

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
MAKETU – TE PUKE WARD FORUM MEETING NO. MTP22-1
HELD AT THE TE PUKE WAR MEMORIAL HALL (SETTLERS LOUNGE), AND
UNDER COVID-19 TRAFFIC LIGHT ORANGE,
ON MONDAY, 4 JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

Cr K Marsh (Chairperson), Cr M Gray, Cr G Dally, and Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

2 IN ATTENDANCE

R Davie (Group Manager Strategy and Community), C Irvin (Senior Governance Advisor), and J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor J Denyer

Councillor M Murray-Benge

Te Puke Community Board Members K Ellis and D Snell

19 members of the public.

3 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION MTP22-1.1

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr G Dally

That the apology for absence from Mayor Webber be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

Craig Haggo (Principal) – Pongakawa School

Mr Haggo was in attendance to provide an update on Pongakawa School, and noted the following points:

- In 2012, Pongakawa School began building a regional Action Centre, and it was Te Puke's only action centre.
- The Action Centre was built on top of two tennis courts, and the Pongakawa School agreed with Council that the tennis courts would be rebuilt on another section of land within the School.
- The new tennis courts were to be built before the end of 2022, and were planned to be pumice and limestone, rather than tar seal.
- Mr Haggo thanked Cr Marsh for the work he had put in to Pongakawa School.

Tauranga/Western Bay of Plenty (TCC/WBOP) Indian Association

Ms Patel was in attendance on behalf of the TCC/WBOP Indian Association, and noted the following points:

- The main focus of the association was to bring together the wider community of Indian residents, and to provide education for residents.
- Ms Patel expressed that the association wished to become more acquainted with the Te Puke community and Elected Members.
- The association currently worked with the Bay of Plenty Migrant Indian Women's Group.

Mike Maassen – Various Items

Mr Maassen was in attendance to speak to the following items:

- He thanked Council for the improvements made on Arawa Road, which included the widening and upgrading of the road surface, and the new footpath.
- The pumice pathway on the paper road Section of Arawa Road needed maintenance.
- It was requested that the Arawa Road/Penelope Place area be considered for parks/reserves and a playground. The Council owned land at the end of Arawa Road could be utilized for this.
- A culvert crossing on the Arawa Road paper road had been removed in the past, and Mr Maassen requested that it be reinstated.
- Mr Maassen thanked Council for the cycleways that had been constructed within the Ōmokoroa area.

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

9.1 MINUTES OF THE MAKETU – TE PUKE WARD FORUM MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2021

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.2

Moved: Cr M Gray

Seconded: Cr G Dally

That the Minutes of the Maketu – Te Puke Ward Forum Meeting held on 5 July 2021 be received.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.3

Moved: Cr K Marsh

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

A motion was moved that the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of holding a workshop.

CARRIED

10 WORKSHOP

10.1 WORKSHOP ITEMS

A. Tourism Bay of Plenty – Update

Oscar Nathan from Tourism Bay of Plenty (TBOP) was in attendance to provide an update and spoke to a power point presentation, noting the following points:

- TBOP's main focus was to work with the Bay of Plenty (BOP) regions and promote tourism in the area.
 - Destination marketing and destination management were the two main roles undertaken by TBOP. Destination marketing was about selling the promise and experience of the area, and destination management was ensuring the experience matched the promise.
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- Tracking electronic card spending was used to monitor visitation and spending.
- A programme was launched regarding 'regenerative tourism', which ensured operators were made aware of their carbon footprint.
- After community engagement, TBOP landed on four 'DNA pillars' that represented the community; ocean and beaches, Māori culture, natural landscapes, and BOP's horticultural provenance.
- Flavours of Plenty (a regional food festival) would be extended from a four-day event in 2022, to a 10-day event in 2023, and eventually one month in 2024.
- The biggest challenge with cruise ships was ensuring cruise passengers stayed local. TBOP were working with cruise line operators to improve this, by developing products and experiences within the Western Bay of Plenty (WBOP).
- Six regional workshops were planned across key regions that had ports, with many tourism agencies and cruise line associations attending to speak and provide an update. Mr Nathan encouraged anyone interested to attend. The BOP workshop was scheduled for 29 July 2022.
- Promoting cycle/walkways was a focus for TBOP.
- TBOP had been working with Tangata Whenua to develop and offer product packages for cruise passengers.

B. Don Brash – Three Waters Reform

Mr Brash was in attendance to speak regarding the Three Waters Reform, and noted he did not agree with the Reform, along with other members of the public. He also noted he attended a meeting where concerns about the Reform were discussed, and it was requested that Council revisit their stance on the Three Waters Reform.

C. General Manager Strategy and Community – Generation Change

The General Manager Strategy and Community introduced Generation Change, and noted the following points:

- The Chief Executive Officer had a requirement to increase interest in Local Government Elections for candidates and voters, and Council would be taking a very active role in this approach.
- Council was aiming to increase participation in elections, and had established a Generation Change website ([GenerationChange.nz](https://www.GenerationChange.nz)).
- The key idea of Generation Change was to cultivate governance that reflected all parts of the community that Council represented, and to encourage increased diversity.

