

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MAKETU - TE PUKE WARD FORUM MEETING NO. MTP21-2  
HELD AT THE PONGAKAWA HALL, 942 OLD COACH ROAD, PONGAKAWA  
ON MONDAY, 5 JULY 2021 AT 7.00PM**

## **1 PRESENT**

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

## **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor) and C Irvin (Senior Governance Advisor).

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

17 Members of the public, including Richard Crawford (Te Puke Community Board Chairperson) and Shane Beech (Maketu Community Board Chairperson).

## **3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

## **4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS**

Nil

## **7 PUBLIC FORUM**

### **PUBLIC FORUM ADJOURN MEETING**

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#### **RESOLUTION MTP21-2.1**

Moved: Cr M Gray

Seconded: Cr G Dally

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

**CARRIED**

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#### **A. Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour – Maniatutu Road**

Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour appeared as a member of the public to speak on behalf of Donn Randell, who was unable to attend the meeting.

##### Maniatutu Road:

- Mr Randell was of the belief that the corner near 201 Maniatutu Road was an engineering debacle.

- He was pleased to see the widening of the road near the quarry being undertaken.
- He was concerned about the width of the road further south and the speeding motorists.

#### **B. Neville Marsh – Various Items**

- Mr Marsh spoke in support of the previous speakers concerns, noting that he believed Maniatutu Road was one of the most dangerous roads he had driven on.
- Mr Marsh also noted that the school road had been improved, however he was of the belief that parts of Old Coach Road still required a lot of work.

#### **C. Mike Maassen – Arawa Road Resident**

- Firstly, Mr Maassen spoke in support of Neville Marsh's comments on the condition of Maniatutu Road, as he felt that the condition of the road appeared to have deteriorated since works had been undertaken.
- He advised that he felt the new Kerbside Collection was a good service.
- The new Arawa Road bus shelter had arrived on Friday. Mr Maassen sought some clarification as to whether the bus shelter was going to have a 'spruce up'.
- The walking track at the bottom of Arawa Road was still to be upgraded to a metal road and he would like an update on the status of this project, as well as the Arawa Road upgrades (including the plans).
- Mr Maassen noted that the demographic of the community was changing, with more young families/children in the local community. Currently there was no playground or park facility in the area, and Mr Maassen believed it would be worthwhile exploring options for the future.

#### **D. Angie Piper – Pukehina Ratepayers and Residents Association (PRRA)**

- Ms Piper thanked Council for the 'Antenno' App, as she believed it was a great tool and that it should be used more widely in the community for things like distribution of local information, i.e. public meetings in the area.
- The PRRA would like an update regarding the status of the playground equipment in Pukehina, as there were faults in the new equipment.
- There was a request that information from Council be channelled through PRRA, as Ms Piper was of the belief that this information tended to go around the association.
- The PRRA expressed their appreciation towards Cr Marsh and Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour for their attendance at the PRRA's Annual General Meetings. The Association requested that Councillors provided feedback and updates on Council matters that directly affected them at future meetings.

### **PUBLIC FORUM MEETING RECONVENED**

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#### **RESOLUTION MTP21-2.2**

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Mayor G Webber

That the meeting reconvene in formal session at 7.18pm.

**CARRIED**

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## **8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

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## 9 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

### 9.1 MINUTES OF THE MAKETU - TE PUKE WARD FORUM MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2021

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#### RESOLUTION MTP21-2.3

Moved: Cr M Gray  
Seconded: Cr G Dally

That the Minutes of the Maketu - Te Puke Ward Forum Meeting held on 16 March 2021 be received

**CARRIED**

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## 10 REPORTS

### 10.1 MAKETU - TE PUKE WARD FORUM MINUTE ACTION SHEET

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

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#### RESOLUTION MTP21-2.4

Moved: Mayor G Webber  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That the Governance Support Administrator's report dated 5 July 2021 titled 'Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum Minute Action Sheet' be received

**CARRIED**

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## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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#### RESOLUTION MTP21-2.5

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour  
Seconded: Mayor G Webber

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

**CARRIED**

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## 11 WORKSHOP

### 11.1 WORKSHOP ITEMS

#### A. Derek Spratt – Waihi Drainage District Society (WDDS)

- The WDDS was concerned that there were only two rateable areas that Council was collecting rates from. There was an area at the back of Old Coach Road (as well as other areas) that were classed as 'C', but were not included in the targeted rate. The Society would like Council to reinvestigate putting a rate charge on all class 'C' blocks that had not been rated. This contribution would help cover costs for cleaning up the canals.
- The WDDS had a contract to clean the rivers and canals. They requested that Council inform the Society about any Government grant applications relating to planting on river banks so that they were aware of what was happening in that space and could act accordingly.
- Mr Spratt informed the Committee that he was resigning at the end of the year and expressed his gratitude towards CEO Miriam Taris for the work she had undertaken at Council, especially working alongside the Waihi Drainage District Society.

