



Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board held in the Waiau Town and Country Club, 41 King Street, Tuatapere on 04 February 2025 at 3.30pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Jo Sanford

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Rachael Poole
Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Governance legal manager	Robyn Rout

1 Apologies

An apology for non-attendance was received from Jo Sanford.

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

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board accept the apology.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Extraordinary/urgent items

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolution

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

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public participation

There was no public participation

Reports

The chair moved item 7.1 Tree Plan to be considered after item 7.4 Community Board Reporting.

7.2 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/25/1/1358

Chair Horrell read her report, which included additional information to the report circulated in the agenda. A copy of the verbal report is attached to these minutes.

The following updates were received:

- Orepuki Promotions has been quiet over the holiday period. A working bee was held at the cemetery in January
- Domain board have got the domain looking great over the summer period
- Tuatapere Golf Club celebrate their 100 centenary this weekend, lots of work by volunteers to get the course looking its best
- Tennis, men's and women's competitions have started
- Tuatapere RSA hall has been quiet over the last two months, starting to get busier with bookings
- Railway station is progressing, painting should be done by March, roof on with ridging to do, windows are ready to be installed
- Greenheart reserve has a tree that is hung up in other trees – and RFS has been completed
- HumpRidge Trust and company had their AGM meetings last week, bookings up 26% on last year. Had some new people attend and are keen to be involved, which is great
- Archives will be open this weekend with the A & P show on and the golf centenary
- McLeod's track – woodchips ready to be delivered, Waiau Area School students are keen to assist with spreading these
- Hauroko Valley Primary School multipurpose room is ready for use
- Library repairs look great, just the paint and putty on the front doors to be done
- Tuatapere pool have a meeting on 10 February 2025
- Rural women's are catering for the upcoming Blackmount dog trials
- Blackmount trail bike ride is happening on 15 March – this is Hauroko Valley Primary school's annual main fundraising event
- A seat has been installed at McLeod's track, locally done and looks great. Same with the end of Sneyd Street, looking great.

Recommendation

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

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

7.3 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/1/1360

Cr Chamberlain spoke to this report and updated the board on the Council decision to put a hold on the Monkey Island shelter upgrade while some additional consultation is carried out with the community and community board. Once this is completed the Project Delivery Team will re-present to Council.

Resolution

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

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

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

7.4 Community board reporting

Record No: R/24/12/75139

Community partnership lead, Stella O’Connor spoke to the report and noted the following:

Orawia Hall – costings are back from the quantity surveyor and the insurance claim has been lodged.

Orepuki railway tank project, awaiting a project plan from Orepuki Promotions to enable them to uplift the funding to complete this project.

Work can restart on the Tuatapere Domain barrier once the roading bylaw has been approved by Council.

Greenheart Reserve –waiting for a response from IFS on the value of the trees.

Recommendation

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Community board reporting”.**

7.1 Tree plan

Record No: R/24/12/73937

Community facilities manager, Mark Day explained that this report is to present the community board with an updated overview of the Southland District Council (SDC) Tree Plan, including key community feedback following public consultation, and to propose the next steps for adoption.

It is about identifying the right tree for the right place, maintaining the tree and then removing at end of life.

Resolution

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

That the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled "Tree plan".**

The meeting concluded at 4.32pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of a meeting of the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board held on 4 February 2025.

DATE: 1 April 2025.

CHAIRPERSON:

Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board Chairperson's Report , 4th February 2025

Welcome back to Community Board business. It is hoped that all enjoyed some time out over the festive and holiday season.

Since our last meeting the communities that make up our Community Board area have continued to be busy and we have had quite a number of visitors. Visitors and locals have enjoyed the attraction of water for boating, fishing and swimming. Lakes Monowai and Hauoko, our local rivers and various beaches have received great use. It has become apparent that Monkey Island has an issue of congestion and an overload of the facilities. This has culminated in onsite discussions as to how best mitigate against an overload of the Monkey Island facilities and to protect the area from vandalism and irresponsible behaviour by a minority of people. It is pleasing to hear that there has been some police presence at the site.

The Hump Ridge Trust will be pleased with the run of fine weather for trampers and staff. It's great to see many locals and visitors enjoying our local native bush tracks-Tui Trails. There have been some positive comments regarding the obvious presence of plentiful bird life, especially in the Domain bush. This is largely due to the conscientious efforts of the predator control group in eradicating pests.

The Tuatapere Library facade received some repair work in December.

The Monowai Village Services Society held a meeting of its members on 6th January at Blackmount Community Centre. This was a very positive meeting where the Society decided to continue as a group. Membership of the Society is by application. At the meeting Neil Wohlers was reinstated as Chairperson. The group have recently reviewed their Constitution and at the 6th January meeting they approved the new guidelines. Other topics of the meeting included a fire fighting upgrade of appliances and the establishment of a Village Business Committee potentially looking at setting up as approved contractors to maintain mowing and the toilets. Anne and Rachael met with committee members on Friday 24th January to help facilitate progress in this area.

In December Marilyn and I met with Brendon Potae from Milton. Margaret Thomas and Suzi Best were also in attendance. Brendon is a retired shearer who has been highly involved in the competitive aspect of shearing; organising and coordinating many competitions. He lived and worked in our area for many years. Brendon is keen to support a local initiative to honour some of Waiiau's great achievers-in various fields in some permanent capacity. In discussion this includes shearing, wood chopping and sawing, medicine, chemistry, farming and others. It was suggested that the 'to be renovated' Railway Station building or surrounds would be a suitable location for some such tribute. I would like to recommend that a discussion take place at a CB workshop.

There were some very successful local initiatives over the December/January period where volunteers kindly gave of their time for the pleasure of others. Special mention can be made of:

- John Munro and his team who facilitated a wonderful Santa Parade at our beautiful Domain.
- Carol Singers who entertained at the Community Housing and elsewhere in town prior to Christmas.
- The Community Worker's Trust for coordinating another well attended and enjoyable Community Christmas Lunch.
- The Axeman's Society for a well organised and well supported New Year's Day Sports.
- The Tuatapere Domain Board for the immaculate state of the Domain grounds. The newly installed Ring Fence received a great deal of admiration.
- Mike Goodwin who's photographic skills managed to capture some delightful aerial (drone) views of the grounds on New Year's Day.
- Clayton Roe who has generously opened up his motor cross track as a facility for young people to learn and develop motor cross riding skills.

Let's look forward to a busy, productive year. We have a few new projects to address and some others to complete. This includes further enhancement of our Main Street, continued care, maintenance and development of green areas (like Greenheart Reserve and Elder Park), progress with hall repairs, Orepuki Water Tower, the Railway Station Project-and others. Onward and upward-it's going to be a great year!