- The campaign was being delivered in three phases:
 - 1) Create more interest and diversity in candidates running for Council.
 - 2) Actively encourage the community to enrol to vote.
 - 3) Encourage the community to vote.
- Council would be organising its own events in 2022 for the community to meet the candidates, and for mayoral debates.
- Candidate nominations opened on 15 July 2022, and closed on 12 August 2022. There would be a series of candidate information evenings in July and August, along with debates across the District, leading into Election Day on 8th October 2022.
- The Te Puke information evening was scheduled for 27 July 2022 in the Te Puke Library, from 6pm.

D. General Manager Strategy and Community – Overview of Reserve Management Plan (RMP)

The General Manager Strategy and Community provided an overview of the RMP, and noted the following points:

- Council had just completed an 8-month process of reviewing the RMP for the Maketu-Te Puke Ward.
- The RMP contained a concept for each reserve, and set out how the reserve may be developed over time.
- Some policies were included in the RMP regarding shade, accessibility and shade equipment.
- A dog park was planned for Lawrence Oliver Park, and funding for this project would come from Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) as well as external funding.
- Council had a concept plan for Midway Park in Pukehina., which included an asphalt pump track, enhanced fitness track, and an opportunity for community gardens.
- It was noted there was public feedback for Council to enhance the natural amenity of Spencer Avenue Reserve, rather than create an active reserve, but still provide passive recreation such as a pumice BMX track.
- Council had made the commitment to work with the Pongakawa community regarding the wetlands, heritage building, and tennis courts at Midway Park.
- Council had undertaken engagement with Te Arawa Lakes Trust regarding opportunities for the Maketu Sports Ground.

E. Sergeant Mike Owen (NZ Police) – Te Puke Police Update

Sergeant Owen was in attendance to speak regarding three main issues in Te Puke, and noted the following:

Rural burglaries:

- There had been an increase in rural burglaries during kiwifruit season, and advised rural residents to take precautions to decrease these incidents.

Kava:

- There were concerns regarding groups of people congregating and drinking Kava in the streets of Te Puke, and there had been complaints about fighting, rubbish, and general disorder.
- There had been significant improvements made by employers within their working residences, to manage consumption of Kava, and more awareness around its cultural significance.
- The consumption of Kava did not fall under law enforcement, but the focus was to prevent anti-social behaviours while using Kava.

Boy racers:

- There were significant issues with boy racers in the Te Puke area, and Police were working to deter this behaviour, such as impounding vehicles.
- Sergeant Owen encouraged the community to call the Police as soon as this behaviour started, to prevent it evolving into a larger issue.

F. Paula Gaelic – Western Bay Museum

Ms Gaelic spoke to a power point presentation, and noted the following:

- The Service and Sacrifice exhibit was showing in the museum currently, which paid tribute to women during war times.
- Through funding from a private donor, the Museum had hired a museum qualified Collection Curator, as well as a museum qualified Māori Collections Curator.
- The Museum was in the process of working with Council to secure a contract for a section on Middlebrook Drive in Katikati, for use as a storage facility that would be up to the standard of New Zealand Museums. This facility would be solar-powered.
- The facility would also provide an education centre, research centre, and workspaces for staff.

- Mana Whenua and Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnerships were underway, which included projects such as a Pā Harakeke (harakeke planting area) and a Māori medicinal garden. This would open up opportunities for education.
- There were plans to bring back objects from the Kauri Point archaeological dig in the 1960s.
- It was requested whether the building of additional space could be considered within the new Te Puke Library, to use as an exhibition space.
- The Western Bay Museum were willing to support the Pongakawa Heritage Committee wherever needed.

The forum members thanked Paula for her efforts with the Western Bay Museum, and for her contributions to the community.

G. Te Ara Kahikatea Pathways Group – Te Puke Urban Cycleway/Walkway Connection Strategy

Cr Dally and Mr Trevelyan were in attendance and spoke to a power point presentation, noting the following points:

- The group currently had four strategic goals – Urban walking/cycling in Te Puke, a pump track in Te Puke, cycling opportunities from Te Puke to Papamoa, and cycleways for commuting from Te Puke to other areas in the Maketu-Te Puke Ward.
- An update was provided on the progress of the Te Ara Kahikatea pathway group, along with a map of conceptual ideas/completed sections.
- The group had proposed ways to make the pathway more accessible for bicycles and mobility scooters/wheelchairs, as there were portions of the track that had stairs.
- The group had formed a charitable trust – Te Puke Trails Trust – to apply for, and receive, funding.

Cr Marsh thanked Cr Dally and Mr Trevelyan for the work put into the Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway.

H. Mark Boyle – Te Puke Economic Development Group (Te Puke EDG)

Mr Boyle was in attendance to provide an update for Te Puke EDG, and noted the following points:

- There was an opportunity for cruise passengers to learn about kiwifruit, as there were buses confirmed for Te Puke when the 2022 cruise season began.

