

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. TPC24-3
HELD IN THE TE PUKE LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE, 130 JELlicoe STREET, TE PUKE
ON THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2024 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

Chairperson K Ellis, Member N Chauhan, Member D Snell, Member K Summerhays, Cr G Dally and Cr A Wichers.

2 IN ATTENDANCE

C Crow (General Manager Infrastructure Group), G Golding (Governance Manager) and E Logan (Governance Advisor).

30 members of the public.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were advised that if they had an interest (actual, potential, pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest) in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and were advised to withdraw from the meeting table for the item (As per the Local Authorities (Member's Interest) Act 1968).

- Member D Snell advise the Board that she had a declaration of financial interest regarding the Made in Te Puke Trust Grant Application in report 9.2 of the agenda – Te Puke Community Board – Grant Applications – June 2024.
- Chairperson K Ellis advised the Board that she had a declaration of financial interest regarding the Made in Te Puke Trust Grant Application in report 9.2 of the agenda – Te Puke Community Board – Grant Applications – June 2024.
- Member N Chauhan advised the Board that she had a declaration of financial interest regarding the Tauranga and Western Bay Indian Association Inc Grant Application in report 9.2 of the agenda – Te Puke Community Board – Grant Applications – June 2024.

- Member K Summerhays advised the Board that she had a declaration of interest regarding report 9.6 of the agenda – Te Puke Community Board – Projects and Operations Report – June 2024.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 28 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – NO. 1 ROAD

Members of the community raised concerns regarding the state of No. 1 Road. The below points were noted:

HARRY AND MARY VAN GOG

- Mr and Ms Van Gog noted that No.1 Road was a poorly built road.
- Mrs Van Gog informed the Board that contractors had dug holes in the road but never filled them which meant that residents had to drive on the other side.
- Ms Van Gog queried when construction on the road would begin.

The General Manager Infrastructure Group provided the following updates:

- Geotech was undergoing test work to determine the depth of the future pavement that would go on to the road. Staff would follow up to ensure that the holes were filled.
- Council had completed the detailed design. There was more work to be done on the stormwater consent and landowner approval. However, positive progress had been made.
- The Contractors would begin the first half of repairs work in September/October 2024 depending on weather conditions. This work would include a road repairment, including widening, and urbanisation aspects. The other half would be done in the 2025/26 construction season.
- Rehabilitation of the road had to be split across two construction seasons to not interfere with the kiwifruit harvest season.

Member N Chauhan arrived 7.09pm.

MARK HALL AND KAREN TENNENT

- Mr Hall and Ms Tennent had lived on No.1 for their whole lives.
- The shaking of their house had always been noticeable, however, the past 2-3 years it had become a lot worse. Mr Hall and Ms Tennent stated the shaking was so bad that residents would be unaware if it was an actual earthquake.
- Trucks were driving on the road between 12.00am – 3.00am, which made the house and content shake.

- Residents were unable to go through another kiwifruit harvest season if the state of the road remained the same.

LORNA COOPER

- Ms Cooper provided the Board with photos that showed the damage to her house from the shaking caused by heavy vehicles driving the road. She could not afford to pay for the damage to be fixed which had left her stuck living there as no one would buy the house in the condition it was in. Her house was no longer her safe sanctuary.
- Council needed to provide compensation to residents whose houses had been damaged.
- The state of the road should have been sorted years ago, before kiwifruit operators were allowed to expand.
- It was previously mentioned to residents that more speed signs would be installed, however, this was never actioned. Ms Cooper had put her own sign up in an attempt to slow traffic.
- Ms Cooper stressed that traffic speed calming measures needed to be put in place.
- Ms Cooper raised concerns about potential rate increases given she was living on a road that was in bad condition.

SOIPBHAN AND DUANE COOPER

- Mr and Ms Cooper had lived on No.1 Road for 17 years. The vibrations and shaking from the passing trucks had always been noticeable, but the last year was the worst it had been.
- The beds and cabinets continued to shake for eight seconds after a truck drove past.
- A year and a half ago they had tried to sell their house. However, following the building inspection, they had to drop their asking price due to the damages and could not afford to sell their house at that price. They were stuck living in their damaged property because the costs of fixing the damages were too high.
- Ms Cooper explained that people did not feel safe in their homes.
- It was suggested that more speed traffic signs needed to be installed to ensure drivers were aware of the speed limit.

