

## Waitaki District Council

### Ahuriri Community Board

## CONFIRMED MINUTES of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held at the Omarama Community Centre, Omarama on Monday 27 November 2017 at 3.15pm

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<b>Present</b>	Mr Reid (Chair), Mr Chapman, Mrs Munro, and Councillor Dawson
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr Sullivan, Mr Cowles
<b>In Attendance</b>	Mr Jorgensen (Assets Group Manager) Ms Hooper (Board Secretary)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.04pm, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Public Forum

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the Public Forum.

### Apologies

RESOLVED  
ACB17/072

Mr Chapman / Cr Dawson  
“That the Ahuriri Community Board accepts apologies for absence from  
Mr Sullivan and Mr Cowles.”

CARRIED

### Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### It was AGREED:

- (a) to accept a **LATE AGENDA ITEM – Agenda Item 8: Schedule of Meetings 2018 – Ahuriri Community Board**; and
- (b) to take **Agenda Item 5** first.

## 5. Richie McCaw Statue Project

Ms Gaynor Lines and Mr Ross Paton, members of the Richie McCaw Statue project committee, started the discussion with a question for Board members:

- “Does the Ahuriri Community Board support the Committee’s endeavours to put a statue of Richie McCaw in Kurow?”

In response, Cr Dawson noted that the committee had first presented to Council, rather than the Community Board, and Councillors had raised several concerns, including:

- Was there community support and buy-in to the project? It was understood that some newsletters had been placed in letter boxes, but the response to them was unknown.
- The level of funding had not been specified.
- The Committee would need to have a charity registration, in order to receive ratepayer funding.

Ms Lines said that everything was now in place: legal matters had been attended to; the final cost had been identified as \$155,000; NZTA had looked at the site options, and had

granted consent for the third one, outside of 3 Rivers restaurant where hundreds of people passed regularly. The Committee was now under the umbrella of the Waitaki Valley Community Society. There had been problems with that relationship recently, but those had been rectified. Mr Paton had recently been appointed Deputy Chairman, and Peter Ellis, Chairman.

The Chair suggested that the project committee would need to gather all of the relevant information together, and then make a presentation to the Board. He added that the Board was responsible for deciding where things would go in the town.

Other key discussion points included:

- Mark White, a sculptor in Christchurch, would be engaged to build the statue
- The owner of the statue would be the Waitaki Valley Community Society. If the Society was to wind up in the future, then Council would likely become the owner.
- There would be an easement for life put in place to protect the land the statue would sit on, even if the restaurant was sold in the future.
- Funding thus far included a \$15k commitment from Meridian, and \$5k from the Society.
- Expenses had included some advertising and legal costs, the framing of a signed rugby jersey, and promotion.
- Other funding sources being canvassed included Sturgeons (which had offered to hold a black-tie dinner), local businesses had been sent letters; and large organisations would also be approached.
- The project committee had no intention to seek money from the Council. However, if an offer of funding was made by the Council, then the Committee would be happy to accept it.
- It was suggested that a project plan be developed, so that potential funders and supporters could see the framework within which the project would be implemented and managed.
- People were already asking about when the statue might be completed

Mr Jorgensen clarified that at this stage, there is no recommendation for funding for the project from the Community Board to Council. That would be needed before Council could even consider it. He recommended that the committee try other funding sources first. If there was a shortfall of, say, \$10k after exhausting all other options, then maybe an approach could be made then. However, it was unlikely that an upfront request for \$50k could be considered favourably.

The Chair suggested that the correct process would be for the committee to go through the Society, to write up a project proposal with a set plan, and take that formally to the Community Board for its support. If that support could be obtained, then the next step would be to make application to Council with Board support attached to it.

Ms Lines confirmed that she would adopt that process, and work initially to get everything before the Society. Mr Paton also circulated a letter from a new resident in the community which was very much in support of the project, and it was suggested that that be included in the project committee's proposal to the Society.

