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PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD	TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015	7.00 PM

MINUTES of the six-weekly meeting of the **Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board** held at the Coastlands Kapiti Sports Turf, 10 Scaife Drive, Paraparaumu on 17 February 2015 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:	Ms	F	Vining	Chair
	Mr	J	Best	Deputy Chair
	Ms	D	Morris-Travers	
	Mrs	K	Spiers	
	Cr	M	Bell	
	Cr	K	Gurunathan	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms	T	Evans	Group Manager Community Services
	Ms	S	Hutcheson	Senior Social Wellbeing Advisor
	Mr	G	Adams	Traffic Engineer
	Ms	T	Ferry	Executive Secretary Community Services
APOLOGIES:	Mayor	R	Church	
	Cr	J	Holborow	

The Chair welcomed everyone present, including Cr Scott, and declared the meeting open.

The meeting began with the presentation of a certificate and prize to Saph Taylor, who won the under 18 category of the Council's recent #lovekapiti photography competition on Facebook. Cr Bell presented Miss Taylor with her prize and congratulated her on her win.

PRCB 15/02/123

APOLOGIES

Apologies from the Mayor and Cr Holborow were noted.

PRCB 15/02/124

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

PRCB 15/02/125

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME – GRANT APPLICANTS

NZ Academy of Fine Arts

Ms Helen Forrest spoke to this application for funds to meet the costs for canvases for the five Kapiti schools who will be part of the NZAFA's exhibition 'Gallipoli', opening in April 2015. The schools who had confirmed participation were Te Ra, Raumati South, Raumati Beach and Kapanui; she was anticipating Kapiti College would confirm shortly.

Porirua Rowing Club

Mr Andrew Macdonell spoke to this application for funds to assist the Kapiti College Rowing Crew with costs associated with attending the Maadi Cup rowing regatta, being held at Lake Karapiro in March 2015. His daughter Emmy, also a rower, spoke of the benefit to herself personally and the wider community, through her participation in the sport.

Cancer Society Kapiti

Ms Julie Maltby spoke to this application for funds to assist with the costs of the fundraising event 'Relay for Life' which takes place in Kapiti on 28 February 2015.

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CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (CS-15-1485)

MOVED (Spiers/Gurunathan)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board grants the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts funding of \$500 to meet the costs for canvases for the five Kapiti schools who will be part of the NZAFA's exhibition 'Gallipoli', opening in April 2015.

CARRIED

MOVED (Spiers/Morris-Travers)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board grants the Porirua Rowing Club funding of \$500 to assist the Kapiti College Rowing Crew with costs associated with attending the Maadi Cup rowing regatta, being held at Lake Karapiro in March 2015.

CARRIED

MOVED (Bell/Best)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board grants the Cancer Society Kapiti funding of \$500 to assist with the costs of the fundraising event 'Relay for Life' which takes place in Kapiti on 28 February 2015.

CARRIED

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME – OTHER ISSUES

Mr Ron Cook spoke about traffic problems on Realm Drive. He said the issue had been raised 12 months ago and referred to the PRCB meeting minutes of 18 February 2014 in which the Board supported the implementation of various mitigation works. He said despite several meetings and conversations with Council staff, no work has been done. This was very frustrating.

It was noted the minutes stated a review would be carried out six months after work had been completed. Given the work had not been done, the review was not due.

In response to a question, Mr Cook confirmed there were still issues with speeding traffic and large trucks, including Council's own water trucks using the road.

Mr Martin Halliday spoke on behalf of the Paraparaumu Beach Business Association, who had three items they wished the Board to consider:

- (i) Tourism and promotion of the Kapiti Coast – what is the position of the Board regarding visitors and general promotion of the area, and is the Board actively involved in this process with Council;
- (ii) The kiosk has been temporarily been leased out – the Business Association do not want it to be used as a commercial activity by one business, it is a community asset and should be used in that regard; and
- (iii) Kapiti Island – the tours and 'gateway' concept is a large issue which needs to be worked on. The Business Association would like to be part of that process.

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Ms Shelley Harris spoke about traffic issues on Ruapehu Street. There had been another accident last Friday night, and a near miss this evening on her way to this meeting. The problem is due to speed, more fatalities will occur if something is not done, and the matter needs to be addressed urgently. She said she thought a roundabout would slow traffic and minimise the risk of fatalities.

The Chair acknowledged there was another public speaker wishing to speak about the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) policy. She suggested this be heard later in the meeting, when that agenda item was being discussed. This was agreed.

