

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MAKETU COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. MKC23-5  
HELD IN THE MAKETU COMMUNITY CENTRE, WILSON ROAD, MAKETU  
ON TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2023 AT 7.00PM**

## **1 PRESENT**

Chairperson L Rae, Member T Hopping, Member D Walters and Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour.

## **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community), C McLean (Senior Transportation Engineer), S Prendergast (Roading Engineer East), G Golding (Governance Manager) and C Irvin (Senior Governance Advisor).

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor A Wichers

## **KARAKIA**

Chairperson L Rae opened the meeting with a karakia.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

### **APOLOGY**

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#### **Resolution MKC23-5.1**

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Member T Hopping

That the apology for absence from Cr Crawford and Member R Boy-Corbett be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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## **4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

## 7 PUBLIC FORUM

### 7.1 MARCEL SWERERYNEN - FLUORIDATION

Mr Swererynen was in attendance on behalf Kane Titchener and provided his following comments:

- Currently, there was no requirement for public consultation on fluoridation, but Mr Titchener believed there should be more engagement with communities.
- On Monday 12 June 2023, legal proceedings were filed by New Health New Zealand against Ministry of Health directives to make local councils fluoridate their water supplies. Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) could choose to join these proceedings to enforce an injunction on fluoridation starting.
- There were many researched findings on the adverse affects of fluoridation on the human body.

### 7.2 DR CRONE - FLUORIDATION

Dr Crone spoke to a PowerPoint presentation regarding fluoridation, and stated his following beliefs:

- Fluoride was a toxic industrial waste product.
- Fluoride lowered IQ in children, and caused conditions such as dental and skeletal fluorosis.
- Fluorine had no known metabolic role in mammals.
- That the issues with teeth were due to poor nutrition and exposure to sugar, and that fluoridating the water was not the solution.

### 7.3 MAX JOHNSTON – WILSON ROAD NORTH/DRAINS/CEMETARY

Maketu resident Max Johnston provided the following comments:

#### Wilson Road:

- Maketu residents were annoyed with the state of Wilson Road North. There was some repair done last week which was not effective, as the water was not draining from the road.
- It was also long overdue for curbing, as there was an excessive amount of heavy traffic using the road. Speeding was also an issue.
- The road was not adequate and residents wanted these issues to be addressed.

#### Drains:

- Culvert 900 was cleared but not adequately.
- Was a resource consent needed to clear drains? If this was the case there needed to be an annual programme in place before winter 2024.

#### Pukemaire:

- This was a very special place that needed looking after.
- Funding was needed to help with the upkeep of the area. It was important not to let it become neglected.

#### Cemetery:

- The new part of the cemetery appeared not to be finished. There was a river of water coming off the cemetery that came from the paddocks behind it which was flooding residents properties.
- There was also flooding in the old cemetery, which had not been categorised as a flood plain but should be because every gully took on water. The dirt that was removed from this area needed to be put back and built over the row to stop the water going over it.

### 7.4 SHANE GOURLAY – WILSON ROAD NORTH

Maketu resident Shane Gourlay provided the following comments:

- Heavy trucks were ruining Wilson Road North, by creating holes in the road which filled up with water during heavy rain. This made it dangerous to drive on.
- Drains were not being cleared and there was no curbing, making this a high risk accident area.
- As ratepayers, this was very frustrating and people in Maketu felt that nothing was being done and becoming angry. The state of the roading in Maketu in general was not good enough.

## 7.5 HARIATA AND DOUGLAS REWI – WILSON ROAD NORTH/WHAREKAHU CEMETERY

Maketu Resident Hariata Rewi spoke on behalf of herself and her husband Douglas, tabled Item 1 (Wilson Road North) and Item 2 (Wharekahu Cemetery), and provided the following comments:

### Wilson Road North:

- Mrs Rewi resided at 595 Wilson Road North, Maketu, and had the following concerns regarding the road:
  - Poor roading infrastructure and lack of regular maintenance;
  - Lack of road side curbing and inadequate drainage;
  - Speed limits being ignored by heavy truck drivers creating a danger to residents and children;
  - Heavy truck drivers destroying the road.
- Mrs Rewi requested that Council:
  - Erect a sign that signalled 'No engine braking at the junction of Arawa Avenue and Wilson Road';
  - The speed limit sign between Arawa Avenue and the Maketu shops should be changed from 70 to 50 km/h;
  - Widen the road between Arawa Avenue and the Primary School; and
  - Put in proper curbing and drainage to remove the water from the road.

### Wharekahu Cemetery:

- There was no water tap, no rubbish bin, no handrails and poor maintenance at the cemetery. There was a lack of mowing and rubbish scattered around the area.
- The cemetery boundary was an issue.
- It was hazardous for people to visit the cemetery due to a dangerous slope and formation on an upward hill.
- Mrs Rewi's family was unable to celebrate a buried family members anniversary with family members due to flooding.
- Council was requested to address these serious concerns.

Mrs Rewi requested that the Board provide residents with an update in three months' time.

### 7.6 SHEREE WALKER – WILSON ROAD NORTH

Maketu resident Sheree Walker provided the following comments:

- Ms Walker's house shook and had cracks in it because of the heavy traffic on the road.
- Her house was in terrible condition and she requested that Council please do something about the road.

### 7.7 RUNA MORRISON – DRAINAGE

Maketu resident Runa Morrison provided the following comments:

- Ms Morrison's insurance had increased by \$500 because it was now zoned as a 'floodable area'.
- Rates were being paid however, residents were not getting what they paid for and were considering hiring a contractor to clear the drains.
- Residents in the immediate area were now becoming anxious due to the thought of more flooding and they needed something done about this.

