
Tuatapere Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Tuatapere Community Board held in the Waiau Town and Country Club, 41 King Street, Tuatapere on Tuesday, 15 August 2017 at 5.05pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Margaret Thomas
Deputy Chairperson	Anne Horrell
Members	Stephen Crack
	Blayne De Vries
	Maurice Green
	Jo Sanford
	Councillor Nick Perham

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Advisor	Alyson Hamilton
Community Partnership Leader	Simon Moran

1 Apologies

Moved Deputy Chairperson Horrell, seconded Member Crack and **resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Community Board accept the apology for non-attendance from Councillor Harpur.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Moved Member Sanford, seconded Member De Vries **and resolved:**

That the minutes of Tuatapere Community Board meeting held on 20 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Reports

7.1 Council Report

Record No: R/17/7/15762

Simon Moran (Community Partnership Leader) presented the report.

Mr Moran advised the purpose of the report is to provide an overview of key issues across the Southland District, as well as high level local issues from various Council units.

Mr Moran informed the report highlighted various issues of interest including;

- Bonamia Ostreae Response
- Civil Defence Review
- Rural Fire
- Local Government Survey
- Residents Survey
- District Facilities Project
- 2017/2018 Annual Plan
- 2018 - 2028 10 Year Plan
- Dog Registrations

- Around the Mountains Cycle Trail - MBIE improvements Funding
- Open Spaces Strategy
The Chair commented that the document found on the Council website is very difficult to read and requested staff be made aware of this issue. Mr Moran to liaise with Communications staff.
- Tourism Infrastructure Fund
Mr Moran advised the \$102 million fund over four years is a boost for tourism infrastructure funding and recognises the real need some communities are facing as a result of booming visitor numbers. Mr Moran explained that it appeared the criteria to apply to this fund is that Councils with debt are more likely to be able to access the fund than those with reserves.
- Representation Review
Mr Moran advised planning is underway to meet both the statutory requirements of the Representation Review and to inform and engage with the people of Southland.
- Service Delivery Scoping Project
Mr Moran advised the purpose of this project is to consider Council service delivery options for communities in the Southland District with demand from residents ratepayers and visitors being the primary focus.
- Water Structures
Mr Moran advised plans are underway to do some initial investigations of the Waiau River boat ramps to identify any urgent issues to be included in this long Term Plan. A more detailed inspection will be undertaken prior to the next Long Term Plan.
- Venture Southland
Mr Moran advised Venture Southland recently worked with Kaylene Bennett to organise a workshop at Waiau Area School teaching the students about volunteering in the community. Appreciation was expressed to the local volunteers who attended, including Stephen Crack from the Tuatapere Community Board.

Resolution

Moved Member Sanford, seconded Member Crack **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Council Report” dated 8 August 2017.**

7.2 **Proposal from Colin Brown to allow surrender of all his lease and licence agreements relating to Tuatapere Railway Station site**

Record No: R/17/7/16621

Simon Moran (Community Partnership Leader) presented the report.

Mr Moran advised the purpose of the report is for the Board to consider a proposal from Colin Brown; which if agreed, will allow surrender of all his lease and licence agreements at the Tuatapere Railway Station site.

Mr Moran explained that in 2010 Mr Colin Brown entered into four agreements with Council in relation to the Tuatapere Railway Station plus the goods shed, the water tower and rolling stock.

Mr Moran added over a period of time discussions have been held with Mr Brown about relinquishing these agreements which has resulted in a proposal from Mr Brown being given to Councillor Harpur for consideration.

The Board noted that while not signed, the conversations with Mr Brown are that if the Board agree he will surrender all his rights, so this has been accepted based on the same advice given to the Strategic Property Manager and Councillor Harpur.

The Chair queried the number of the railway sleepers highlighted in the quote and location of same. Member Crack suggested an onsite visit to ascertain their location.

The Board considered the options presented by staff which included;

- option 1 - Agree to the proposal which would allow control of all buildings to return to Council and be managed locally by the Board and allows the Board to develop the site. Members noted the project has some cost to it but this is related primarily to purchase of sleepers and railway irons.
- option 2 - Do not agree with the proposal which would mean the Board loses opportunity to get back control of buildings and land and may be more complicated and thus expensive to get control through legal channels.

Following a discussion relating to proposed plans for the future, costings, and community involvement of the Tuatapere Railway Station plus the goods shed, the water tower and rolling stock, the Board agreed to the recommendations as set out by staff and that funding of the project would come from reserves.

The Board suggested a survey be undertaken with Tuatapere residents to discuss a Long Term Plan and development of the site to include the Tuatapere Railway Station plus the goods shed, the water tower and rolling stock. It was agreed that the Chair liaise with Venture staff (Megan Nunns) to progress the proposed survey.

Resolution

Moved Member Sanford, seconded Deputy Chairperson Horrell **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Proposal from Colin Brown to allow surrender of all his lease and licence agreements relating to Tuatapere Railway Station site” dated 8 August 2017.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the Act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**

- d) **Agrees to purchase for \$11,000 (inc GST) the railway irons, sleepers and other materials from Mr Colin Brown as set out in his letter of 17 July 2017 and such costs to be funded from the Board's operating account budget.**
- e) **Agrees to transport those other railway irons of Mr Brown at Tuatapere to his property at Fairfax, as well as swap the Council wagon at Fairfax for the one owned by Mr Brown at Tuatapere.**
- f) **Requires an undertaking from Mr Brown that he will not surrender his occupation agreement with the adjoining landowner, Mr Dowling, until such time all equipment is removed from Mr Dowling's property.**
- g) **Agrees the surrender documents be executed when presented to Council and signed by Mr Brown.**

8.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chair, Member Thomas, reported on activities she has been involved since the Board's last meeting. This included the following;

- Query regarding the Clifden Recreation Reserve Grazing tender recently advertised in the Southland Times and whether the documentation should be presented to the Board for approval. Staff advised that the Group Manager, Services and Assets has delegated authority to approve tenders in terms of the Council Financial delegations.
- Advice from Mary Napper (Invercargill City Council) advising the Tuatapere Community Board Heritage Orchard Park project has been nominated for the TrustPower Invercargill Southland Community Awards.
- Discussion regarding the Periodic Dentation Workers activities within the Township.
- Concern with Bushman's Museum need for volunteers and funding.
- Seats donated by Gray Robertson to be placed around the township.
- Concern over ongoing flooding issues in the Returned Services Association lounge - the Chair to arrange an onsite meeting with Board Members and Property staff.
- Advice of Community Leadership Plan workshop summary.
- Advice of Community Board Zone 6 meeting recently held in Gore.
- Invitation to the public to join Robyn Guyton offering guidance on apple tree pruning to be held at the Great Heritage Orchard scheduled for 1.30pm Saturday, 19 August 2017.
- Advice of purchase of garden planters to be situated at the Community Housing.

The meeting concluded at 6.57pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT
RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE TUATAPERE
COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, 15
AUGUST 2017.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....