

Waitaki District Council

Ahuriri Community Board

CONFIRMED MINUTES of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held at the Lakes Centre, Otematata on Monday 4 September 2017 at 3.15pm

Present Mr Sullivan (Chairman), Mr Reid, Mrs Munro, Mr Chapman, and Councillor Dawson

Apologies Mr Cowles, Cr Hopkins, Mayor Kircher

In Attendance Dr Cloete (Community Services Group Manager)
Ms Hooper (Board Secretary)

Apologies

RESOLVED
ACB17/050

Cr Dawson / Mrs Munro
"That the Ahuriri Community Board accepts apologies from Mr Cowles, Cr Hopkins and Mayor Kircher."

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Forum

No-one attended the Public Forum.

1. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED
ACB17/051

Cr Dawson / Mr Chapman
"That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms meeting minutes of 24 July 2017, with one amendment, namely:

- in the Attendance section and the Apologies resolution, recording that Cr Holding was also absent due to his attendance at the LGNZ Conference, along with Mayor Kircher and Cr Dawson.

CARRIED

2. Assets Update

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

On the matter of the "Otematata East Road traffic island upgrade", Board members decided that they wanted two picnic tables.

AGREED ACTION: Board Secretary to pass on to Roading Network Manager

On the matter of lighting in Omarama on SH8, Board members asked for an indication of when this might happen.

AGREED ACTION: Board Secretary to pass on to Roading Network Manager, with a request that he email the answer to all Community Board members

RESOLVED
ACB17/052

Mr Reid / Mr Chapman
"That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

3. Recreation Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Ahuriri Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects from 13 July to 23 August 2017.

RESOLVED
ACB17/053

Mrs Munro / Mr Chapman
“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

4. Building Consents Issued in Ahuriri Ward for the Month of July

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

RESOLVED
ACB17/054

Cr Dawson / Mr Chapman
“That the Ahuriri Community Board asks Council officers to advise the total number of houses in each town within the Ahuriri Ward.”

CARRIED

RESOLVED
ACB17/055

Cr Dawson / Mr Reid
“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

5. Visitor Information Service Levels – Ahuriri Ward

Tourism Waitaki has sent an outline of how it is proposing to vary how the required level of visitor information services in the Ahuriri Ward are delivered. Once an understanding is reached, it will be included in the contract between Tourism Waitaki and the Waitaki District Council.

RESOLVED
ACB17/056

Mr Reid / Mrs Munro
“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

RESOLVED
ACB17/057

Cr Dawson / Mr Reid
“That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms that the proposed level of visitor information services, to be provided by Tourism Waitaki in the Ahuriri Ward, will meet the community’s needs.”

CARRIED

6. Verbal Updates: Chairperson’s Report; Community Board Member Area Reports; Councillor’s Report

Community Board members discussed a proposed change in format for these reports and the information items which had previously been two separate agenda items. The new format would combine the two items, into an “Elected Members’ and Chief Executive’s Update Report”. In Part 1, there would be the Chairperson’s Report, Community Board member updates, and Councillor’s Report, and Part 2 would include copies of the Mayor’s and Chief Executive’s Reports to the last Council meeting, and the Health and Safety Update to the most recent Customer Services Committee.

It was **AGREED** to adopt this approach for the next meeting, and for Community Board members to provide their reports and updates via email to the Secretary in time for inclusion in the Agenda Papers.

AGREED ACTION: Board Secretary to email a mock-up report ahead of the next meeting's agenda papers due date, for information and guidance on content required.

AGREED ACTION: Board members to email their report contributions for the next meeting, by the agenda papers due date – **ie by 10.00am, Thursday 5 October.**

Following discussion about the need for printed agenda papers, it was **AGREED** that, from this point forward, no printed agenda papers need to be produced and sent to Board members. Instead, the Board Secretary will upload the agenda papers to the Council website, and then email the link to them to Board members and the public distribution list (including district libraries and media) for access there.

Chairperson's Report – Graham Sullivan

14 August – Attended Citizens Awards at Opera House

16 August – Attended Council FAR Committee Meeting and then Tourism workshop

18 August – Attended an Ecan Zone 5 and 6 Meeting at Otematata

25 August – Attended an Upper Valley Society Meeting in Kurow re Tourism Waitaki

26 August – Attended an ORAI Meeting at Otematata

30 August – Attended Council Committee Meetings and Workshops

Special message of thanks

- I wish to thank everybody who has been involved with the negotiations with Tourism Waitaki to get a service agreement in place with the Waitaki Valley Society for an Information Centre in Kurow. This is great news for the Ahuriri Ward and surrounding districts.