PRCB 15/02/128

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME ORAL SUBMISSIONS – RESPONSES

Mr Cook – the Chair advised she had raised the issue of a report back on Realm Drive works a number of times and would continue to follow this up. She would also ask for clarity on communication, saying the Board and residents needed to know what was happening and when. She said the four Community Board Chairs were meeting with the Mayor (in March) to review the comprehensive list of roading issues throughout the District, in order the works be identified and prioritised. Ms Evans also said she had spoken to the Group Manager involved and reiterated the urgency of the works.

MOVED (Bell/Spiers)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board wishes to express its frustration that the remedial work intended to be carried out in Realm Drive by 30 June 2014, as per the Community Board resolution of 18 February 2014, has not occurred. The Board requests the Council undertakes urgent action to complete the remedial measures identified.

CARRIED

MOVED (Morris-Travers/Best)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board notes the report on Ruapehu Street is due on 31 March 2015 and recommends urgent work to identify the measures needed to ensure reduced traffic speed and increased pedestrian safety on Ruapehu Street.

CARRIED

It was noted the Board is aware resources are limited. If the issues are unable to be addressed then feedback should be provided so there can be consideration of either increased resourcing or prioritisation of work required. Ms Evans confirmed a plan was in progress to address the capacity issues currently being experienced.

The Chair apologised to Mr Cook on behalf of the Board that the required work had not been done and confirmed the Board would continue to advocate on the residents' behalf.

Mr Halliday -

- (i) The Chair stated the Board is not involved with tourism. Cr Bell advised that in December 2014 the Council approved a new economic development strategy, which has four components including tourism. A range of initiatives will be looked at, as will a review of the Council's current tourism investments;
- (ii) The Board supports the use of the kiosk by the wider community; a public meeting is scheduled for 12 March 2015 to discuss options (venue to be confirmed);

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(iii) Cr Gurunathan commented the Kapiti Island tours gateway is a complex issue with a number of interested parties.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOVED (Best/Spiers)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board grant Ms Deborah Morris-Travers leave of absence from 13 June to 9 July 2015 inclusive.

CARRIED

PRCB 15/02/130

MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

There were none.

PRCB 15/02/131

VERBAL PRESENTATION: LOCAL APPROVED PRODUCTS (PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES) – SAM HUTCHESON

Ms Sam Hutcheson introduced Ms Andrea Boston from Regional Public Health, who was in attendance to provide technical advice as required. Ms Hutcheson confirmed the submission date for the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy (“LAPP”) was extended at the Board’s request and the closing date is tomorrow. Oral hearings for those wishing to speak to their submissions would be held on 17 March 2015. Minister Dunne has responded to the Mayor’s letter but has simply restated the government policy. Ms Hutcheson said 44 submissions had been received to date, 17 of which were part of a petition; she anticipated more submissions would be received tomorrow.

Discussion points included:

- How the proposed location of the school near the proposed outlet site fits into the process, given it wasn’t known about when consultation began. Ms Hutcheson confirmed the new school location would be part of the consideration. She said all potential sites are within proximity of schools and swimming pools. The advantage of the proposed area is that it is furthest from residential areas and also Police support it as the site least likely to cause harm due to its high visibility;
- Recent public notices have stated that without an LAPP, licences could be granted anywhere in the district. A Board member commented this was misleading. Ms Hutcheson confirmed the intent of the notice was that sites could be located anywhere in the district from Paekākāriki through to Ōtaki where retail activity is permitted;
- Whether there were guidelines for location. Ms Boston explained that Regional Public Health are still awaiting final regulations which will provide details which will apply to the retail sector. She said regulations are currently only in place to support development and testing of products, not for their sale. There is a Ministry of Health website which provides more detailed information; Ms Hutcheson agreed to put a link to that website on the Council’s website;

Hon Kris Faafoi then spoke to the meeting:

- As a local MP, he would like to get a complete ban on the sale of these products
- He acknowledged the tension between central and local government on this issue and that local government is having to deal with unpleasant community feedback

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- Legislation passed in 2013 was well-intentioned but wrong, and in May 2014 the best possible solution to what is a very difficult problem was suggested
- It is very difficult to ban these products because in order to do so the product being banned had to be defined, and manufacturers would simply change what they were producing. He is hoping the LAPP and a very high bar on manufacturing/licensing will come as close to an effective ban on the product as is possible
- He is very keen to help the community do whatever possible to restrict sales
- He reminded the meeting if there does come a time when the product is available for sale, at that point the public may have a role to play in terms of public action

Discussion with Mr Faafoi included:

- How Porirua is managing the process? Mr Faafoi said they had seven outlets before the May 2014 change in legislation, whereas Kapiti only had three. He thinks Kapiti is ahead of Porirua in the process
- Mr Faafoi said he felt if sales were totally banned, they would simply go 'underground'. If sales were merely restricted, it would mean less underground activity
- Some people have posted on the Board's Facebook page there is already underground activity in Kapiti. This raises the issue of a comprehensive review of drug policy, harm reduction etc. To what extent has central government discussed that broader issue? Mr Faafoi said the debate would continue for some time, his personal opinion is that whatever can be done to reduce harm to the community from drugs, should be done, as it unfairly skews harm towards families already vulnerable.
- Whether siting the retail location in Paraparaumu increases the risk of underground activity in Ōtaki? Mr Faafoi reiterated the legislation is around two areas, the site and the testing regime. Hopefully the testing regime will make it very difficult and/or economically unviable for people to manufacture. He also reiterated he would rather see a small amount of underground activity to be dealt with, than having the products widely available.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME – OTHER ISSUES (CONTINUED)

Mrs Kathy Spiers read a statement of behalf of Justin du Fresne, who gave his apologies for being unable to attend. Mr du Fresne is Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council of Our Lady of Kapiti Parish. He advised the Parish has recently purchased the vacant land on Milne Drive and intends to construct a church and a school on that site. The Parish was opposed to any proposition that would see the sale of psychoactive substances in any location near the school.

MOVED (Spiers/Best

That Standing Orders be temporarily suspended in order to allow discussion between members of the Board, the public and invited guests.

CARRIED

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.24pm. Members of the Board, invited guests and members of the public had an informal discussion about the LAPP.

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MOVED (Spiers/Bell)

That Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED

Standing Orders were resumed at at 8.54pm.

MOVED (Vining/Gurunathan)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board thanks Hon Kris Faafoi, the local Member of Parliament, for attending the meeting this evening.

CARRIED

PRCB 15/02/128

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME ORAL SUBMISSIONS – RESPONSES (CONTINUED)

The Chair acknowledged the statement made on behalf of Mr du Fresne. On his behalf, Mrs Spiers confirmed the Parish has made a submission about the LAPP. The Chair confirmed the Board had already passed a motion opposing the proposed location of the retail site on Kapiti Road.

The meeting adjourned at 8.56pm and reconvened at 9.08pm.

Board members discussed the submission they wished to put forward on the LAPP. It was agreed the submission should reflect concerns expressed by the community, and should note that Kapiti Youth Service had observed a reduction in issues associated with these substances since they had been unavailable. It was also agreed the Board would speak in support of their application.

MOVED (Bell/Best)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board delegates Ms Deborah Morris-Travers to write a submission on behalf of the Board to the draft Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy and to include the request that the Board speak to their submission.

CARRIED

The Chair suggested bringing forward agenda item 10. This was agreed.

PRCB 15/02/132

RAUMATI VILLAGE BUS STOP AND PARKING AMENDMENTS (IS-15-1468)

Mr Gary Adams spoke to this report, explaining it had taken into account public feedback, contact with local retailers and others. He explained the proposal and the rationale behind it.

Discussion points included:

- The suggestion that Mr Adams advise local disability representatives of the proposed works
- Confirmation that the school sign outside the proposed bus stop site would be relocated and a “real time” bus sign would be installed

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- Once there is a Council resolution on the matter then Greater Wellington could be advised, and the work should be completed in a matter of weeks. Mr Adams agreed to advise the Board once the timeframe was confirmed.
- Acknowledgement there is a degree of jay walking in the area but this is very difficult to control

MOVED (Spiers/Morris-Travers)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approves the following:

- a) **The removal of approximately three P60 time limited parking spaces on the north side of Raumati Road adjacent to Raumati Road Surgery to provide for the relocation of the “Raumati Beach Shops” eastbound bus stop as shown on the plan in Appendix 1 to report IS-15-1468;**
- b) **The removal of the bus stop markings adjacent to the Council car park at 15 Raumati Road and the installation of regulation 15 metres of no stopping lines east of the pedestrian crossing;**
- c) **The conversion of the second disabled parking space on Margaret Road back into three standard width parking spaces as shown on the plan in Appendix 2 to report IS-15-1468;**
- d) **Placing a 15 minute time limit on the three new parking spaces created in c) above; and**
- e) **Converting the southernmost marked angle parking space outside number 11 Margaret Road from a standard parking space to a disabled parking space as shown on the plan in Appendix 2 to report IS-15-1468.**

CARRIED

PRCB 15/02/133

REPRESENTATION REVIEW – BOARD MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING PARTY (CORP-15-1441)

Ms Evans provided a background to this report and confirmed all Community Board representatives would not be required on the Working Party – it was at the Board’s discretion whether they wished to nominate anyone for consideration. Ms Evans could not confirm whether a Community Board representative would then be elected to the Working Party or not. Board members commented it was disappointing that Community Board representation was not compulsorily on the Working Party.

