



Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board held in the Blackmount Community Centre, Blackmount Redcliff Road, Blackmount on 06 Aug 2024 at 3.30pm (3.30pm – 5.21pm)

PRESENT

Chairperson	Anne Horrell
Deputy chairperson	Blayne De Vries
	Wayne Edgerton
	Paula McKenzie
	Marilyn Parris
	Jo Sanford
	Councillor Derek Chamberlain

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of interest

Wayne Edgerton declared a conflict of interest with item 7.10 Tuatapere Historic Railway Station redevelopment options and stated that he would leave the room while this report was discussed and recommendations resolved.

Blayne De Vries declared that he has an interest in items 7.4 Decision to approve grant for Clifden Recreation Reserve boundary fence and item 7.5 Unbudgeted expenditure for Tuatapere Recreation Reserve and stated that he would not take part in the discussion or decision.

Anne Horrell advised that while her husband is the chair of Environment Southland, she has an open mind on item 7.2 Environment Southland Representation Review Initial Proposal 2024 and that she would take part in the discussion and decision making.

4 Extraordinary/urgent items

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolution

Moved Jo Sanford, seconded Cr Chamberlain **and confirmed:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public participation

Peter Baker spoke to the meeting on happenings in the Blackmount area. He thanked Chair Horrell for her informative column in the Western Wanderer.

Mr Baker shared that Blackmount has 57 rating units, 12 preschool aged children in the district and two main community organisations – the Blackmount Pool Committee and the Blackmount Social Committee.

Mr Baker shared how Council had assisted when the community sought to purchase the school as a community asset and they helped to pave the way with Ministry of Education and

Ngai Tahu. This is now a facility that is often used by the Blackmount Community to maintain their sense of belonging.

Blackmount Rural Fire Service has 12 members, a fire station and three vehicles – a vast improvement on what they had previously.

The meeting observed a minutes silence in respect of Leighton Hare, who had been an area engineer for the community board for a number of years and recently passed away.

Reports

7.1 Enforcement Policy update

Record No: R/24/7/46840

GM regulatory services, Adrian Humphries spoke to this report. Mr Humphries introduced himself to the meeting and then explained that Council recently adopted the Enforcement Policy. He was attending community board meetings to ensure they are aware of the policy and the steps that staff take to ensure that the public comply with rules and regulations that are in place to protect the public.

Mr Humphries explained that education is a key part of the policy, but for those individuals who continue to work outside of the rules and regulations, then there are steps that Council and staff will take to ensure the safety of the public.

Resolution

Moved Cr Chamberlain, seconded Paula McKenzie **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Enforcement Policy update”.**

7.2 Environment Southland Representation Review Initial Proposal 2024

Record No: R/24/7/48052

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and asked the board if they would like to make a submission to Environment Southland on their representation review, initial proposal.

Councillor Chamberlain suggested that as the number of Councillors is based on population, Invercargill Rakiura has six councillors representing them, while other areas only have one representative. Cr Chamberlain felt that was an inequitable access to Councillors due to the large geographical spread for some of the constituencies and suggested that this needed to be addressed by having at least two Councillors in each constituency.

The board agreed with Councillor Chamberlain and made a submission to Environment Southland.

Resolution

Moved Deputy chair De Vries, seconded Cr Chamberlain **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Environment Southland Representation Review Initial Proposal 2024".**
- b) **agrees to make a submission on Environment Southland Representation Review 2024 Initial Proposal by 5pm on Monday 19 August 2024.**

7.3 Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board submission to the proposed 2024-2034 Long Term Plan

Record No: R/24/7/43540

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and explained that this to ratify the submission made by the board last month.

Resolution

Moved Wayne Edgerton, seconded Paula McKenzie **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board submission to the proposed 2024-2034 Long Term Plan".**
- b) **ratifies the submission on the 2024-2034 long term plan (included with this report as Attachment A) that was lodged with Council on 2 July 2024.**

Deputy chair, Blayne De Vries withdrew from the table and did not take part in any discussion or decision relating to items 7.4 and 7.5.

7.4 Decision to approve grant for Clifden Recreation Reserve boundary fence

Record No: R/24/5/32262

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and explained that the purpose of this report is for the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board to consider whether or not it wishes to grant the Tuatapere Golf club up to \$7,300 towards replacement of the Clifden Recreation Reserve boundary fence from funds held in the Clifden Recreation Reserve.

The forecast balance of the community board Clifden Recreation Reserve of 30 June 2024 is \$43,369.

The board discussed that if the fence was not replaced that this would make it harder to lease the land when it came up for renewal and that there is sufficient money within the reserve account to cover this cost.

Resolution

Moved Jo Sanford, seconded Marilyn Parris **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Decision to approve grant for Clifden Recreation Reserve boundary fence”.**
- 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) **approves the grant to the Tuatapere Golf Club up to \$7,300 towards replacement of a portion of the Clifden Recreation Reserve fencing from the Clifden Recreation Reserve.**

7.5 Unbudgeted expenditure for Tuatapere Recreation Reserve

Record No: R/24/6/40363

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and explained that the purpose of this report is for the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board to consider whether or not it wishes to recommend unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$28,000 for the Tuatapere Recreation Reserve towards replacement of the ring fence and a barrier gate from funds held in the Tuatapere general reserve.

The community board can only recommend to Council to approve an unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$28,000 for the Tuatapere Recreation Reserve towards replacement of the ring fence and a barrier gate from funds held in the Tuatapere general reserve.

The forecast balance of the Tuatapere general reserve of 30 June 2024 is \$167,218.