Looking Ahead – Chairman's Discussion Points for Future Meetings

- I would like to see the Ahuriri Community Board have **Visionary Meetings** in each town, to discuss and agree a way forward with suggestions for the Long Term Plan and the District Plan this year.

The Chairman then tabled a 4 September 2017 letter from Simon and Teresa Fox of Twizel Recreation and Hire Limited, which sought the Community Board's support for Gary Manch, Harbour Master from ECAN, to create a swimming/passive area at Parsons Rock.

RESOLVED

ACB17/058

Cr Dawson / Mr Reid

"That the Ahuriri Community Board supports the proposal from Twizel Recreation and Hire Limited, and requests that Mr van der Spek move the matter forward."

CARRIED

Craig Dawson

23, 24, 25 July – Attended LGNZ conference in Auckland. A lot of attention was paid to environmental challenges facing NZ, when taking into account the huge growth in tourism, migration, intensification of farming, urban sprawl, global warming and challenges cities and towns are facing with the provision of affordable housing. Technology, as a tool to help us deal with these issues, was well covered.

Of the many speakers, two really struck a chord with me.

1. Robert Doyle (Lord Mayor – Melbourne): Spoke about the challenges of bringing people back into the centre of the city. By building inner city congregation areas and excluding vehicles, this created an environment that would allow the inner city to thrive. Business turnover rose sharply as people could relax and take in the ambient nature of these new spaces, without the noise and pollution of vehicles. The initial move met with a good deal of scepticism, however time has shown this to be a good move for the wealth of the city and its people. Planting trees in these inner-city areas was shown to cool the temperature by up to four degrees Celsius in mid-summer. These initiatives also encouraged people into apartment living, with many not needing vehicles due to the close proximity of their work.

2. Waikere Komene – “The Roots” Creative Entrepreneurs

The theme of Waikere’s presentation was “Social Entrepreneurship – Building Communities Sustainably”.

Brought up in Otara, with no father figure, he was the recipient of good mentoring, which enabled him to qualify with a Masters Degree in Architecture.

After qualifying, he was determined to help young people in his community to develop their skills whilst helping the environment deal with the problems of modern day living which creates huge waste streams. One example he gave was that Auckland produces one rugby field of rubbish, (stacked to the height of the rugby posts) each week and 50% of this could be processed into usable compost.

His first project involved bringing together 40 students, using 8000 plastic bottles, to create structures for a local art event. 16 schools participated in this event, which showcased what could be done with so-called rubbish.

He then decided to create school gardens, where local children would learn the value of growing their own food and at the same time learn how to make structures with waste materials, such as bamboo, tyres, plastic bottles and compost.

One of these projects created the “Garden of Rosebank School”, where the children would study the food value of their newly grown produce and the importance of these foods in their diets. Any produce left over was then distributed to local people struggling to make ends meet.

Young students became adept at producing commercially viable sculptures, some fetching high prices at local auctions.

One example of these sculptures is LED lightshades made from different coloured plastic bottles pop-riveted together to create ambient light.

I found this a particularly inspirational presentation, which demonstrated that waste could be used to develop local communities in a variety of practical ways, some of which are detailed below;

1. Teaching children the importance of including vegetables in their diet.
2. Helping youth to develop practical skills such as using tools to help them develop carpentry skills.
3. Developing creative skills to design and make works of art.
4. Creating an income from waste.
5. Helping those in need in the community, with good produce.

26 July – Executive Committee Meeting – Director Remuneration Review, Licensing Committee interviews etc.

2 August – Council Meeting, Whitestone Contracting shareholder meeting, Councillor briefing.

4 August – Retirement Village tour. We are pushing ahead with stage 2, due to high demand. Excellent facility, which is saving many elderly people from having to be housed/cared for outside the district.

8 August – Omarama Business Group evening and get together.

9 August – Extraordinary Council meeting and workshops, followed by Development Contributions Committee meeting.

11 August – Omarama church meeting to discuss the issues around the placement of an Information Centre in the church.

14 August – Waitaki Citizens Awards ceremony. My favourite event, showcasing the amazing contributions made by some key people in our community. Followed by Exec meeting re interim performance workshop.

15 August – Omarama Residents Association meeting.

16 August – Finance, Audit and Risk committee, Workshops with Tourism Waitaki Board, followed by Councillor briefing.

18 August – Upper Waitaki Water Zone committee meeting. Plan change 5 is currently in a state of limbo, due to legal challenges seeking clarification.

28 August – Waitaki Valley Vehicle Trust meeting. 9 hires in June, 10 in July and 12 in August. Otematata’s car has a booking later next month. Received \$1150 including GST grant from COGS.