#### B. Andy McDowell and Boyd Harris - Pukehina Surf Rescue

- Mr McDowell gave an overview of the 2021 summer season which included volunteer patrol days, numbers of people on the beach, patrol schedules, interacting with beach visitors about rips and swimming between the flags, first aid occurrences and the rescue of a teenager in a near-drowning incident.
- A building consent for the new premises had been granted and a draft of the building was now being drawn up to go out for tender.
- Due to the increasing number of beach visitors there was more pressure on public resources. Mr McDowell thanked Council for the Long Term Plan contribution of new toilets. This was very well received and greatly appreciated.
- Pukehina Surf Rescue was looking at opening up patrols in Taupo. There were too many deaths in the river and lake. It would be a great opportunity for local children to get involved and create connections between Pukehina, Maketu and Taupo.
- Pukehina Surf Rescue would be approaching Council for a contribution to them, as a community facility, and to assist in providing a temporary community amenity while the building of the new facility was being undertaken.
- Mr Harris provided Elected Members with a list of Pukehina Surf Club's community engagements over the last 12 months which included the names of numbers of other organisations involved. They had turned away some events due to lack of space, and often had to put up tents outside to provide further accommodation and sun protection.
- Funding had been confirmed from TECT, WBOPDC, and the general community, with applications for more funding from Surf Life Saving New Zealand, the Lotteries Commission and BayTrust, still to be confirmed.

#### C. Mark Boyle – Te Puke Economic Development Group

- Mr Boyle gave an update on the Te Puke Economic Development Group which included that there had been significant growth in the area, further developments at Rangioru Business Park, employment numbers, and the challenge of finding staff in certain sectors.
- It was noted that there were two hundred and fifty hectares of new kiwifruit plantings in Te Puke east each year, which created a lot of jobs.
- The settlement pattern in the eastern area of Te Puke was of significance for Te Puke Economic Development Group – particularly housing to meet the demands of jobs and growth.

- At this point in time the town centre had around six empty shops, but landlords were actively involved in leasing them out. There was a new eatery, and other shops, being opened up. There were also things happening in the commercial/machinery sector.
- All in all, Te Puke, at this time, was a positive environment and it was important for residents to let this be known to others.

#### **D. Shane Beech – Maketu Community Board Chairman**

- Mr Beech gave an update on roading upgrades, the new cycleway, the Maketu Community Board's submissions to Council's LTP, and expressed full support for the draft concept plan for 83 Ford Road, commenting that it was all very positive.
- Mr Beech thanked CEO Miriam Taris for the work she had done for Maketu, for working together with the Maketu Community Board, and wished her well for the future.

#### **E. Craig Haggio – Principle - Pongakawa School**

- Mr Haggio thanked Council for their work in looking at student safety around the school, and for the installation of school signs indicating children in the area.
- Pongakawa School would like the speed limit directly outside the school reduced to 60 kilometres/hour. They would like Council to re-engage with Waka Kotahi to try to get this implemented.
- Many of the school's students were members of the 'Nippers' programme at Pukehina Surf Rescue. This fostered a good and supportive relationship between the school and Surf Club.

