Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 20 July 2021

WHAKATĀNE District Council Kia Whakatāne au i ahau	Details of Meeting:	TĀNEATUA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE TĀNEATUA HALL, MORRISON ROAD, TĀNEATUA ON TUESDAY, 20 JULY 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
	Present:	Chairperson D Yalden, Board Members T Boynton, L Knowles, L Ruiterman, Y LeSueur, M Falkner and Deputy Mayor A V Iles
	In Attendance:	R Trass (CFO and GM Business Partnering), B Elliott (Manager Corporate and Information Services), C Butt (Manager Governance Services) and S M French (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Janette Mitchell, Danae Lee
	Apologies:	M Falkner (for lateness)

THE MEETING OPENED WITH A KARAKIA FROM MEMBER BOYNTON at 6:00 PM.

1 APOLOGY

THAT the Taneatua Community Board accept the apology for lateness from Member M Falkner.

Member LeSueur/Member Ruiterman

CARRIED

Apologies were also noted for Youth Council representative T Bryant and Mayor Turner.

2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were recorded.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Refer to page 4 of the agenda.

3.1 M Stensness

Ms Biddle introduced herself to the meeting; noting she was born and bred in Tāneatua, and currently owned a business in the Township. She explained she would speak to two topics.

1. Flooding issues

Refer also to pages 4a-e of the tabled items.

Late April 2021 Ms Biddle had written to the Council after severe flooding had caused serious damage to their home, rendering it inhabitable. The letter included suggestions on how to mitigate further potential occurrences of flooding at Morrison/Station Road and at Howell Road. Ms Biddle noted culvert stability work had since been carried out and although was 'looking good' she believed it was a 'Band-Aid' and further work was still required (as highlighted in the tabled letter). Ms Biddle praised how helpful and approachable the Team Leader Three Waters Operations had been.

2. Community Safety

Refer to page 4f of the tabled items.

On 11 July 2021, 50 concerned residents attended a Community Hui in Tāneatua and voiced their concerns regarding issues in their town; including roaming dogs, robberies, home invasions, police presence, vehicle speeds and children/elderly not feeling safe. Ms Biddle said residents were 'fed up' and that the Community wanted to find solutions and outcomes for a healthier, safer and more prosperous town.

Ms Biddle said the community wanted to invite the Community Board members, the Mayor and Chief Executive, along with the NZ Police and other social services, to a second Hui on Sunday 1 August at the Tāneatua School hall commencing at 2:30 pm.

Ms Biddle noted the Community had suggested some short-term solutions but long-term solutions were also required. She concluded that the community working with like-minded people and organisations would make Tāneatua a better place for all: rangatahi, mokopuna and future generations.

Attendance: Member Falkner entered the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Mihi was given to the community for their work to date.

Attendance: Ms Biddle left the meeting at 6:28 pm.

4 PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATION REVIEW UPDATE

Refer to page 5 of the agenda and pages 5a-5d of the tabled items.

The Manager Governance Services spoke to her PowerPoint presentation updating the meeting of the processes and actions taken to this point, a recap of what was involved and the principles followed during a representation review, the population data used and the decisions made to date. The following points were noted:

- Workshops had been held with Iwi Chairs to outline design options.
- The preferred option by Council was for 10 Councillors in total:

7 general Councillors	4 Councillors from Whakatāne-Ōhope 2 Councillors from Rangitāiki 1 Councillor from the Southern ward	
3 Māori ward Councillors	1 from each of the 3 wards	

- Ward names were yet to be determined.
- Councils preferred option was for the four Community Boards to be retained, each consisting of six Board Members and one Councillor.
- An overview of the election process was given, noting that voters can change rolls every 5 years and the next time would be in 2024.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 6-8 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Tāneatua Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 8 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Tāneatua Community Board - Activity Report to June 2021

Refer to pages 9-20 of the agenda.

Manager Corporate and Information Services spoke to highlights within the report and noted that the rural fire brochures would be included in the November 2021 rates mail out. He spoke of cyber security and cautioned members when using technology and emails, to be careful what links they clicked. The following additional points were noted during the discussions:

- There was acknowledgement of the reintroduction of seal extension programme. The resealing
 of Matahī Valley Road was mentioned, working in conjunction with local Kaku and the additional
 benefit with employment of locals.
- Interest was expressed in understanding the reduction of carbon emissions by Council activities. How emissions were calculated would be bought back for the Boards information.
- When questioned if rates would reduce if the 3-waters were no longer managed by Council, it
 was noted that more information was still being disseminated and decisions were yet to be
 determined.
- Information was requested as to the diversity of libraries; including the functions and services that were expected in a changing environment.
- Recipients of the Board-supported 'Find your Fish' winter packs were very appreciative.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Taneatua Community Board – Activity Report to June 2021 be received.

Deputy Mayor Iles/Member Ruiterman

CARRIED

7 CHAIRPERSON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 TCB Chairperson Report – May 2021

Refer to page 21 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the TCB Chairperson Report – July 2021 be received.

Chairperson Yalden/Deputy Mayor Iles

CARRIED

7.2 Community Board Conference Report

Refer to pages 22-25 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Community Board Conference 2021 Report be received.

Member Boynton/Deputy Mayor Iles

CARRIED

7.3 Member Reporting

Mihi to given to Ms Lee and the Board expressed their best wished for a speedy recovery to Honourable K Allen. Ms Lee acknowledge the advocacy work the Board was doing for the rural communities, and conveyed that Honourable K Allen was doing well.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:30 PM WITH A KARAKIA BY MEMBER BOYNTON

Confirmed this	day of	
CHAIRPERSON		