The Chair thanked Ms Lines and Mr Paton for attending the meeting, and undertook to discuss the matter further with the Board Chairman Graham Sullivan as soon as he could. He further noted that, as a member of the Society, he believed that the project committee had now addressed most of the matters which had caused prior concern and that would put other members at ease. Cr Dawson endorsed those remarks from a Council perspective.

**It was AGREED to return to the beginning of the agenda at this time.**

## 1. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

### Matters Arising

RESOLVED  
ACB17/073

Cr Dawson / Mrs Munro  
“That the Ahuriri Community Board support the expenditure of \$2,500 from its Community Board Discretionary Fund for the swimming area zone at Parsons Rock, in conjunction with ECAN, and that this instruction be passed on to Mr van der Spek to implement immediately.”

CARRIED

RESOLVED  
ACB17/074

Cr Dawson / Mrs Munro  
“That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms meeting minutes of 16 October 2017, with minor typographical amendments, as a true and correct record of that meeting.”

CARRIED

## 2. Assets Update

The memorandum, as circulated, updated the Ahuriri Community Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Ahuriri Ward since the last Board meeting.

Key discussion points were as follows:

- Kurow lighting – this was likely to happen in February.
- The waste minimisation contract was discussed in a workshop with the Board today. In response to a question, Mr Jorgensen confirmed that it was a stand-alone issue.
- Board members confirmed that they wanted to continue to receive the detailed A3 Assets Programme “WDC 642 Summary Reports” in future agendas.

RESOLVED  
ACB17/075

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

CARRIED

## 3. Recreation Update

The memorandum, as circulated, updated the Ahuriri Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects from 24 August to 15 November 2017.

Key discussion points were as follows:

- An update on the Omarama Dump Station – Plumbing had been corrected, and the base would be re-levelled once a quote for the work had been obtained. Cr Dawson expressed concern that it would become a health issue if it was not sorted quickly.
- Board members were delighted that there had been no issues over Labour Weekend. The Police presence had been considerable, and everything had been well organised.
- A recent ITM Jet Boat event had not organised toilet facilities to be onsite. The Chair had spoken to the Recreation Manager about the need to make sure such facilities were in place for all future events.
- ECAN’s monitoring of the African ‘love grass’ was important, as it spread easily (eg mowing contractors can carry the seeds from elsewhere). It is important that the community is aware of the dangers of such matters.

RESOLVED  
ACB17/076

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

CARRIED

#### 4. **Building Consents Issued in Ahuriri Ward for the month of October 2017**

The report, as circulated, provided the Ahuriri Community Board with a list of building consents issued in Ahuriri Ward for the month of October 2017.

RESOLVED

ACB17/077

Mrs Munro / Mr Chapman

“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

#### 6. **Community Board Discretionary Funding Items**

- 6.1 Invoice 11223 dated 6 November 2017 in the amount of \$2,500 for work on the Pontoon at Otematata had been circulated.

RESOLVED

ACB17/078

Mr Reid / Mrs Munro

That the Ahuriri Community Board approves the payment of Otago Maintenance Limited's invoice 11223 for pontoon work at Otematata, in the amount of \$2,500 (excluding GST).

CARRIED

- 6.2 A letter dated 26 October 2017 from Nikki Ormandy, Secretary of the Waitaki Valley Community Society, had been circulated. It sought the Ahuriri Community Board's consideration of installing a drinking water fountain and bottle filler in the children's playground at Hydro Place, Kurow.

RESOLVED

ACB17/079

Mr Reid / Mr Chapman

That the Ahuriri Community Board recommends:

That Council investigates the costs and viability of installing a drinking water fountain and bottle filler in the children's playground at Hydro Place, Kurow.

CARRIED

Further discussion followed, during which the suggestion was made to consider installing similar facilities in all three children's playgrounds in the Ward (ie Omarama and Otematata, as well as Kurow). It was also suggested the one in Omarama might be better placed in the centre of town, alongside the memorial gate.

RESOLVED

ACB17/080

Mrs Munro / Mr Chapman

That the Ahuriri Community Board recommends:

That Council officers investigate the costs and viability of installing a drinking water fountain and bottle filler in and around the two other playgrounds in Otematata and Omarama, and report back to the Board”.