The board discussed that this is a community asset that Council are responsible for and that it is great that the community have been able to acquire half the funds needed for the new ring fence.

Chair Horrell also asked that an additional \$500 is allowed for in the budget for the custodian of the gate to assist with vehicle costs.

Resolution

Moved Cr Chamberlain, seconded Jo Sanford **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Unbudgeted expenditure for Tuatapere Recreation Reserve”.**
- 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) **Recommends Council to approve an unbudgeted expenditure for up to \$28,500 towards replacement of the ring fence and a barrier gate for the Tuatapere Recreation Reserve from funds held in the Tuatapere general reserve.**

Deputy Chair Blayne De Vries returned to the table.

7.6 Representation Review - representation proposal

Record No: R/24/7/46566

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and explained that this report is asking the board for their views on the final proposal for the representation review that was adopted by Council on 16 July 2024.

Deputy chair De Vries shared that he found the representation review process great, there was good involvement of the board and he felt that their suggestions had been listened to. The board agreed with this view.

Resolution

Moved Marilyn Parris, seconded Deputy chair De Vries **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Representation Review - representation proposal”.**
- 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 that the Community Partnership Leader makes a submission from the Community Board outlining that it supports the representation proposal.

7.7 Councillor update

Record No: R/24/7/44362

Councillor Chamberlain spoke to this report and updated the board on what had been happening at Council.

Resolution

Moved Paula McKenzie, seconded Marilyn Parris **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Councillor update”.

7.8 Community board reporting

Record No: R/24/7/45320

Community partnership lead, Stella O’Connor explained that the purpose of this report is to inform the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

Cr Chamberlain asked if staff could find out that is happening with the boil water notice for the Otahu Eastern Bush water scheme and how long this is expected to be in place for.

The board asked that the Orawia Hall Committee are kept involved in discussions on the rebuild of the community centre, and Ms O’Connor assured the board that this will happen.

Resolution

Moved Deputy chair De Vries, seconded Jo Sanford **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Community board reporting” dated 29 July 2024.

7.9 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/24/7/48039

Chair Horrell spoke to her report and updated the board that the new signs for Hirstfield Reserve are ready and will be installed, and that the person misusing the reserve has been spoken to.

The board have asked for clarification from Downers around the use of a subcontractor to complete work on the ditches at Tuatapere Reserve (domain) and whether the work completed by the subcontractor was included in the initial scope and should be paid by the contractor and not the board.

Chair Horrell asked the board members for their community updates:

The library is having good attendance at their storytime sessions, the spaceship competition was a success with a good number of entries received. The library committee have asked on a timeframe for the bracing of the two handrails recently installed.

Both schools had students competing nationally over the holidays, Hauoko had a team attending the Agrikids competition and Waiau Area School had students participating in the National Area School competition. Polyfest is coming up and Hauoko Valley Primary School are holding a fundraiser with a golf tournament.

The Tuatapere Community Pool have their AGM coming up, Rural Women's are looking for a new president at their AGM and McLeod's Track is a work in progress with mulching and fence repairs getting underway to allow planting to start.

Tuatapere RSA hall is busy with 8 hall hires last month and three weekends in October already booked. Smallbore rifle season ends this month.

Tuatapere HumpRidge Track Great Walks opening is on track for 25 October 2024. Archives are working with the HumpRidge Track on the history being displayed around the opening of the track.

Dismantling of the domain ring fence is starting this coming weekend. Rugby is into the representative competitions, Waiau Star have held their prizegiving and the club is looking to upgrade their fire within the club rooms.

Tuatapere golf club – there is new artwork from Walter Clark installed at the pond, all welcome to have a look.

Waiau Valley netball is finished and the premier team ended on a high with their first win for the season.

Squash teams men and women were both in the Central Western finals. Southland shield was won at Clinton, then taken by Riversdale on countback. Club finals are happening this weekend coming.

Resolution

Moved Paula McKenzie, seconded Jo Sanford **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Chairperson's report”.**

Wayne Edgerton left the meeting at 5.04pm.

7.10 Tuatapere Historic Railway Station Redevelopment Options

Record No: R/24/7/45495

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and explained that the purpose of this report is to provide the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board (the community board) an update on the Better Off Funding (BoF) that was allocated to the Tuatapere Historic Railway Station in [September 2022](#) and approved by the [Department of Internal Affairs \(DIA\) in January 2023](#).

With support and assistance from staff to develop key project development and financial milestones, the Trusts proposal is recommended as the preferred way forward for utilising the BoF grant.

This project and the proposed approach support Council's aspirations of working closely with the community, for the community on enhancing and developing our community; and in this case maintaining existing assets and infrastructure.

The board are wanting to see this project succeed and after considering the proposal would like to see this progress.

Resolution

Moved Paula McKenzie, seconded Jo Sanford **and resolved:**

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Tuatapere Historic Railway Station Redevelopment Options”.**
- 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.**

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- d) approve the Tuatapere Heritage Railway Trust Board’s proposal for the Tuatapere Railway Station on confirmation that the Trust has achieved charitable status.**
 - e) delegates to the Group Manager, Customer and Community Wellbeing, the authority to enter into a grants agreement for financial drawdowns of the grant funding once project milestones have been achieved.**
 - f) direct staff to provide the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board with the project milestones and financial drawdown schedule once confirmed.**
 - g) notes the Tuatapere Heritage Railway Trust Board will provide a quarterly update to the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board on the project status.**

Wayne Edgerton returned to the meeting at 5.20pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.21pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of a meeting of the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board held on 6 August 2024.

Date: 1 October 2024

Chairperson:

