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WAIKANAĒ COMMUNITY BOARD	TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2013	7.30PM

MINUTES of a six-weekly meeting of the Waikanae Community Board held at the **Waikanae Senior Citizens Hall** on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013**, commencing at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT:            Mr        M        Scott            (Chairperson)  
                          Mr        E        Gregory        (Deputy Chairperson)  
                          Cr        T        Lloyd  
                          Mr        H        Thomas  
                          Mrs      J        Prvanov

IN ATTENDANCE:    Mayor    J        Rowan  
                          Mr        B        Goedhart      (Group Manager, Corporate Services)  
                          Mr        B        Cherry        (School Travel Planner)  
                          Mr        G        Adams        (Traffic Engineer)  
                          Ms        T        Ferry        (Executive Secretary, Corporate Services)

The Chair welcomed everyone present, including the Deputy Mayor and Cr Gaylor. The meeting was declared open at 7.30pm.

**WCB 13/03/219**  
**APOLOGIES**

There were none.

**WCB 13/03/220**  
**30 MINUTES PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Jennifer Ponne and Hannah Stroud, Kapanui School

Misses Ponne and Stroud were part of the team of students who carried out speed testing on Ngarara Road in April 2012 and again in March 2013, following the installation of speed cushions. Their research shows that car speeds have reduced and therefore the speed cushions are helping to keep students safe, which is a benefit to the school.

Mr Gregory asked about speed figures for vehicles other than cars e.g. motorbikes or trucks. The girls said these figures had been included with the car numbers.

Mrs Prvanov asked whether it was now easier to cross the road, and how many students were using the pedestrian crossing. The girls said it was easier to cross because of where the cars now stop, and that more students were using the crossing. A teacher aide also attending the meeting said that previously there had to be an adult supervising the children crossing the road, and that was no longer necessary.

Ms Lyn Stroud

Ms Stroud spoke in support of the previous speakers and commended the Board for going ahead with the pedestrian crossing. She reiterated the girls' observations regarding the speed cushions and traffic calming, and said there was anecdotal evidence of a significant increase in the number of children walking and biking to school. She also commented on the reduced mortality rate should a student be hit by a slower moving car.

The Chair thanked Ms Stroud for her positive feedback.

Ms Helen Edwards, Waikanae Swimming Club

Ms Edwards is a committee member of the Waikanae Swimming Club, which has been teaching children to swim for 43 years. She wants the community board's help to persuade the Council to give the club sole hire of the pool at certain times during the week. The club is also seeking

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clarification of rates being charged, and rates to be charged in the future. She said there was to be a 600% increase next season, and further significant increases in following years.

Mr Goedhart said there was no intent to increase the pool rates for current users beyond what was reasonable, and said the club should discuss the matter with the Aquatic Facilities Manager. The Chair offered to speak with the Aquatic Facilities Manager himself and then get back to Ms Edwards with further information.

Mr Gregory asked how many nights the club has sole use of the pool. Ms Edwards said it was two nights a week. Mr Gregory said it was a matter of balancing income from swimmers vs income from the club.

Mrs Prvanov said she had spoken to the Aquatic Facilities Manager and asked her whether she had spoken to any swimmers who used the pool on the nights during which it was open, to see if they were inconvenienced by the pool being closed to them on two nights, to which she answered, no. She had calculated that the revenue generated in the evenings was about the same regardless of whether the pool was used by members of the public or members of the swimming club.

The Chair welcomed Regional Councillor Nigel Wilson who joined the meeting at 7.35pm.

#### **WCB 13/03/221 MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

- a) Public Speaking Time Oral Submissions  
Responses to oral submissions were given during the public speaking session.
- b) Leave of Absence

#### **MOVED (Scott/Gregory)**

**That the Waikanae Community Board grants Cr Tony Lloyd leave of absence on 7 May 2013.**

#### **CARRIED**

- c) Matters of an Urgent Nature  
There were none.
- d) Declarations of Interest  
There were none.
- e) Community Board Members' Activities

*Mr Thomas* had attended a meeting last week re options for local government amalgamation. He asked whether the Board should be arranging public meetings on this matter. The Chair confirmed this was being arranged.

*Mrs Prvanov* provided an updated on activity at Pharazyn Reserve, advising that building of the playground was about to commence.

*Cr Lloyd* said residents at the northern end of Pehi Kupa St were pleased the yellow no parking lines had been painted on their side of the street, but there were still concerns re cars on the other side of the street.

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**WCB 13/03/222  
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Waikanae Community Board meeting of 12 February 2013 were considered.

Mrs Prvanov asked about the action item on page 23, re the pedestrian crossing. The Chair advised he had previously discussed with the Chief Executive, but there were issues with having pedestrian crossings on a main thoroughfare. Mrs Prvanov asked that Mr Wallace be advised, and Mr Goedhart agreed to follow up this request.

**MOVED (Scott/Prvanov)**

**That the minutes of the Waikanae Community Board meeting held on 12 February 2013 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Matters Arising**

Mrs Prvanov asked whether letters had been sent to submitters on the proposed Waikanae foreshore walkway, advising them of the outcome. Mr Goedhart confirmed letters had been sent, and that discussions were planned with Mr Trotter and Council staff regarding potential alternative sites for the walkway.

Cr Lloyd referred to the suggestion that a community group for the area be formed, and asked if staff would be progressing this. Mr Goedhart said the letter to submitters included an invitation to join this group, and this would include the current beach restoration group as they had made a submission.

Mrs Prvanov asked about progress on the Pharazyn Reserve Management Plan. The Chair said he had a meeting with the Mayor and Chief Executive on 8 April to discuss the Capital Improvement Fund, and the matter of the management plan could be discussed after that. Mrs Prvanov asked about the report that Mr Bartlett was waiting on (refer item 8 of Matters Under Action), Mr Goedhart did not know whether the report had yet been received.

Mr Goedhart advised there are 10 pedestrian bench seats to be installed shortly, at the sites suggested by the Waikanae Community Board, plus other locations. Mrs Prvanov asked that a list of all bench locations be circulated.

**WCB 13/03/223  
MATTERS UNDER ACTION**

Mr Goedhart reported on the following:

Short term items

Item 1 – The Chair tabled two alternative designs for a Community Board logo. Because the logo incorporates the island image from the Council logo, ownership of that image will have to be clarified. Once that has been confirmed the logo can be circulated to other Board Chairs. Of the two images tabled, Option 2 was preferred.

Item 2 – Mr Goedhart advised that the new Roding Manager would be treating the proposed pedestrian shelters as a priority. He had seen shelters in Auckland constructed of canvas sails on poles which he thought might be a good alternative. The Chair asked for visuals for the Board to consider.

Item 3 – Mr Goedhart is in discussions with a group who may want to manage the market and will follow up with them.

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Item 4 – A meeting is scheduled for 8 April with the Mayor and members of the Finance team to discuss the safeguarding of the Waikanae Capital Improvement Fund.

Item 5 – Traffic calming devices are on tonight's agenda.

Item 6 – Mr Goedhart confirmed that yellow parking lines had been painted on Pehi Kupa Street. It was agreed this item could be removed from Matters Under Action.

Cr Lloyd commented that many of the yellow lines at compulsory stop signs were wearing out. Mr Goedhart said painting was underway at present, and asked that if any had not been fixed in the next week that he be advised.

Item 7 – Renaming of the Waikanae Senior Citizens Hall is on tonight's agenda. It was agreed that if the matter was settled then this could be removed from Matters Under Action.

Item 8 – Discussion has been had regarding review of the Pharazyn Reserve Management Plan.

Item 9 – Mr Goedhart said that improvements noted at the recent walkabout of Mahara Place were being followed up. Mr Gregory referred to other areas that needed attention, such as the area from the hotel entrance around to the fish shop. This was noted.

Item 10 – Installation of the pedestrian bench seats is under way. It was agreed this item could be removed from Matters Under Action.

Mr Gregory asked about the information centre at the Waikanae library. The Chair said he was awaiting an update from the Group Manager Community Services. Mr Goedhart confirmed there was no intention of making any changes to the library at present, however the Board may review it when discussing the Waikanae Town Centre area, and it may also come up when Council discusses information centres throughout the District.

#### Long term items

Item 1 – Development of the Waikanae Town Centre plan is in the Annual Plan for the next financial year. There will be more certainty around planning now the Expressway has been confirmed; some of the preliminary planning can now be progressed.