- There was a lot of economic activity within Te Puke, with the kiwifruit industry generating over \$1 billion worth of income for the area in 2021, and continued to grow.
 - There was international interest in the Rangiuru Business Park and wider Rangiuru, as well as a high level of domestic and community interest.
 - Housing developers were progressing quickly to create more housing for the area.
 - Mr Boyle thanked Cr Marsh for his unrelenting support for Te Puke EDG and the Te Puke Community.
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RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.4

Moved: Cr M Gray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

A motion was moved that the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum resume standing orders.

CARRIED

Cr Marsh thanked Councillors and staff for their support during the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forums this triennium.

MEETING BE ADJOURNED

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.5

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr M Gray

That the meeting be adjourned on 4 July 2022, until 8 July 2022 at 1.00pm, held in the Council Chamber and Zoom.

CARRIED

Meeting be adjourned until 8 July 2022, at 1.00pm.

**MINUTES OF THE WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
MAKETU-TE PUKE RECONVENED WARD FORUM MEETING NO. MTP22-1
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BARKES CORNER, TAURANGA AND VIA ZOOM, AND
LIVESTREAMED UNDER COVID-19 TRAFFIC LIGHT ORANGE,
ON FRIDAY, 8 JULY 2022 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT

Cr G Dally, and Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

VIA ZOOM

Cr K Marsh (Chairperson)

ABSENT:

Cr M Gray

IN ATTENDANCE

R Davie (General Manager Strategy and Community), C Irvin (Senior Governance Advisor), J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J Denyer and M Dean

NOTICE

This meeting took place under the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 Renewal Notice (No. 2) 2022 (extended to 16 September 2022), enabling Council meetings via audio or visual links to meet quorum requirements regardless of Standing Orders.

MEETING RECONVENED

Cr Marsh opened the reconvened meeting and welcomed all present.

11 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL/COMMITTEE

11.1 TOURISM BAY OF PLENTY – UPDATE

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.5

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr K Marsh

That the presentation from Tourism Bay of Plenty, be received.

CARRIED

11.2 DON BRASH – THREE WATERS REFORM

- It was noted that a member of the public had wished to move a motion, during the workshop section of the meeting, that Council revisit its stance on the Three Waters Reform. Standing Orders only allowed for members of the Committee to move a motion and only when Standing Orders were in effect. Standing Orders had been suspended for the purpose of holding a workshop and as such, no motions could be put forward.
 - Council had previously made requests that the Government release more information on the Three Waters Reform, to assist in understanding the process.
 - Revisiting the Three Waters Reform was not within Council's jurisdiction, noting there was legislation currently in progression, to give affect to the Three Waters Reform transition programme.
 - Council was intending to submit to the Water Services Entity Bill, and encouraged members of the public to do so as well.
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RESOLUTION MTP22-1.6

Moved: Cr K Marsh

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That Council include the concerns from the public regarding the Three Waters Reform, in its submission to the Water Services Entity Bill.

CARRIED

11.3 SERGEANT MIKE OWEN – TE PUKE POLICE UPDATE

Boy Racers:

- It was noted that Council was dismayed by the inability of the Police to stop boy racers from congregating and impeding road traffic.
- Council could investigate particular intersections that had issues with boy racers.

Kava Drinking:

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- It was suggested that Council continue to monitor the Kava drinking situation in Te Puke, and observe how this situation develops, before any decisions could be made.

Single-Serve Alcohol Cans:

- Single-serve alcohol cans were becoming an issue in Te Puke. It was noted there was a voluntary Te Puke licensing accord. This was an agreement between some Te Puke liquor stores and Council's Liquor Licensing Inspector, that single-serve cans were not to be sold. Many liquor stores in the area were still not a part of this accord.
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RESOLUTION MTP22-1.7

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Cr K Marsh

1. That staff provide an update, at the next Performance & Monitoring Committee, on progress made at the Pongakawa Station Road/Old Coach Road intersection, to address boy racer congregation issues.
2. That the Liquor Licensing Inspector revisit Te Puke off-license premises not aligning with the Te Puke licensing accord, and encourage these premises not to sell single-serve products.

CARRIED

11.4 PAULA GAELIC – WESTERN BAY MUSEUM

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.8

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr G Dally

That Council consider space within the new Te Puke Library building, for the Western Bay Museum to create a Te Puke exhibition area.

CARRIED

11.5 TE ARA KAHIKATEA PATHWAYS GROUP – TE PUKE URBAN CYCLEWAY/WALKWAY CONNECTION STRATEGY

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.9

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr K Marsh

That the Te Ara Kahikatea Pathways Group be invited to present at the next Performance and Monitoring Committee, on 4 August 2022, regarding the Te Puke Urban Cycleway/Walkway Connection Strategy.

CARRIED

11.6 MARK BOYLE – TE PUKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

RESOLUTION MTP22-1.10

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr K Marsh

That the presentation from Mark Boyle, on behalf of the Te Puke Economic Development Group, be received.

CARRIED

11.7 CRAIG HAGGO – PONGAKAWA SCHOOL

Elected Members discussed the funding for the Pongakawa School tennis courts project. It was pointed out by Cr Denyer that this funding had already been approved and as such, no further action was needed.

The meeting closed at 1.34pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Council meeting held 11 August 2022.