

## **MINUTES OF WAITARA COMMUNITY BOARD**

**FILE REFERENCE:** DP-14-02 DM 1567148  
**MEETING DATE:** Friday 27 June 2014 at 9am.  
**VENUE:** Waitara Library & Service Centre  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr Joe Rauner (Chair), Mr Andrew Larsen,  
Mr Trevor Dodunski, Mr Bill Simpson and  
Cr Colin Johnston

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Andrew Judd

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cr Craig MacFarlane, Cr John McLeod, Cr Grant Coward, Mr Ken Bedford (Clifton Community Board Chair) and Michael Riley and Bradley Clarke (Youth Working Party)

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Jayne Beer, Ms Jan Higley and Mr Mark Hall.

Mr Joe Rauner presented a book "Made in NZ", signed and donated by Sir Peter Leach to the people of Waitara, which was to be kept in the Waitara Library and Service Centre.

### **DEPUTATIONS:**

#### **Mr Marty Toa**

Mr Toa presented a petition (DM1569506) to have all the trees in the Main Street of Waitara removed and consultation to take place on this matter.

Mr Bill Simpson moved that the petition be accepted, seconded by Andrew Larsen. A copy of the full petition will be passed to the Parks and Roding teams.

#### **Ms Fiona Clark, on behalf of Friends of the Waitara River (DM1569517)**

Ms Clark spoke to Item B4 - District Plan & Resource Management Act Status of Waitara Riverbank Notable Trees on Land Designated for Flood Protection Works.

#### Resolved:

*It was agreed that the Waitara Community Board request a copy of the report that Taranaki Regional Council has based their decision on to remove the Pohutukawa Trees along the Waitara River. It was also agreed that this report would be made available to the public when received.*

## **PART A**

### **MATTERS FINALLY DETERMINED BY THE WAITARA COMMUNITY BOARD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION AND RECORD**

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1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Waitara Community Board meeting held on 16 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2. **Members Activity Report for Andrew Larsen**

File Reference: DP-14-03, DM1566767

This report advises of the community board activities of Andrew Larsen in the period to 18 June 2014.

Resolved:

That having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be accepted.

## **PART B**

### **ITEMS FOR FINAL DETERMINATION BY THE COUNCIL**

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3. **Accessibility Strategy Annual Report 2013**

File Reference: DM1563246

Disability is defined as when a person experiences physical or attitudinal barriers in living their life. At some point in our life-time we will all experience a reduction in our sensory functions, mobility or mental capacity. At some point the issue of disability will affect us all.

The Strategy seeks to provide guidance to Council staff by identifying actions that make Council services and amenities accessible to everyone. Monitoring of progress of the action plan within the Strategy is reported to the Accessibility Issues Working Party on a six monthly basis. The Annual Report provides an update on all actions within the strategy.

Recommendation:

That having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

*Mr Trevor Dodunski abstained from voting.*

4. **Coastal Strategy, Oakura and Urenui Structure Plans Implementation Update**

File Reference: DM 1550417

A review of the implementation of the actions in the Coastal Strategy, the Oakura Structure Plan and the Urenui Structure Plan has been undertaken. This report includes updates on the implementation of each action and provides a summary of the future status of each action.

Recommendation:

That having considered all matters raised in the report the Council:

- a) That the Coastal Strategy Implementation Plan 2014, the Oakura Structure Plan Implementation Plan 2014 and the Urenui Structure Plan Implementation Plan 2014 be accepted.
- b) Notes that the completed actions in the Coastal Strategy Implementation Plan 2014, the Oakura Structure Plan Implementation Plan 2014 and the Urenui Structure Plan Implementation Plan 2014 will require no further action or monitoring.
- c) Notes the intention to undertake a district wide coastal erosion project to guide future Council planning and decision making for coastal erosion.

**5. Local Authority Elections – Electoral System**

File Reference: DM 1564202

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) prescribes two electoral systems for use in local elections and polls. The two available systems are first past the post (FPP) and single transferable vote (STV). New Plymouth District Council currently uses the FPP system. This report outlines the options available under the Act to change the electoral system.

Recommendation:

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) The Council resolves that there be no change to the electoral system and the first past the post system continue to be used.
- b) That public notice be given (no later than 19 September 2014) advising electors of their right to demand a poll on the matter.

**6. District Plan & Resource Management Act Status of Waitara Riverbank Notable Trees on Land Designated for Flood Protection Works**

File Reference: DM 1565182

The District Plan shows the notable trees are within land designated by the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) for “Lower Waitara River Flood Protection and River Control Scheme”. This designation overrides the notable tree protection rules that would otherwise apply.

Therefore:

- i. The TRC may remove the trees without the need for resource consent, and

- ii. The planting of replacement trees and the formation of a replacement walkway on the designated land once the flood protection work is completed, will require TRC approval.

*Recommendation:*

That having considered all matters raised the information in this report be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.38am