkido Federation NZ to assist with supporting the Paekākāriki Club's activities and asks it to provide an accountability report to the Board on how the money was spent.

CARRIED

MOVED (Webster/Eckett)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board recommends to the Campe Estate Trustees that the sum of \$495.65 be granted to the Paekākāriki School 125th Reunion Committee to assist with the costs of providing commemorative badges.

CARRIED

Mayor Rowan said that should the Paekākāriki School Reunion Committee have difficulty in meeting the costs of the school reunion, the Board might treat a retrospective funding application favourably. Mrs Hilder said she was appreciative of Mayor Rowan's and the Board's support.

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SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL: DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2011/2012 & PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2009 LTCCP (SP-11-133)

The Board considered report SP-11-133 and decided the Board would meet informally, identify the issues the Board wished to submit on collectively and that that submission would be forwarded to the Council by the closing date.

MOVED (Holborow/Eckett)

That the Paekākāriki Community Board notes that it has a legal mandate to make a submission on the draft Annual Plan 2011 and the proposed 2011 Amendment to the 2009 LTCCP and prepares a submission under Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002 by 28 April 2011.

That the Paekākāriki Community Board in relation to the draft Annual Plan 2011 and the proposed 2011 Amendment to the 2009 LTCCP consultation process resolves to:

- (a) approve the development of a draft submission for circulation and comment by Board members, and final sign-off by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board by Thursday 28 April 2011.**

CARRIED

PCB 11/04/70

GENERAL BUSINESS

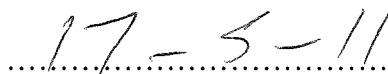
Mayor Rowan said at the last Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti meeting it was decided that next year's Waitangi Day Celebration would be held in Paekākāriki at the request of Mrs Carol Reihana.

The Chair spoke about Anzac Day: the format would be slightly different this year. There would be two speakers in addition to the Reverend John Murray and they would be John Porter who would be talking about *men in war* and Wickham Paek who will be talking about *women in war*.

The meeting closed at 8:41 pm


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Chair:


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Date:

Adrian Webster
Chairperson