

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
MAKETU - TE PUKE WARD FORUM MEETING NO. MTP21-1
HELD AT THE MAKETU FIRE STATION, 668 WILSON ROAD
ON TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy CEO/Group Manager Infrastructure Services), P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor) and J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator)

24 Members of the Public including Maketu Community Board member Laura Rae and Te Puke Community Board Chairperson Richard Crawford.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairperson outlined the protocols relating to the Public Forum section of the meeting as set out in the Standing Orders for the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum. Attending members of the public were invited to take part in the public forum.

PUBLIC FORUM ADJOURN MEETING

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.1

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.

CARRIED

A. COLAB Te Puke – Update

Richard Crawford (COLAB Steering Group Representative) gave an update regarding COLAB Te Puke, a community led development group. Mr Crawford noted that the group is currently a steering group, and is about to become an incorporated society.

COLAB currently work in the food resilience space, housing, youth, community connections, and is also currently working on a housing resolution service. Mr Crawford thanked Council for their input in the Long Term Plan (LTP).

B. The Daily Trust – Update

Richard Crawford (Daily Trust Representative) provided the Committee with the following update. The Daily Trust recently entered a contract with Ministry of Education (MOE) to serve lunches to six local schools (2000 lunches per day). Mr Crawford noted there are currently 32 staff working in The Daily Café and the 'Lunches for Schools' service.

C. Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway Groups – Update

Richard Crawford (Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway Steering Group Representative) provided the Committee with an update regarding the recent meeting, noting the anticipation for the future of Te Ara Kahikatea to Maketu Road cycleway. Mr Crawford acknowledged that this project is in the LTP.

D. Mike Maassen – Pongakawa

Mr Maassen referred to the last Ward Forum meeting relating to discussions with Council about potential improvements for the Arawa Road and Penelope Place area. Mr Maassen acknowledged the meeting took place with three Councillors, Council staff and WestLink, noting that the meeting was positive, and had a great outcome. Mr Maassen requested that any planned future work to enhance the area be communicated to the community.

E. Miah Hammond – Pongakawa Bush Road

Miss Hammond informed the Committee about a bus incident that happened on Pongakawa Bush Road involving her younger brother. Miss Hammond noted that her family is concerned about the lack of seatbelts on the buses, and the speed limit of 100km/h on Pongakawa Bush Road, as they believe this should be reduced to 70km/h. Mayor Webber took Miss Hammonds recorded concerns to the Regional Transport Committee for further discussion.

F. Andrea Marsh – White Shade Cloths

Mrs Marsh raised her concern about the growing number of white shade cloths that are used in orchards in the area. She noted that if they are viewed from the road, they should be green, and that this needs to be enforced. Mrs Marsh was advised that there is a requirement for green or black cloth to be used within 30m of the boundary, however there was no mention of colour requirements for shade cloths outside of the 30m, even if they are visible from the road. This could be considered in the upcoming District Plan review.

PUBLIC FORUM MEETING RECONVENED

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.2

Moved: Cr M Gray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That the meeting reconvene in formal session at 7.21pm.

CARRIED

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT**9.1 MINUTES OF THE MAKETU - TE PUKE WARD FORUM MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2020**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Maketu – Te Puke Ward Forum meeting held on 15 December 2020. The minutes were taken as read.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr M Gray

Seconded: Cr G Dally

That the Minutes of the Maketu - Te Puke Ward Forum Meeting held on 15 December 2020 be received.

10 REPORTS**10.1 MAKETU-TE PUKE WARD FORUM - MINUTE ACTION SHEETS**

The Committee considered a report from the Governance Support Administrator. The report was taken as read.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That the Governance Support Administrator's report dated 16 March 2021, titled 'Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum – Minute Action Sheets', be received.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.3

Moved: Cr M Gray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

A motion was moved that the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum suspend standing orders for the purpose of the workshop.

CARRIED

11 WORKSHOP**11.1 WORKSHOP ITEMS****A. Shane Beech – Maketu Coastguard Volunteer**

Mr Beech was in attendance to ask for the Committee's support and guidance regarding Bay of Plenty Regional Council's (BOPRC) proposal to relocate the drain that currently runs parallel to Ford Road. Butch Waterhouse and Geoff Oliver were in attendance to speak in support of Mr Beech's concerns, noting the following points:

- That the project would greatly affect the operations of the Maketu Coastguard Service, as well as Mr Waterhouse's commercial fishing business.
- They are of the understanding that one of the drain relocation options was right next to the Coastguard boat compound, and if progressed would result in the loss of half their current jetty.
- There were concerns regarding the silt and contaminants coming out of the drain, specifically around how this would affect the Coastguard and commercial fishing boats.
- Mr Oliver suggested a cheaper and more effective option, requesting Council's support in their submission to BOPRC.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council will include feedback on the proposal for the drain relocation in their submission to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's LTP.