#### **F. Richard Glover, Leanne Armstrong, Moira McCallum, Kirsty Garrett - Pukehina Ratepayers and Residents Association**

- Mr Glover advised the following:
  - Kerbside Collection: There had been questions raised as to whether the small recycling bins for glass should be picked up weekly and not fortnightly;
  - Coastal erosion continued to be a major issue for Pukehina residents, some of whom had put in large blocks to try to prevent it from progressing more; and
  - It was felt that the submission for Midway Park in Pukehina had been minimised on the LTP and it was hoped that Council would look at this again.
- Mr Glover wished CEO Miriam Taris good luck for the future.
- Ms Armstrong advised that the PRRA would like an update, and also to be informed about, the progress on the following items:
  - When the new footpath is likely to be completed;
  - When would the boat ramp be replaced;
  - Could the construction trucks be utilised to clean up all the old groynes lying around.
- Ms Armstrong acknowledged the great work being done by Council at Cutwater and the cycle and walkway projects.
- Ms McCallum advised that the Kerbside Collection dates were problematic in that they had been changed from Tuesday to Friday, which meant that people on holiday had to leave their rubbish outside on Sunday when they left and it would not be picked up until the following Friday. It was confusing as to why only number one and two plastics could be recycled. She asked if Council had looked at alternative ways to recycle other types of plastics.
- Ms Garrett thanked Council for the LTP funding for the Pukehina Community Hall. There had been a slight delay in progress due to an engineering report and they were now waiting for another report before being able to continue.
- A Pukehina Trust event was held in March (with a lot of support from Council). It was a big success and raised eighteen and a half thousand dollars in funding, some of which was donated to Pukehina Surf Rescue and the Fire Service.

**G. Richard Crawford –Te Puke Community Board**

- Mr Crawford advised it was good to hear all the positive things happening in the area, noting the following:
  - There was an element of destructive behaviour happening in the community, such as graffiti. They were looking at ways to bring this under control, one of which was through the Graham Dingle Foundation, a leader in positive child and youth development.
  - They had extended their school lunch service to cover the next two years.
- Mr Crawford acknowledged CEO Miriam Taris and her work with the Te Puke Community Board.

**H. Chris Johnstone - COLAB**

- COLAB was a collective of all nations and individuals from across the Maketu - Te Puke Ward, who had come together to achieve better outcomes for the community, one where everyone thrived.
- A lot of progress had been made over the last two years, in particular due to the support received from Council and Elected Members.
- COLAB had four areas of priority: youth, housing, CCC (community, cohesion and connection) and new initiatives.
- **CCC**  
COLAB had been working together with local Iwi running training workshops. It had also partnered with Toi Ohomai and Te Puke High School this year to have a Level 2 Te Reo path. They also supported the upcoming 'Matariki' event and other events such as Christmas in the Park and school holiday programmes in the area.
- **Housing**  
A 'Te Puke Housing Service' (a telephone service for people who were having difficulty accessing housing) had been set up over the last few months and was well under way. A clinic would also be set up in the Council library, providing a safe and comfortable space for people to come for help and advice. This would start in the second week of July 2021.
- COLAB, along with other agencies, was undertaking a data project to capture statistics around housing issues. It was thought that up to eighty percent of people contacting social agencies were doing so due to housing issues. There would be an initial one month trial that would then help to shape the project going forward.
- A group of government and non-government agencies were working together looking at strategies for the region, such as ensuring that there was enough housing for the elderly and young going forward, and supporting people who wanted to buy a property in the area.
- **Food Security Plan**  
COLAB had come together with the 'Hub' and a mayoral task force earlier in the year to do a comprehensive food security plan for the area, which initially came about due to issues that arose from the 2020 COVID lockdown. Workshops had been conducted right across the community, data had been collected and a plan was being developed that would be taken out to the community for consultation before finalisation (due end of July 2021). It was about ensuring that the community could rally and be more self-sustaining in the event of a natural disaster.
- **Future Resilience**  
COLAB had received government funding to engage someone to look at what could be done to make the community, especially vulnerable people, more resilient for the future. During the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020 the community came together and did very well but it also highlighted things that could have been done better.
- **Youth**  
COLAB had been approached by the Te Puke community to help with ongoing youth issues. It was acknowledged there were already some great initiatives in place. COLAB intended to engage someone to do a 'stock take' of all that was happening in the youth

space in Te Puke. All available resources would then be pulled together, and collectively, they would come up with a plan going forward.

#### **I. Ian Hurlock - Maketu Coast Guard**

- Mr Hurlock gave an overview of the tasks completed and jobs done recently which included instructing/training children, rescues, working with council looking at the condition of the rivers, police call-outs, overturned boats, open days and a jet ski night rescue.
- He thanked the Maketu Community Board and Council for the funding they received recently. They were hoping to get their new young recruits overalls and safety gear. This would help them to feel part of the team and give them a sense of belonging.
- Mr Hurlock thanked everyone for their support, and in particular CEO Miriam Taris, wishing her well for the future.

