

Waitaki District Council

Waihemo Community Board

CONFIRMED MINUTES of a Meeting of the Waihemo Community Board held in the Waihemo Service Centre, Tiverton Street, Palmerston on Monday 14 August at 7.05pm

Present Mrs Dennison (Chair), Mrs McGregor, Mr Brown, Mr Roy,
Mrs Watson, Cr Wheeler

In Attendance Mayor Kircher
Cr Tavendale
Mrs Baillie (Customer Services Group Manager)
Ms Hooper (Secretary)

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Public Forum

Mr Ian McGimpsey – stormwater in Hampden:

Mr McGimpsey lives in the south end of Hampden. During the big storm event, stormwater from eight other residences ended up in his property, because it had nowhere else to go. He noted that the District Plan states that people cannot dump stormwater into anyone else's section. He asked where the Council's stormwater responsibilities started – at the gate, or on properties? In addition, there had been a drain blockage on State Highway 1 for about 18 months, and that was filling up Mr McGimpsey's septic holding tank. He asked whose problem that was. The Chairperson suggested Mr McGimpsey put in a CRM regarding his drainage problem, so that Council staff are aware of it. And, she explained that there was some amenity rate money for Hampden which includes projects such as stormwater, street lighting and footpaths, and a proposal could be put forward to be considered when the Board consulted the community about projects shortly. Mr McGimpsey advised that he had put in a CRM for the State Highway 1 drain blockage in January, and Council had sent it on to NZTA. Mayor Kircher expressed sympathy for Mr McGimpsey's stormwater issue. He noted, however, that it was a matter of natural servitude that lower properties have to take water overflow from those further up. He agreed that the amenity rate funding was an opportunity to look at finding a solution to his problem, and that a proposal for that would come through to the Community Board.

Mr Peter Lawson

Prior to the meeting, Mr Lawson had discussed with the Mayor his view that Council should have its own source of gravel. During the Public Forum, he said he had raised a charging issue with Council, and staff had been more than helpful. He expected it to be sorted out before rates were determined.

Mr Ken Brown – request from ratepayer:

Mr Brown had received a request for assistance from June Watson, 26 Copinsha Street, Palmerston. He also circulated two photographs of damaged roads around her property. Some repair work had been done to the top part, but requests to repair the lower part had always been met with a negative response from staff. She was paying higher rates, but the roading problems were devaluing her property. Mr Brown had visited the property, and said the potholes were indeed deep. However, it appeared that only the upper part was a public road; the lower part may not be. Mrs McGregor noted that a CRM had been lodged around 17 July, and the response received was that it would be looked at when the weather improved. Mayor Kircher advised that the lower part was on Road Reserve, which meant it was effectively a driveway. The Chairperson

suggested the Community Board look into it further, and try to get a fair outcome. However, it may not be possible for the Board to fix what is classified as a private driveway.

1. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED
WCB17/048

Heather McGregor / Paul Roy
“The Waihemo Community Board confirms the minutes of the Waihemo Community Board meeting held on 3 July 2017.”

CARRIED

2. Building Consents Issued in Waihemo Ward for the Month of July 2017

To provide the Community Board members with a list of building consents issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of July 2017.

RESOLVED
WCB17/049

Ken Brown / Heather McGregor
“The Waihemo Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

3. Assets Update

To update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Waihemo Ward since the last Board meeting.

RESOLVED
WCB17/050

Paul Roy / Carol Watson
“The Waihemo Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

4. Recreation Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Waihemo Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects for the period 22 June 2017 to 1 August 2017.

RESOLVED
WCB17/051

Heather McGregor / Paul Roy
“The Waihemo Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

5. Dunback Streetscape

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the concept plan for streetscape improvement in Attachment Two, which has arisen from two public meetings and feedback sessions with the Dunback community.

RESOLVED
WCB17/052

Heather McGregor / Carol Watson
“The Waihemo Community Board recommends that Council approves the plan in Attachment Two for streetscape improvements in Dunback, ensuring that traffic sight lines are maintained.”

CARRIED

6. Water Supply Application – Waihemo Water Supply, Dunback Zone

To consider an application for two units of water, where 0.5 units of Dunback zone water in the application does not meet the water efficiency test adopted by the Community Board. The other 1-1/2 units in the application have been automatically approved.

RESOLVED
WCB17/053

Ken Brown / Paul Roy
“The Waihemo Community Board approves the application for a total two units of water subject to the conditions of supply.”

CARRIED

7. Verbal Updates: Chairperson’s Report; Community Board Member Area Reports; Councillor’s Report, Executive Team Report

Kathy Dennison – Chairperson’s Report:

Recommendation

“That the Waihemo Community Board receives the Chairperson’s report.”

Monday 10 July – Citizen Awards

It was a pleasure to be involved with the citizen award selection. It was great to see members of our district honoured for their community work. Congratulations to all the recipients throughout our district including Ron Sloan, Hillary Fleming and Elizabeth and Trevor Norton from the Waihemo Ward.

Monday 10 July – Combined Board Workshop

The Waihemo Community Board and Ahuriri Community Board had a joint workshop in Oamaru on Monday 10 July to discuss Health and Safety and Council’s Long Term Plan consultation. There was a lot of discussion on the LTP; we could easily have spent more time on it. We look forward to being involved in this process with Council.

Other Meetings Attended

- Gateway to Gold Meeting
- Macraes Community Development Trust.