B. Mark Boyle – Te Puke Economic Development Group

Mr Boyle spoke on behalf of the Te Puke Economic Development Group and gave an update on the below topics:

- Rangioru Business Park – First 30 hectare plan of the Tauranga Eastern Link (TEL) side of Young Road is underway. There was currently around 12 parties interested in some of the industrial land within the business park.
- Housing in Te Puke – There were a number of houses to be built, particularly in the vicinity of No 3 Road and Macloughlin Drive, as well as the Seddon Street area.
- Te Puke Town Centre – Mr Boyle believed the town centre was strong, acknowledging the funding that Council has contributed towards the continued upgrades.
- Long Term Plan – The Te Puke Economic Development Group will be putting a submission into the Long Term Plan.
- Te Puke Business Awards – These will be relaunched in 2021.

Councillor Marsh acknowledged and thanked the Te Puke Economic Development Group for their continued work within Te Puke.

C. Andre Hickson – Wai Kokopu Catchment Group

Mr Hickson spoke on behalf of the Wai Kokopu Catchment Group, and provided the Committee with some background into the establishment of the Group. Mr Hickson raised the following points in regards to Little Waihi Estuary, noting this was one of the most polluted estuaries in New Zealand.

- The Wai Kokopu Catchment Group had been given some funding by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).
- A scientific based assessment will be done on the catchment that services Little Waihi, to identify outcomes and improve the Estuary.
- A behavioural change mind-set is being encouraged from the top of the catchment to the bottom.

D. Mike Owen – Te Puke Police

Councillor Marsh acknowledged that Mr Owens was an apology, but would be invited to the next Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum.

E. Catherine Cawte and Joanne Black – Pongakawa Heritage Charitable Trust

Ms Cawte and Ms Black were in attendance to provide the Committee with some background on the establishment of the Trust, noting the following updates:

- After the recent Jubilee for the Pongakawa School, the Trust was keen to find a home for the memorabilia, to preserve and celebrate local history.
- The Trust was donated a house from a local family, to use for this purpose.
- Council was thanked for their ongoing support.
- Councillor's acknowledged the work that the Trust continued to do.

F. Craig Haggio – Pongakawa School Principal

Mr Haggio spoke in regards to the Pongakawa School and surrounding area.

- Mr Haggio acknowledged Miss Hammond's request regarding seatbelts on school buses, noting that the buses are run by the Te Puke Bus Group, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, and are not run by the school itself.
- The speed limit on Pongakawa Bush Road and surrounding roads needs to be reduced because of the school. There is no signage to warn people there are children in the area.
- Acknowledged the work the Ward Councillors and Council staff are doing to reduce the speed limit to 60km/hr on Pongakawa Bush Road.
- Mr Haggio was previously informed that there were future plans for signage to be installed on Pongakawa Bush Road, to make road-users aware there are children in the area, as it was noted that there was currently none.

G. Richard Weld and Colleen Pye – Prisoner Rehabilitation Facility

Mr Weld outlined his concerns with the resource consent for 240 Rangiuru Road, Te Puke. Ms Pye spoke in support of the concerns raised, and presented the Committee with a petition signed by 475 local residents. Ms Pye also highlighted the impact and safety concerns of neighbouring residents.

Ms Pye advised the Committee that Vance Skudder (Tapuika Iwi Authority representative) was an apology for this meeting, and read a letter on his behalf. The letter advised Council that local iwi were also not in support of the resource consent, requesting a kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) with Council.

The Chief Executive Officer advised forum members of Council's role within the resource consent process, with a reminder that Council must remain neutral regarding the use of the resource consent. If the resource consent is breached, abatement notices can be issued.

Mayor Webber noted that staff will review the process for this resource consent, however cautioned members that changes may not be made.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.4

Moved: Mayor G Webber

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

MEETING BE ADJOURNED

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.5

Moved: Mayor G Webber

Seconded: Cr G Dally

That the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, 24 March 2021 at 11.00am in the Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton.

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 8.31pm.

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
MAKETU - TE PUKE WARD FORUM RECONVENED MEETING NO. MTP21-1
HELD AT WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2021 AT 11.00AM.**

PRESENT

Mayor G Webber

PRESENT (VIA ZOOM)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor) and J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator).

4 members of the public.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Chairperson opened the reconvened meeting and welcomed all present.

Cr Grant Dally entered the meeting at 11.02am.

12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL/COMMITTEE

12.1 COLAB TE PUKE

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.6

Moved: Cr K Marsh

Seconded: Cr M Gray

That the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum invite COLAB Te Puke to make a presentation in the workshop section at the next Ward Forum meeting.

CARRIED

12.2 RICHARD WELD AND COLLEEN PYE - PRISONER REHABILITATION FACILITY

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.7

Moved: Mayor G Webber
Seconded: Cr K Marsh

That the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum request that Council staff review the process of the resource consent granted for 240 Rangiorua Road, and provide the outcome of the review to Committee Councillors.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION MTP21-1.8

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour
Seconded: Cr K Marsh

That Mayor G Webber, on behalf of Ward Councillors, requests a meeting with the Department of Corrections in relation to the establishment of the Prisoner Rehabilitation Facility at 240 Rangiorua Road.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.29AM.