WAYNE WAVIN

- Mr Wavin had contacted staff multiple times over the years regarding the state of the road.
- The road had been patched at least five times over the years.
- Mr Wavin had experienced damage to his house, including when the mains power had snapped with the telephone cable because it had been stretched. This was proof that his house had moved further away from the power pole over the years due to the shaking.

- The road had not been built to handle the amount of traffic it took. Prior to the road being sealed, it had been a dirt road with metal on it. When it was sealed, no effect was taken to improve its structure.
- The trucks driving the road were overloaded which made the road sag.
- Speeding was a major issue, however, the overloading of the trucks was a bigger issue than speeding, trucks needed to be checked for their weight.
- Mr Wavin queried heavy vehicles could be banned from using the road.

The General Manager Infrastructure Group provided the following comment:

- Council staff would look into what kind of aggressive traffic calming measures options were available, as well as talk to the NZ Police about proactively supporting the Council on this issue.

BARRY RODERICK

- Mr Roderick stated that in 2008 that part of the road was widened and restructured which had stood up well over time.
- He was disappointed that it had taken Council three years to obtain consent and felt Council had gone back on their word multiple times.
- The deterioration of the road was far worse following the extreme weather experienced in 2023.
- The road was not adequate for trucks to drive on both sides of the road at once.

The General Manager Infrastructure Group and Board members provided the following comments:

- Council had obtained the consent. The issue was that there was only one place that the storm water could go through. Staff were working with the landowner to negotiate an agreement.
- Board members had encouraged residents to submit to the Long Term Plan and Te Puke Spatial Plan consultation.

CHANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS

That the chairperson requested the next item of business be Te Puke Community Board – Approval of Funding – Disc Golf Course at Donovan Park in order to release the representatives from the meeting.

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.1

Moved: Member D Snell

Seconded: Cr A Wichers

1. That in accordance with standing orders 9.4 the order of business be changed and that item 9.5 be dealt with as the next item of business.

CARRIED

9.2 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – APPROVAL OF FUNDING – DISC GOLF COURSE AT DONOVAN PARK

The Board considered a report from the Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read, and the following discussion took place:

Two representatives were present to speak to this report.

- It was suggested that the Board could do a matching fund approach to the project.
- The Board would revisit the project after the full cost estimate for installation was received.
- It was noted that the representative was in communication with Sport Bay of Plenty and potential funding avenues for this project.
- The Board suggested that the representatives promote the project during Te Puke's Te Kete Matariki Event.

In response to questions, the following matters were noted:

- The representative had previously come to the Community Board for grant funding with the idea of taking this project out to the community for further external funding.
- The on going maintenance of the course would land in the responsibility of the Council's Reserves team as it would sit within a Council Reserve.
- The representative would explore how much funding could be accumulated from local businesses.

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.2

Moved: Cr A Wichers

Seconded: Chairperson K Ellis

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 6 June 2024 titled 'Te Puke Community Board – Approval of Funding – Disc Golf Course at Donovan Park' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That the Te Puke Community Board **approve** \$1,811.25 to fund a concept design for the installation of a nine-hole Disc Golf Course at Donovan Park.

CARRIED

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

8.1 MINUTES OF THE TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11 APRIL 2024

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.3

Moved: Member K Summerhays

Seconded: Member D Snell

1. That the Minutes of the Te Puke Community Board Meeting held on 11 April 2024 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

9 REPORTS

9.1 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – WORKSHOP NOTES – MAY 2024

The workshop notes were received.

No further discussion was had.

9.3 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items:

- The Reserves and Facilities Officer East confirmed that two locked bollards would be installed outside the Constables Art Gallery. This project would be funded from Council's Reserves Budget.
 - The Governance Manager provided a clarification around the Community Board Targeted Rate.
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RESOLUTION TPC24-3.4

Moved: Cr A Wichers

Seconded: Member N Chauhan

1. That the Chairperson's report dated 6 June 2024 titled 'Te Puke Community Board – Chairperson's Report – April 2024' be received.

CARRIED

CHANGE OF ORDER

That the chairperson requested the next item of business be Te Puke Community Board – Grant Applications – June 2024 in order to release the Cr A Wichers from the meeting.

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.5

Moved: Member K Summerhays

Seconded: Member D Snell

1. That in accordance with standing orders the order of business be changed and that item 9.4 be dealt with as the next item of business.

CARRIED

9.5 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – GRANT APPLICATIONS – JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report from the Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items.