29 August – Agenda briefing with Customer Services Group Manager Lisa Baillie.

30 August – Customer Services, Community Services Committee meetings, plus General Bylaw review workshops, followed by Councillor briefing.

Tony Chapman – nothing to report.

Vicky Munro

Attended Workshop on Tourism Waitaki Kurow and Omarama Information Centre options.

14 August Attended Citizens Award in Opera House. Congratulations to all recipients; a humbling presentation and amazing people. Special congratulations to Glenys Dawson of Omarama.

26 August Otematata Residents Association monthly meeting.

1. Thanks to Parks and Recreation, Camp Manager and local Otematata members who planted trees at the Parson Rock camping area.
2. Feedback received from our campers: Is there any chance of having showers installed in toilet blocks? Consensus- kiwi style camping around our lakes.
3. Thanks to Roding Network Engineer Ting Ge, staff and contractors for the major tidy up in front of the camping ground island area and around telephone box location. After many years, it's still great to see this island part of our community. A job well done.
4. Whilst travelling into our Ahuriri Board towns, I noticed that our town signs need to be refreshed; sun damage has made the main signs look tired and no long inviting. The ensuing discussion on this point addressed issues such as responsibilities and the broader issue of signage throughout the Ahuriri Ward.

RESOLVED

ACB17/059

Mrs Munro / Mr Chapman

“That the Ahuriri Community Board adds to its Long Term Plan consultation with the community the option of carrying out a review of town signs in Ahuriri Ward.”

CARRIED

Calum Reid

- Attended Tourism Waitaki workshop
- Playground meeting with Ciaran Walsh; Committee to meet this week
- Attended Tourism Waitaki presentation to Council; answered questions from Councillors
- Attended a subsequent meeting with Tourism Waitaki about how to proceed
- Meeting with Geoff Turner re rock wall re layout and design.
- Telecon with Jane re playground and other projects.

Mr Reid left the meeting at 4.43pm, and returned at 4.49pm.

7. Items for Information

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

- Mayor's and Acting Chief Executive's reports to 2 August 2017 Council meeting.
- Health and Safety Update to 12 July 2017 Customer Services Committee meeting.

RESOLVED

ACB17/060

Cr Dawson / Mr Reid

“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the Mayor's report.”

CARRIED

RESOLVED

ACB17/061

Cr Dawson / Mr Chapman

“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the Acting Chief Executive's report.”

CARRIED

RESOLVED

ACB17/062

Cr Dawson / Mr Chapman

“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the Health and Safety update.”

CARRIED

RESOLVED

ACB17/063

Cr Dawson / Mrs Munro

“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

Community Services Group Manager:

Dr Cloete provided Ahuriri Community Board members with an update on the following issues:

- Alps 2 Ocean:
 - everything is in place so the process will now go forward. If the project can be started in November, it could be finished in May next year. Efforts were being made to complete the Aviemore to Kurow section by the middle of the summer season, with tenders expected to be called for soon.
 - Mr van der Spek has been appointed to take over from Dr Cloete as Alps 2 Ocean Project Manager.
- New Cultural Facility Entry:
 - Architect’s drawings were tabled
 - Access and funding issues were discussed
 - Mr Michael Voss has been appointed to take over from Dr Cloete as Project Manager for the Cultural Facility Project Manager

RESOLVED

ACB17/064

Cr Dawson / Mrs Munro

“That the Ahuriri Community Board extend a sincere vote of thanks to Dr Cloete for his significant and valuable contribution to the Board and to Council, especially with regard to big projects like Alps 2 Ocean which have delivered important economic benefits to the community and people of Ahuriri Ward.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairman added his own personal vote of thanks to Dr Cloete, for being his “buddy” Group Manager at Council from whom he had learnt a lot over the past year and with whom he had enjoyed working. He praised Dr Cloete for the wonderful amount of work he had done on Alps 2 Ocean, and also the great assistance he had provided to get Tourism Waitaki’s support for the Kurow Information Centre.

Mr Reid and Mrs Munro added their own endorsements.

In reply, Dr Cloete said he had really enjoyed working with the Ahuriri Community Board and the Alps 2 Ocean project was very special to him because of the ‘great, great people’ in the Ahuriri community. He was particularly impressed with having been able to chat and have open discussions with all members of the community. He extended his sincere thanks to Board members, and noted that the Ahuriri community was lucky to have them helping to steer community development activities.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.10pm.

CONFIRMED on the 16th day of October 2017 at Lakes Centre, Otematata.

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Chairman