### 7.8 COMMENTS FROM MAKETU RESIDENCE IN ATTENDANCE

- It was hard to believe a resource consent was required to clear the drains. Residents had not been informed of this. It needed to be sorted out adequately so that the drains could be cleared effectively.
- Some residents had been up to their knees in water in their own back yards. It was not good enough.
- Council needed to look at the 'bigger picture' in terms of where the flooding started and went, and what caused it in the first place. It would help to consult with the locals who knew the ecology of the land very well.

The General Manager Strategy and Community advised that a resource consent was not always required to clear drains but in some areas/cases it was, and was a requirement of tangata whenua because of the ecology in drains.

The Chairperson made the following comments:

- The concerns raised tonight from residents regarding Wilson Road North, the drainage in Maketu, speeding, Wharekahu Cemetery and mowing in general in Maketu, were acknowledged by the Board.
- Council staff had also heard the concerns raised by residents.
- Site meetings had been held with staff members and it had been acknowledged that these issues were causing hazards and were dangerous for the community.
- Recommendations had been put forward to reduce all 70km/h areas to be dropped down to 50km/h.
- It was important for the Maketu community to know that these issues were a high priority for the Board and were not being ignored. They were being worked on, however, some could take a little more time due to details and costings being sorted, as well as the process Council had to follow.

## 8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

### 8.1 MINUTES OF THE MAKETU COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2023

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#### Resolution MKC23-5.2

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Member T Hopping

1. That the Minutes of the Maketu Community Board Meeting held on 13 June 2023 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the Chairperson's electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

**CARRIED**

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## 9 REPORTS

### 9.1 MAKETU COMMUNITY BOARD - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - AUGUST 2023

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson who spoke to the report, summarising the main points:

#### Bus Shelter:

- It was felt that one new bus shelter may not be enough to accommodate the children. The Board agreed to purchase one, get it installed and then assess if another was needed.
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Cemetery Hand Rails:

- Council had received a second quote for handrailing at the cemetery at a cost of \$21,500. It was felt that, although slightly more expensive than the first quote, this might be a more sustainable option.

Tear Drop Flag:

- The Board would like to purchase a new tear drop flag with Western Bay of Plenty District Council's updated branding on it and would like to pass a resolution on this tonight.
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**RESOLUTION MKC23-5.3**

Moved: Chairperson L Rae

Seconded: Member T Hopping

**PART 1**

That the Chairperson's report dated 8 August 2023 titled 'Maketu Community Board Chairperson's Report – August 2023' be received.

**CARRIED**

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**RESOLUTION MKC23-5.4**

Moved: Member D Walters

Seconded: Chairperson L Rae

**Part 2**

That the Maketu Community Board approve the funding for the new bus shelter on Arawa Avenue for \$7,500, to come from the reserves account.

**CARRIED**

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**RESOLUTION MKC23-5.5**

Moved: Member T Hopping

Seconded: Member D Walters

**Part 3**

That the Maketu Community Board approve up to \$600 (excluding GST) from the Maketu Community Board contingency account for the purchase of a Maketu Community Board tear drop flag with Western Bay of Plenty District Council Branding.

**CARRIED**

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## 9.2 MAKETU COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – AUGUST 2023

The Board considered a report from Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour who spoke to the report, summarising the main points:

### Annual Plan:

- The Annual Plan was due to be approved at the 30 August 2023 Council meeting. The Annual Plan process had been delayed due to Cyclone Gabrielle and delayed district revaluations.

### Mayoral Relief Fund:

- Council had been allocated \$200k for the Mayoral Relief fund for Cyclone Gabrielle. This would be used for properties in and around the Te Puke area, including Marae.

### District Revaluations:

- Council had received concerns from ratepayers about rate increases, which it had put up on it’s website.

### Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum:

- The Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum would take place on 21 August 2023 at the Pongakawa Hall.

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### **Resolution MKC23-5.6**

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Member T Hopping

That Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour’s report dated 8 August 2023 titled ‘Maketu Community Board – Councillor’s Report – August 2023’ be received.

**CARRIED**

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## 9.3 OPERATIONAL REPORT – AUGUST 2023

The Board considered a report dated 8 August 2023 from Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read.

### **Resolution MKC23-5.7**

Moved: Member T Hopping

Seconded: Member D Walters

That the Governance Advisor’s report dated 8 August 2023 titled ‘Operational Report – August 2023’ be received.

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**CARRIED**

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#### **9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP REPORT MAKETU COMMUNITY BOARD AUGUST 2023**

The Board considered a report dated 8 August 2023 from the Executive Assistant Infrastructure. The report was taken as read, with the following points noted:

Rubbish Bin Tags:

- An instructional video on rubbish tags was being planned as per the request of the Maketu Community Board.

Signage at Surf Club:

- Te Arawa Lakes Trust had requested that the Board install signage at the new BBQ area by the Surf Club. The Board agreed to discuss this matter at a later date.
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#### **Resolution MKC23-5.8**

Moved: Member T Hopping

Seconded: Chairperson L Rae

That the General Manager Infrastructure Group's report dated 8 August 2023 titled 'Infrastructure Group Report Maketu Community Board August 2023' be received.

**CARRIED**

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#### **9.5 MAKETU COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2023**

The Board considered a report dated 8 August 2023 from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read.

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#### **Resolution MKC23-5.9**

Moved: Chairperson L Rae

Seconded: Member T Hopping

That the Financial Business Advisor's report dated 8 August 2023 titled 'Maketu Community Board – Financial Report June 2023' be received.

**CARRIED**

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**The Meeting closed at 8.57pm**

**Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Maketu Community Board meeting held on 3 October 2023.**

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Chairperson L Rae

**CHAIRPERSON**

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