#### **J. Miriam Taris – Brief Update Three Waters Reform**

- The CEO acknowledged the great amount of work being done in the community, particularly in the eastern Bay of Plenty, by Councillors and volunteers and thanked the everyone for their efforts.
- There was major change occurring in local government reform around the delivery of drinking water, waste water systems and storm water (Three Waters). It had to do with reticulated Council water supplies and not private water schemes.
- The current situation/arrangement was not sustainable in terms of affordability and health and safety, and a change was needed to create the same standards throughout New Zealand.
- The Government was also looking at Freshwater and Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms.
- Local Government's were invited to come to the table to look at what the Government was proposing and help with the reforms.
- The information gathered by Central Government had been peer-reviewed by four reputable external organisations, one of which was 'Scottish Water', a statutory Scottish corporation that provides water and sewerage services across Scotland. All peer reviews concluded that New Zealand had shortfalls in terms of quality of drinking water, health and safety, environmental issues and affordability.
- The CEO had been involved in a 'Steering Group' with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) across the country, which had given input into the reforms.
- The Government was looking at a voluntary scheme whereby local governments could opt-into the scheme of a different delivery model for the Three Waters.
- WBOPDC was looking at joining up with Waikato, Thames/Coromandel and Taranaki regions to form one of the 'Big Four' water entities across New Zealand to deliver those services going forward. There was still a lot to happen in this space.
- If the Government went ahead with the voluntary model there would be more consultation to come, and there was still a lot of work to do around what the structure of the new reform would look like.
- The Government mandate was that, if the change went ahead, New Zealand would be no worse off than before, but be better off, and that it would be kept in public ownership.
- The aim was that there should be one standard and the same quality of drinking water and wastewater systems for the entire country.
- It was estimated the transition would take at least three years. A 'Transition Authority' would be set up to help with the process.

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**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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**RESOLUTION MTP21-2.6**

Moved: Mayor G Webber

Seconded: Cr M Gray

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

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**CARRIED**

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**MEETING BE ADJOURNED**

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**RESOLUTION MTP21-2.7**

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 2.00pm.

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**CARRIED**

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**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MAKETU-TE PUKE WARD FORUM RECONVENE MEETING NO. MTP21-2  
HELD AT THE WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2021 AT 2.00PM**

## PRESENT

In Attendance: Mayor G Webber (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, and Cr G Dally.

Via Zoom: Cr K Marsh, and Cr M Gray.

## IN ATTENDANCE

P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor).

## APOLOGIES

Miriam Taris

## MEETING RECONVENED

THE CHAIRPERSON OPENED THE RECONVENED MEETING AND WELCOMED ALL PRESENT.

## FEEDBACK

THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR STAFF COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. **DEREK SPRATT – WAIHI DRAINAGE DISTRICT SOCIETY (WDDS)**  
A STAFF REPORT ON THE SIZE OF THE CATCHMENT (I.E. STARTS AND PARAMETERS) AND WHAT WAS INVOLVED.
2. **CRAIG HAGGO – PRINCIPLE PONGAKAWA SCHOOL**  
A COMMENT FROM STAFF REGARDING WAKA KOTAHI (NZTA) BEING AWARE OF THE ISSUES AROUND SPEED LIMITS AS THEY WERE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF ALL SCHOOL LOCATIONS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.
3. **RICHARD GLOVER – PUKEHINA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (PRRA)**  
STAFF COMMENT REGARDING THE KERBSIDE COLLECTION DATE FOR PUKEHINA RESIDENTS, NOTING THAT A REVIEW ON KERBSIDE ISSUES WOULD BE DONE AFTER THE FIRST 3 MONTHS.  
A COMMENT ON MIDWAY PARK AROUND THE LTP SUBMISSION FROM PRRA.
4. **LEANNE ARMSTRONG – PUKEHINA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (PRRA)**  
THE RESERVES AND FACILITIES PROJECTS AND ASSETS MANAGER TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO LEANNE ARMSTRONG REGARDING THE BOAT RAMP.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL/COMMITTEE

Nil.

**The Meeting closed at 2.23pm.**

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