CARRIED

It was AGREED that locations could be discussed and finalised at a later stage.

#### 7. **Elected Members' and Executive Management's Information Report**

The report, as circulated, presented collated updates from Elected Members of the Ahuriri Community Board and of Council, and from Executive Management, in order to share information about matters and events that have occurred since the previous Board meeting. Contributing reports were presented in two parts, as follows:

**Part I – Community Board Elected Members**

- Chairperson’s Report to this meeting;
- Community Board Members’ Reports to this meeting;
- Community Board Councillor’s Report to this meeting;

**Part II – Management and Council Elected Members and Management**

- Mayor’s Report to 25 October 2017 Council Meeting;
- Chief Executive’s Report to 25 October 2017 Council Meeting; and
- Customer Services Group Manager’s Health and Safety Update to Customer Services Committee Meeting, 11 October 2017

**Key discussion points were as follows:**

- \$28k had been raised from the Omarama garden tour (wonderful result)
- There is a new electric car charger in the main street of Kurow
- Mr Chapman had attended the A2O meeting, which had been “interesting”. The trail is looking great. Rob Roy will be a difficult piece. Mr Jorgensen noted that that he believed the next round of fund-raising would be for the Aviemore section through to the Waitaki dam.
- Clean up work was required around Enfield to address recent rain damage.

Cr Dawson spoke to his report, and sought to highlight two points as follows:

- He had not been able to participate in Council’s Easter Sunday shop trading hearings and deliberations, because – by law – he had an actual or perceived conflict of interest that could only be managed by withdrawing from the discussions. That was unfortunate, but required. He believed Council had made the right decision based on the submissions received.
- Whitestone Contracting was doing really well.

RESOLVED

ACB17/081

Mr Reid / Mr Chapman

“That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information, and the reports be taken as read.”

CARRIED

## 8. **LATE AGENDA ITEM: Schedule of Meetings 2018 – Ahuriri Community Board**

The Board Secretary tabled a copy of the Schedule of Meetings 2018 which Council had adopted at its Extraordinary Meeting on 15 November 2017. It included meeting dates and venues for the Ahuriri Community Board which had been discussed with the Board Chairman before being incorporated into the final Schedule for Council’s consideration. The Board Secretary advised that Council had asked her to discuss again the December 2018 meeting date with both Community Boards with a view to having them on separate days a week apart, rather than on the same day. She had spoken to Board Chairman Graham Sullivan, and he had agreed to the Ahuriri Community Board’s December 2018 meeting being held on Monday 17 December at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Board members ENDORSED that change. Cr Dawson requested a further change – for the venue of the April meeting to be the Omarama Community Centre, in order to spread the year’s meetings more evenly across the Ward’s three main centres. This change was also AGREED.

Board members gratefully accepted the invitation to attend a joint community board workshop with Waihemo on Monday 22 January (between 1.00pm – 3.00pm), preceded by a ‘welcome back’ lunch (12.00pm – 1.00pm). The Board Secretary undertook to confirm arrangements via email before Council finished for the year on Friday 22 December.

RESOLVED  
ACB17/082

Cr Dawson / Mrs Munro  
“That the Ahuriri Community Board Schedule of Meetings 2018 be amended to show the Omarama Community Centre as the venue for its Monday 16 April 2018 meeting, and that the December meeting be held on Monday 17 December.”

CARRIED

The Board Secretary advised that she would recirculate the Schedule of Meetings 2018 once any further changes had been made and confirmed by Council. It would also be uploaded to Council’s website before the end of the 2017 calendar year.

On behalf of Executive Management, Mr Jorgensen commended Board members for the great work they had done over the last twelve months. He suggested they celebrate their achievements, and wished them and their families a Merry Christmas. In response, Cr Dawson thanked Mr Jorgensen for his work as Acting Chief Executive and returned the Christmas greetings to all members of Council management and staff and thanked them for their support and efforts on behalf of the Board and its communities.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.11pm.

CONFIRMED on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018 at the Lakes Centre, Otematata.

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Chairman