



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COAST COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT TE WHANAU A APANUI
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE, STATE HIGHWAY 35, TE KAHA ON TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 2018 AT
10.11AM**

PRESENT:

Haki McRoberts (Chairperson)
Mike Collier
Gail Keepa
Jack Parata
Allen Waenga

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bevan Gray (Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager)
Ari Erickson (Engineering and Services Group Manager)
Gae Newell (PA to CEO and Mayor)

PUBLIC:

Caitlin Metz, Jessica Letherby and Ian Stringfellow (Rural Connectivity Group)

KARAKIA

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

The Chairperson advised that Item 4 (LTP Process Update) would be considered first as the Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager has to leave the meeting early.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – COAST COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

8 MAY 2018

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RESOLVED

- (1) That the minutes of the Coast Community Board meeting held on 8 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Waenga/McRoberts

Carried

2. PRESENTATION – RURAL CONNECTIVITY GROUP

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Caitlin Metz, Jessica Letherby and Ian Stringfellow from the Rural Connectivity Group gave the Board an overview of the work they are involved with in relation to the Rural Broadband Initiative phase two (RBI2) and the Mobile Black Spots Fund (MBSF), supported by printed copies of a powerpoint presentation.

The presentation, led by Caitlin Metz, covered the following points:

- What RBI2 and MBSF will deliver
- Rural Programmes: RBI2/MBSF Partners
- Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs)
- What the Rural connectivity Group will deliver
- About the Rural Connectivity Group
- Rural Connectivity Group Key Drivers
- Proposed Rural Connectivity Group Sites
- Predicted Coverage – Ōpōtiki District; Rotorua District; Whakatāne District and Western Bay of Plenty.

Jessica Letherby advised that there is a separate proposal for Ōmaio, being a slimline pole by a broadband cabinet.

Caitlin Metz noted that there is collaboration between providers, working towards using the same network equipment. She added that it is hoped to have Ōmaio and Te Kaha completed by Christmas this year and urged the Board members to advocate on behalf of the Rural Connectivity Group.

The Chairperson thanked the Rural Connectivity Group representatives for their informative presentation.

Caitlin Metz, Jessica Letherby and Ian Stringfellow left the meeting at 11.18am.

3. ACTION SCHEDULE

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RESOLVED

(1) That the Action Schedule be received.

Waenga/Collier

Carried

4. LTP PROCESS UPDATE

Verbal Item

The Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager updated the Board on the LTP hearings and deliberations held last week.

Council sought feedback on wastewater, waste management, stormwater, tourism facilities, Mōtū Trails extensions, and services to the Coast communities. Feedback received wanted more services on the Coast, but not specifically what is wanted. The Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager said he would like to do more analysis and go through this with the Board.

Other items to note from the LTP decisions were:

- Funds being put towards a dog neutering programme
- Increase in the Coast Initiatives Fund to \$50,000 per annum, applied from 1 July 2018
- More investment going into parks and reserves, playgrounds etc.
- The rate rise will be around 4%; any properties under \$300,000 will see a rates decrease.

The NZTA FAR rate has increased to 75% which will mean some funds available for road sealing. In this regard, Council will look at the priority list it had three years ago.

The Engineering and Services Group Manager noted that justifications need to be thought about for road reseals.

The Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager asked the Board to consider how to engage with the community around what sort of services are wanted; where they are wanted and how often.

RESOLVED

(1) That the verbal LTP Process Update be received.

Waenga/Collier

Carried

The Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager left the meeting at 10.32am.

5. UPDATE ON ISSUES RAISED AT 8 MAY 2018 MEETING

Verbal Item

The Engineering and Services Group Manager gave an update on the main issues raised at the last Board meeting held at Tōrere.

Stormwater

The Engineering and Services Group Manager stated that he is looking at trying to lead the Regional Council on some stormwater modelling for small rural communities and tie in climate change.

Wainui and Te Waiti Roads, Tōrere

The drain on Wainui Road has been cleared out.

Te Waiti Road has been tidied up, with grading and potholes done.

Public Toilets, Tōrere

The Engineering and Services Group Manager said he needs to investigate how to approach the public toilet issues at Tōrere in a practical fashion.

Ideally, the toilets would be off the marae property, e.g. over the road, so tourists can also use the amenity. How to practically install the effluent treatment and ensure there is enough land for that also needs to be investigated. Once a base design and costings have been worked through, the project could move forward.

Mike Collier will talk to the landowners of Tōrere Sports Club regarding pulling down the club's building and giving some land for a public toilet.

Allen Waenga will have a discussion with the appropriate people at Waihou Bay in relation to public toilets there.

Māori Roads at Tōrere

The Engineering and Services Group Manager advised that Council cannot own Māori roads.

RESOLVED

(1) That the verbal Update on Issues Raised at 8 May 2018 Meeting be received.

Collier/Keepa

Carried

6. UPDATE ON TE KAHA WATER EXTENSION PROJECTS

Verbal Item

The Engineering and Services Group Manager advised that two meetings with landowners have been held since the Court hearing. Another meeting is scheduled for 30 June. The process is complex as some blocks have over 40 owners.

In response to a query as to whether the idea of purchasing the land been thought of, the Engineering and Services Group Manager advised that compensation is a requirement but the owners do not have to sell the land. In this case, the owners do not want to sell.

Another query raised was whether historic compensation could be sought. The Engineering and Services Group Manager stated that he could not find any legal requirement for historic compensation.

RESOLVED

(1) That the verbal updated on Te Kaha Water Extension Projects be received.

Parata/Keepa

Carried

7. COAST INITIATIVES FUND

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RESOLVED

(1) That the report titled "Coast Initiatives Fund" be received.

Waenga/Parata

Carried

GENERAL ITEMS RAISED

District Plan Review

Allen Waenga enquired if Jim Kemp received advice of the closing date for appeals to the District Plan.

Staff advised that if a submission was put in then the appeal date would have been notified.

St John Paramedic

Concern was expressed that it has been heard that the permanent St John paramedic recently employed at Te Kaha is covering in Ōpōtiki as well and is getting over-extended. It was not made clear during the application for funding process if she also had a role in Ōpōtiki. Had the Board known about this, it could have had a bearing on the decision to provide funding.

The Board secretary will write to St John and provide the response, when received, to the Board members.

Maintenance

Allen Waenga advised that, to date, he has not been able to find someone to do maintenance mowing at the Waihau Bay junction and the section next to the Waihau Bay Fire Station.

The Engineering and Services Group Manager will check the budget in relation to ongoing maintenance.

The Chairperson closed the meeting with a karakia.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.22PM

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE CERTIFIED AS BEING
A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A SUBSEQUENT
MEETING OF THE COAST COMMUNITY BOARD HELD
ON TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2018.**

**HAKI McROBERTS
CHAIRPERSON
COAST COMMUNITY BOARD**