Member D Snell declared a financial interest in the Made in Te Puke Trust Grant application and took no part in the discussion or voting on this application.

Chairperson K Ellis declared a financial interest in the Made in Te Puke Trust Grant application and took no part in the discussion or voting on this application.

Member N Chauhan declared a financial interest in the Tauranga and Western Bay Indian Association Inc Grant application and took no part in the discussion or voting on this application.

Key points:

- The Board noted that the grant applications for both the Community Patrols of New Zealand – Te Puke Branch and the Te Puke Kindergarten could not be accepted as they did not meet the grant application criteria.
- The Board noted that the Tauranga and Western Bay Indian Association Inc did not provide a financial statement. However, because the organisation had been established within the past year, it was not required to do so.
- The grant application from the Made in Te Puke Trust met both the grant applications criteria as well as the Board's strategic priorities.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.6

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Member K Summerhays

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 6 June 2024 titled 'Te Puke Community Board – Grant Applications – June 2024' be received.
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2. The Te Puke Community Board do not approve the grant application from Community Patrols of New Zealand – Te Puke Branch and request further information on the application.

CARRIED

9.5.1 TE PUKE KINDERGARTEN GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.7

Moved: Cr A Wichers

Seconded: Member K Summerhays

1. That the Te Puke Community Board do not approve the grant application from Te Puke Kindergarten and request further information on the application.

CARRIED

9.5.2 TAURANGA AND WESTERN BAY INDIAN ASSOCIATION INC GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.8

Moved: Chairperson K Ellis

Seconded: Member K Summerhays

1. That the Te Puke Community Board **approve** the grant application from Tauranga and Western Bay Indian Association Inc for \$1,500, to help cover the costs of the Teej Musical Evening. This grant will be funded from the Te Puke Community Board Grants Account, subject to all accountabilities being met.

CARRIED

9.5.3 MADE IN TE PUKE TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.9

Moved: Member D Snell

Seconded: Member K Summerhays

1. That the Te Puke Community Board **approve** the grant application from the Made in Te Puke Trust for \$2,258, to cover the cost of Waste Watchers LTD for the Te Kete Matariki 2024. This grant will be funded from the Te Puke Community Board Grants Account, subject to all accountabilities being met.
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CARRIED

At 8.46pm, Cr A Wichers left the meeting.

9.4 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report from Councillor Wichers. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.10

Moved: Member K Summerhays

Seconded: Chairperson K Ellis

That Councillor Wicher's report dated 6 June 2024 titled 'Te Puke Community Board – Councillors Report – April 2024' be received.

CARRIED

9.6 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT – JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report from the Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read. The following discussion took place:

Member K Summerhays declared an interest in the Natural Burials for Te Puke cemetery section of this item, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Key points:

- The Board noted that the report needed to be updated.

In response to questions, the following matters were noted:

- The General Manager Infrastructure would follow up on the clarification of detail for the Establishing Community Resource Recovery Centres project and feed this back through the Board.
 - The Governance Advisor would provide further detail to the Board on the Service Request about freedom camping in Te Puke.
 - The Regional Park signs were not maintained by Council.
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RESOLUTION TPC24-3.11

Moved: Chairperson K Ellis

Seconded: Cr G Dally

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1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 6 June 2024 titled 'Te Puke Community Board – Projects and Operations Report – June 2024' be received.

CARRIED

9.6.1 CONCEPT DESIGN OF CROSSING FACILITIES ON CAMERON ROAD OUTSIDE TE PUKE INTERMEDIATE

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.12

Moved: Chairperson K Ellis

Seconded: Member N Chauhan

2. That the Te Puke Community Board approves up to \$12,000.00 if required out of the roading account for a concept design of the crossing facilities on Cameron Road outside of Te Puke Intermediate.

CARRIED

9.7 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2024

The Board considered a report from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION TPC24-3.13

Moved: Member D Snell

Seconded: Chairperson K Ellis

3. The Financial Business Advisor's report dated 6 June 2024 titled 'Te Puke Community Board – Financial Report April 2024' be received.

CARRIED

9.8 TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD – KĀINGA ORA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – JUNE 2024

The Governance Advisor introduced the report and took it as read.

- The Board questioned the Council's impact assessment.
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The Meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Te Puke Community Board meeting held on 1 August 2024.



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Chairperson K Ellis

CHAIRPERSON