

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 2 July 2018 at 6.30pm

Present	Kathy Dennison (Chair), Heather McGregor, Ken Brown, and Cr Jan Wheeler
Apologies	Carol Watson, Paul Roy; and Mayor Gary Kircher
In Attendance	Cr Colin Wollstein (rostered Councillor) Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager) Ainslee Hooper (Governance Advisor) Bill Campbell (Media – East Otago Review)

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.35pm, and welcomed everyone present.

1. Apologies

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/037

Cr Jan Wheeler / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board accepts apologies from Carol Watson, Paul Roy, and Mayor Gary Kircher.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Forum

Speaker 1 – Peter Lawson:

He had recently travelled to Oamaru to discuss some matters with the Roothing team. He believed Council needed to be supervising contractors more closely to oversee work. The new grader driver had done an excellent job, but then the gravel was scraped off by others coming along behind.

On a different matter, he had been called twice recently and invited to be part of a poll. For one asking how often he visited the parks and used the library, he was informed that he was “too old” to complete the poll, so his younger wife had done it instead. The caller was located in Hamilton; Mr Lawson questioned why the survey had been outsourced. For the second survey, he and his wife did not qualify again, because they were not young enough. Again, the caller was from out of the district.

A third issue that Mr Lawson raised was gravel being washed away. There was a piece of road near his gate which he fixed himself, because he could not be bothered putting in a CRM for 20 feet of gravel.

Discussion on points raised:

- In response to questions, Mr Lawson explained that he was not sure where the boundary was between Waihemo and Waikouaiti, and therefore he was not sure who was doing what. He confirmed that his house was 1.5kms up from the bridge. The piece he wanted graded was owned by the mines, not Council.
- Council was required to conduct a residents’ survey. Some Board members were concerned that ratepayers were being told they were “too old” to contribute. It was suggested that those conducting the survey should explain to the ratepayers they were

calling why they had to speak to those within a certain age bracket rather than simply pass judgment.

ACTION: Group Manager Paul Hope to pass on the information

- At the request of the Chair, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that Council contracted Key Research (which was based in Hamilton) to undertake surveys of resident ratepayers each year. They needed to try and get a statistical representation of the population, and would continue to ring to talk to enough people within the required age bracket for the subject matter. It was quite difficult to reach younger people.
- Mr Lawson said he appreciated all of those points, but was still concerned about the outsourcing.
- With regard to **roading matters**, the Chair suggested Mr Lawson continue to talk to the Roding team. Mr Lawson noted that he did not have a problem with staff at Council; it was just the system that he found fault with.

4. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/038

Heather McGregor / Ken Brown

That the Waihemo Community Board confirms the minutes of its previous meeting held on 21 May 2018, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

REMINDER: The recommendation previously left lying on the table for the Gilligan Street works was once again left there, to await receipt of the results of the road counters which were being installed.

5. Assets Update July 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, sought 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

WCB 2018/039

Ken Brown / Cr Jan Wheeler

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6. Recreation Update May 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, sought to update the Waihemo Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects for the period 3 May to 14 June 2018.

Discussion points included:

- Heaters in public toilets
- A Tourism Infrastructure Fund application had been submitted for Katiki Straight – it was good to see this was being progressed.
- Palmerston showgrounds – Board members were keen to see any work that needed to be done being pushed along, including roading drain options.
- Forward progress on the bike park and Hampden streetscapes – this was also good news.

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/040

Cr Jan Wheeler / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

7. Building Consents Issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of May 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, provided the Waihemo Community Board with a list of building consents issued in Waihemo Ward for the month of May 2018.

Discussion points included:

- There is a considerable amount of activity in the area and also district-wide.
- There is still a national shortage of building inspectors, especially experienced ones. That situation is unlikely to improve any time soon because of the length of time it takes to be trained in that role.
- Cr Wollstein noted that it was good to see Council is receiving letters of thanks from the community about the high levels of service in the building department recently. Board members were grateful for being informed about such things in meeting agenda reports.

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/041

Heather McGregor / Ken Brown

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the information.

CARRIED

8. Waihemo Community Board Financial Update – July 2018

The memorandum, as circulated, sought to update the Waihemo Community Board on the balances of separate rate accounts, movements in and out of the community funding budget, and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

Discussion points included:

- With regard to the **community grant to the Palmerston Museum**, it was noted that that was being held in reserve for that museum and did not go into the general museum fund within Council.
- With regard to the **loan balance for Waihemo water**, it was noted that that would need to be an item to a future community board meeting, and would be recommended as part of the separate rate balances in the 2019 annual plan.

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/042

Cr Jan Wheeler / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board:

1. receives and notes the schedule detailing balances of separate rate accounts within the Waihemo ward; and
2. receives and notes the report detailing movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

CARRIED

9. Waihemo Community Board Discretionary Funding Request – Palmerston and Waihemo A&P Association Incorporated

The memorandum and attached letter, as circulated, sought the Board's approval of a donation of \$3,000 (excluding GST) to the Palmerston and Waihemo A&P Association Incorporated for advertising associated with the Otago Field Days event in October 2018.