Item 2 – No progress has been made regarding Council policy in markets in public areas.

Item 3 – Discussion of a draft submission to the Annual Plan regarding swimming pool concessions is on tonight's agenda.

#### **WCB 13/03/224**

#### **ASSESSING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NGARARA ROAD COMPLEMENTARY SPEED CUSHIONS (IS-13-832)**

Mr Brent Cherry (School Travel Planner) and Mr Gary Adams (Traffic Engineer) spoke to this report. Mr Cherry spoke of the survey work carried out and the conclusions reached. He said fewer parents were driving their children to school, fewer children were catching the bus and more children were cycling or scooting to school. He said there had been a small number of critical service requests but on the whole feedback had been positive. Mr Adams added that the speed cushions were to be realigned so the middle cushion is in the centre of the road and the other cushions adjusted accordingly. He confirmed buses were negotiating the cushions successfully.

Mr Gregory asked whether the increased number of children riding to school could be attributed to the warmer weather. Mr Cherry said survey responses from parents specifically stated their concerns about their children crossing the road without a pedestrian crossing, but said the weather may have affected the results to a degree.

Mr Gregory then commented on children using scooters without helmets. Mr Cherry said this was a national issue, however they were including scooter safety training in their school travel plan.

Mr Gregory voiced concern about vehicles travelling over the speed cushions with little alteration of speed. He had seen buses and motorbikes not slowing down at all, and he wondered about the efficacy of the cushions. Mr Adams said motorbikes would always have impunity. The Chair asked

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whether having the pedestrian crossing on a raised platform would address the matter, Mr Adams said it would.

Cr Lloyd felt that speeding was being transferred to other streets in the area, and also that there was still a large number of cars picking up children from school, which was dangerous because people were not observing proper parking protocols. Mr Cherry commented that nationally 61% of children are driven to school, and the school travel plan is trying to address this trend. Cr Lloyd said parents had reported to him this was due to "stranger danger". Mr Cherry said it was an issue his team was working on.

Mr Thomas commented that the speeders previously mentioned were presumably parents. He felt users at all times of the day were being punished by speeding parents. He was not against pedestrian crossings but preferred the raised design like that on Ngaio Road.

The Chair asked Mr Adams to prepare a memo for the Board for the next meeting, advising whether a raised pedestrian crossing platform would be feasible, effective and what the cost would be. The Chair was clear the Board was not seeking a full report but rather some advice on further potential safety improvements.

Mrs Prvanov asked whether a raised platform would cause further speed reduction and whether it would force drivers to use alternative routes. Mr Cherry said it would certainly reduce the traffic speed but would also be noisier.

**MOVED (Scott/Lloyd)**

**That the Waikanae Community Board receives report IS-13-832 "Assessing the Performance of the Ngarara Road Complementary Speed Cushions".**

**CARRIED**

**WCB 13/03/225**

**PROPOSED NAME CHANGE TO COUNCIL-OWNED COMMUNITY HALL IN WAIKANAĒ**

**MOVED (Thomas/Gregory)**

**That the Waikanae Community Board approves the re-naming of the hall currently known as 'Waikanae Senior Citizen Hall' as the 'Waikanae Community Centre'.**

**CARRIED**

**WCB 13/02/226**

**ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2013**

**MOVED (Scott/Gregory)**

**That the Waikanae Community Board approves the attendance of Jocelyn Prvanov at the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference being held 9 – 11 May 2013 at Wanaka.**

**That the Board authorises the Chair to approve an alternate attendee in the event that the original nominee is unable to attend.**

**That the attendee/s will provide a written report in a timely fashion for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.**

**CARRIED**

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**RATIFICATION OF DRAFT SUBMISSION TO ANNUAL PLAN**

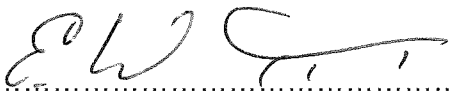
The Chair referred to the draft submission at page 77 and thanked Mr Goedhart for his work.

**MOVED (Gregory/Prvanov)**

**That the Waikanae Community Board adopts the submission to the Annual Plan as drafted and requested that staff submit the submission on the Board's behalf.**

**CARRIED**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

  
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