MOVED (Spiers/Morris-Travers)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board notes the Review of Representation Arrangements being carried out in 2015 and approve Board member Jonny Best for further consideration as a member of the Review Working Party.

CARRIED

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO REORGANISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE WELLINGTON REGION (SP-15-1475)

Ms Evans said this report had been prepared to inform the Board of the Local Government Commission's proposal, and to enable the Board to make a submission to the Commission should they wish to do so. She advised the Council's draft submission would be available for viewing on 20 February 2015.

The Chair informed the meeting that Chairs of all four Community Boards were considering making a joint submission, as were the Chairs of the Zone 4 Community Boards.

The Board agreed they wished to make a submission. The report states that under the proposal local representation would be reduced; it also says that in five years' time the new Council would be able to decide the structure of local boards. The Board agreed a level of local democracy and decision making is important and needs to be protected.

The Chair noted the Chairman of the Franklin Local Board on the Auckland Council will be speaking at the Coastlands Kapiti Sports Turf and Pavilion on 26 February 2015 at 5.30pm; she suggested it would be a useful meeting for Board members to attend.

An informal straw poll indicated the Board was most supportive of a status quo position. The Chair agreed to make a submission capturing the key points of discussion. The Board also agreed as long as their submission was not weakened in any way then it could be combined with that of other community boards.

MOVED (Best/Morris-Travers)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board delegates the Chair to write a submission on behalf of the Board to the Local Government Commission on its proposal to reorganise local government across the Greater Wellington Region.

CARRIED

PRCB 15/02/135

ROAD NAMING – LINWOOD DRIVE SUBDIVISION (CORP-14-1431)

MOVED (Spiers/Morris-Travers)

That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approve the name Gallipoli Place for the new road shown in Attachment 1 of report Corp-14-1431.

CARRIED

PRCB 15/02/136

UPDATE: LONG TERM PLAN

Ms Evans said the Council was getting to the final stages of determining what is to be included in the consultation document. Two more briefings are scheduled to work through remaining significant projects, including Te Atiawa Park and the Performing Arts Centre. The Council was on track to adopt the consultation document on 12 March 2015, ready to be launched on 19 March 2015 with consultation starting on 20 March 2015. Submissions will be open for a month.

The Board agreed it should hold a public meeting seeking feedback on significant issues in the consultation document, in order to draft a submission. Ms Evans advised open day

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sessions were being planned and the Board may choose to use these meetings to canvass public opinion rather than setting up a separate meeting. It was agreed the meeting schedule should be reviewed and a Board member attend each meeting, listening to comment and feedback provided.

PRCB 15/02/137

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 9 DECEMBER 2014

MOVED (Spiers/Gurunathan)

That the minutes of the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board meeting dated 9 December 2014 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

PRCB 15/02/138

MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Ms Evans advised the following:

Kiosk at Maclean Park – a public meeting is scheduled for 12 March 2015 (venue to be confirmed) to enable public consultation regarding long term use of the kiosk.

Development of a Community Response Plan – the first meeting to begin drafting the plan is scheduled for 19 February 2015. The Board agreed this matter could now be moved to Long Term Matters Under Action, as it is likely to take some months for the plan to be confirmed.

Safety concerns on Ruapehu Street – have been discussed. Ms Evans agreed to take the Board's concerns to the Council's Infrastructure Services Group Manager.

Tui Sculpture – the Public Art Panel is tentatively scheduled to meet on 3 March 2015 and would discuss the replacement of the Tui Sculpture. The Board would be invited to submit and/or present to a subsequent meeting.

Expressway – Mr Best advised the liaison groups and neighbourhood forums were going well. Ms Morris-Travers said there were continuing impacts from dust in the Makarini area; the community was also disturbed to learn that part of the bund is having to be rebuilt. There has been a good response to a community survey recently run, and on Saturday there will be a public event at the Kapiti Primary School hall. The community is working towards identifying priorities for community development. Mrs Spiers said plans for the Leinster Avenue footbridge would be out in March and she would bring them to the next Board meeting. She also commented that if numbers in the Raumati area got too high, a new NIF may be set up.

In response to a question Ms Evans explained how NZTA dispose of surplus land and said she would consider how the Council and the Alliance could make the process clearer to the public.

There was no movement on any other items.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

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