Discussion points included:

- The Board provided the Association with \$2,000 last year; some members thought it should be \$2,000 again (not \$3,000).
- Re the exclusion of GST request – Group Manager Paul Hope clarified that that would mean the Association would receive the full amount, and Council would pay the GST and then claim it back. He also noted that the payment to the Association would be a grant, not a donation.
- The question was asked whether the Board would be able to view the Association's financial documents in relation to the grant. In response, Mr Hope advised that, if the

Board wanted such accountability, it would need to request it and include reference to it in the meeting resolution in response to the Association's request.

An amended motion was then put to the meeting, and resolved as follows:

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/043

Ken Brown / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board approves, subject to accountability consistent with Council's general community grants, a \$2,000 grant (excluding GST) for advertising of the Otago Field Days event to be held at the Palmerston Saleyards on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 October 2018, payable from the Waihemo Community Board Discretionary Fund.

CARRIED

10. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson took her report as read. During the ensuing discussion, the Chair requested a good attendance at the Friday 13 July Community Boards Workshop on the Representation Review 2018. She also highlighted her recent meeting with Mayor Kircher, who had been extremely supportive of the Waihemo community's visioning.

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/044

Kathy Dennison / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the Chairperson's report.

CARRIED

11. Community Board Members' and Councillor's Reports (verbal)

Heather McGregor:

- Attended the AGMs of Puketapu Radio (19 June), Hampden Hall Committee (20 June), Bowls Palmerston (24 June)
- 22 June Palmerston Bike Park meeting with the Board and Mark Burgher
- There is some dissatisfaction amongst Palmerston ratepayers regarding the new Palmerston landfill prices increasing on 1 August.
- The Lions Club of Palmerston assisted with the Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust planting at the Tavora Reserve near Bobby's Head on 27 June. This was a great effort by the Lions Club.
- Waihemo Waste Busters has achieved 10 years of recycling in Palmerston and to celebrate this, the company has offered \$5,000 from the funds raised in the Re-Use Shop as a Community Grant Scheme for local groups to apply for funding.
- The Pink Ribbon Morning Tea held in May raised \$6,807.80, giving a total raised in the Palmerston Community over the last six years of \$24,170.83.

Carol Watson (provided via email ahead of the meeting):

- I have had a very quiet time since the last meeting.
- We had an informal meeting regarding the bike park (22 June).

Paul Roy: N/A

Ken Brown:

- Held a lot of informal discussions with ratepayers about what's happening around town. The bike park (primarily); town clock, and the i-site were key issues raised.
- Other than that, very quiet.

Cr Jan Wheeler:

22 May Council's Long Term Plan 2018-28 Deliberations
 29 May Council Meeting and Workshops
 30 May Mid-term meeting with Mayor Gary Kircher
 2 June Council Workshop
 5 June Committees Day Meetings
 12 June Finance Committee Meetings and Workshops

- 14 June Promotion of Palmerston Meeting
- 19 June Committees Day Meetings and Workshops
- 23 June Community Board workshop re Bike Park
- 26 June Council Meeting (including Intern presentations)
- 27 June Attended Tavora Reserve Matariki Tree Planting Day – with Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust, DOC, and Palmerston locals, Lions Club, and Waikouaiti Club members and locals

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/045

Kathy Dennison / Heather McGregor

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the update reports from Community Board Members and the Councillor.

CARRIED

12. Information Report – Mayor, Chief Executive, and Health and Safety Updates

The Information Report, containing updates as set out below, had been circulated with the agenda and was taken as read:

- Mayor's and Chief Executive's Report to the 26 June 2018 Council meeting
- Health and Safety Update to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, 12 June 2018.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that the Long Term Plan 2018-28 had been adopted at the Council meeting the previous week. It had been a large, collective effort that occurred every three years. The result had been an average rate increase of around 3.5%.

Cr Colin Wollstein spoke about the editorial in the previous Saturday's (30 June 2018) Otago Daily Times which reported the rates spend of other councils around the country and the consequences of rates spending. He highlighted that Christchurch's rates had increased by 4.3%; and Mackenzie's by 8%. Waitaki District Council's increases of 3.64%, 4.05% and 3.08% over the next three years demonstrated that it was being frugal with its level of debt and that it had a moderate increase compared to its neighbours.

RESOLVED

WCB 2018/046

Ken Brown / Cr Jan Wheeler

That the Waihemo Community Board receives the Information Report.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending including the members of the public who had participated in the Public Forum, and declared the meeting closed at 7.21pm.

CONFIRMED at the Waihemo Community Board meeting held on the 13th day of August 2018 at the Waihemo Service Centre, Palmerston.

Chairperson