Hampden Streetscape

We are waiting for feedback from NZTA regarding the Streetscape proposal. We can then set a date to engage with the Hampden Community to discuss these plans and other activities programmed.

Civil Defence State of Emergency

Due to the rain event in July, our special thanks go to all our service people including Civil Defence, Police, NZTA, ORC, Fire Services and Council staff and elected members. I would specially like to thank our local volunteers, who were ready and willing to help in any way they could.

Other Topics

- Roading continues to be a hot topic in the community. People have been patient, especially with the weather event happening at the same time. There are still issues to resolve. Gravel and grading are the main concerns.
- There is a roaming dog problem in Palmerston township. This has ended up on East Otago’s Facebook page, which has resulted in some unfortunate publicity.
- Amenity Rate projects – looking forward to working with communities.

RESOLVED
WCB17/054

Kathy Dennison / Paul Roy
“The Waihemo Community Board receives the Chairperson’s report.”

CARRIED

Heather McGregor:

- 10 July – Attended with other Community Board Members a workshop on the Long-Term Plan and a Health and Safety workshop held in Oamaru
- 17 July – Community Board informal meeting
- 21 July – Assisted with the Palmerston Civil Defence during the recent floods. In the Waihemo Ward, the flood affected many roads and bridges, and many streets were closed in the town. Most of the damage has been cleaned up by the contractors.

Carol Watson:

- 10 July – Attended with other Community Board Members a workshop on the Long-Term Plan and a Health and Safety workshop held in Oamaru
- 17 July – Community Board informal meeting
- Went to Civil Defence meeting afterwards; went through assets in area (eg generators etc) – quite a positive meeting.

Paul Roy:

- 10 July – Attended with other Community Board Members a workshop on the Long-Term Plan and a Health and Safety workshop held in Oamaru
- 17 July – Community Board informal meeting
- Rain event – generally roads held up well. In other areas, if culverts had been cleaned out, would have been better. Some cut outs not done.

Ken Brown:

- 17 July – Community Board informal meeting
- I have had some discussions with ratepayers, and given advice on who to contact within Council.
- Lot of rain; still seeing effects of it. Full marks to everyone. Single out volunteer fire brigade – need to be congratulated. Perhaps CB could send them a letter of thanks.

AGREED ACTION: Letter of thanks to be sent to the volunteer fire brigade (Chairperson).

Jan Wheeler:

- Local people made a fantastic effort during recent floods. Anything on SH1 is an NZTA, not WDC, responsibility. NZTA has a hotline number to call, which could be promoted in the community.
- Concern that the WDC policy on tree planting needs to be looked at, especially with regard to distances from fencelines and roads.
- Moeraki boulders corner with 70 km flashing lights – working really well.
- Double yellow line from bottom of boulders to top of hill would be useful.

14 July – WDC Council and committee meetings (?)

23-25 July – One of three councillors who attended the LGNZ conference with the Mayor

26 July – East Otago Review – Letter to Editor for August 2017

26 July – WDC Councillor workshops

27 July – Phone calls from Taieri Peak Road residents

27 July – Met with Mr McGimpsey and Mr Gordon Murdoch re Hampden Stream and SH1, drainage and flooding issues; took photos

30 July – June Watson, 24 Copinsha Street – phoned about potholes and flooding

30 July – Checked flood damage at Moeraki; lots of blow outs by beach.

2 and 9 August – WDC Council Meetings and workshops

11 August – Attended AGM and presentation of Awards – Hampden Fire Brigade

12 August – Phone call from Peter Lobb re McDonalds Road – shingle and grading

14 August – Citizens Awards. Very special event.

RESOLVED

WCB17/055

Ken Brown / Paul Roy

“The Waihemo Community Board receives reports from other Community Board members.”

8. Items for Information

To provide Waihemo Community Board members with a copy of the following items for information:

- Mayor's and Acting Chief Executive's Report to 2 August 2017 Council meeting
- Customer Services Group Manager – Health and Safety Update to 19 July 2017 Customer Services Committee Meeting

Mayor Kircher also spoke about additional topics as set out below:

- Civil Defence emergency – highlights (communication; Facebook and social media updates; Otago model being considered for set up of a central civil defence emergency management system, which is a good endorsement.
- Roading submissions (feedback will be incorporated into NZTA submission for more funding)
- Indoor Sports Centre (investigations will follow into a range of costed options as part of the LTP process)
- Coastal protection methods

Mrs Baillie explained the process around reporting Health and Safety information.

Deputy Mayor Tavendale spoke about the following recent activities:

- Draft General Bylaw – heard submissions at 9 August Extraordinary Council Meeting Highlights – including getting out into the community, including through Facebook sessions, to gather views. Submissions will be looked at in coming weeks, with decisions expected to be taken in October.
- Easter Sunday Trading Shop – will go out to the community one time – status quo, or a trading option for consideration.
- Youth Council – had just bought a mobile film screen, which had yet to be tested. The idea was to take the screen and projector out to local communities, and the first movie event was now being organised. The Youth Council would work with Heather McGregor to organise a movie night in Waihemo. The project was an exciting one, with plenty of potential to expand its use in local areas. It could only be used at night.
- She had been the Guest Speaker at the recent Citizens Advice Bureau AGM. Interesting to meet with other groups, and synergies, volunteer work.
- Acting Mayor while Gary was away for 10 days.
- Observatory Village Retirement proposal came to Council this week.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Confirmed this 25th day of September 2017 at Waihemo Service Centre, Palmerston.

(signed)

Chairperson