

MINUTES OF WAITARA COMMUNITY BOARD

FILE REFERENCE: ECM 8343922
MEETING DATE: Friday 7 August 2020 at 9am.
VENUE: Waitara Library & Service Centre
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr Jonathan Marshall (Chair), Mr Andrew Larsen, Mr Joe Rauner, Mr Trevor Dodunski and Cr Colin Johnston

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Eriwata (Otaraoa Hapū) and Geoff White (Manukorihi Hapū)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Jayne Tidbury-Beer

PUBLIC FORUM

1. **Kath Jones – Foodbank Volunteer**
Mrs Jones spoke about need for more volunteers for Waitara Foodbank and support from the Board during the current pandemic.
2. **Tracey Bryant – Foodbank Trustee**
Ms Bryant gave a briefing on the action taken by Foodbank during and post COVID-19 lockdown. They are now looking for funding for a coordinator due to the increase in demand from the community due to the pandemic.

DEPUTATION

Steve Lepper and Angie Benn (Lepperton Residents Association) and Ian McCall (Lepperton Hall Committee)

The deputation advised that they are about to launch a community survey regarding the community hall and they requested a member of the Waitara Community Board be nominated to attend future Lepperton Residents Association meetings. (Refer Appendix 1)

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

File Reference: ECM8306291
Moved: Colin Johnston)
Seconded: Andrew Larsen)

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Waitara Community Board meeting dated 19 June 2020 and the proceedings of the said meeting, as previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

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

1. Community Board Activity Report – Andrew Larsen

File Reference: ECM8336951

This report advises of the community board activities of Andrew Larsen in the period to 30 July 2020.

Resolved:

Moved: Andrew Larsen)

Seconded: Joe Rauner)

That having considered discussion and the deputation from the Lepperton Residents Association, Andrew Larsen has been nominated to represent the Waitara Community Board on the Lepperton Residents Association.

Carried

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL DETERMINATION BY THE COUNCIL

2. Charter for HMNZS Aotearoa

File Reference: ECM8308941

The matter for consideration by the Council is approval of a Charter for the HMNZS Aotearoa.

Recommendation:

Moved: Joe Rauner)

Seconded: Andrew Larsen)

That having considered all matters raised in the report the Council approve the Charter for the HMNZS Aotearoa with the removal of the words "*with drums beating, band playing, colours flying, bayonets fixed and swords drawn*" from paragraph four of the Charter:

Carried

Adviser's Note: Trevor Dodunski asked that his vote against the above motion be noted.

3. Adoption of Meeting Cycle for 2021

File Reference: ECM8305288

Moved: Colin Johnston)

Seconded: Joe Rauner)

The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of ordinary meetings for Council, Committee and Community Boards for 2021.

Recommendation:

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the following meeting schedule be adopted:

	Strategy and Operations	Comm Bds	Te Huinga Taumatua	Finance, Audit & Risk	CCOs Committee	Strategic Projects	Council
January	26						
February		4-9	16	23		24	
March	9	18-23	30		31		2
April	20	29-30		6			13
May		3-4	11	18			25
June	1	10-15	22	29	23	16	
July	13	22-27					6
August	24		3	10			17
September		2-7	14	21	15	8	28
October	5	14-19	26				
November	16	25-30		2			9
December			7	14	8	1	21

Carried

The meeting closed at 10.10am.

Appendix 1 – Deputation

Waitara Community Board. 7 August 2020.

Kia Ora.

Thank you for the chance to speak.

We represent the Lepperton Residents Association.

At the next NPDC Strategies and Operation Committee meeting 8 September we hope to have on the agenda our desire for an amendment to a motion passed regarding the sale of the Lepperton hall and Land.

We are passionate about retention and future use of this land integral to the culture of Lepperton Village. Although many of you are aware of our concerns, we want to take this opportunity to leave you with a short history and proposal so you all have background knowledge when we are able to include our ideas on your agenda for discussion, and support.

The Lepperton Hall was built by residents on land gifted for community use by Mr George Hall 1890.

It was maintained and run by residents under the umbrella of a committee of locals.

During the 1970's the costs associated with a much needed upgrade became too much for a then small district and as with many district halls it was transferred to the District Council.

As you will know over the past 10 yrs Council has reversed that decision and offered the halls back to districts.

Knowing that a new school was pending that could include a hall the **Hall Committee** opted not to accept the offer of the return. But asked to sell land and building to contribute to an extension of the school building as a community/school hall.

School families were well informed about the idea of a shared facility in the new school build, but when the wider district became aware the hall and land were for sale the plans were well under way.

A meeting was held attended by 60plus people most of whom were concerned about the loss of the hall land that had been gifted for community use, and many concerned about losing the building.

There has been exponential housing growth in recent years and residents realised they needed a dedicated voice to the Waitara Community Board and thence to the District Council to have more input into Lepperton issues.

And so the Lepperton Residents Association (LRA) was formed.

A survey sent around the district highlighted many issues residents considered needed attention - road safety, footpaths, storm water, reverse sensitivity, signage, walkways and recognition of historic sites, but top of the list was retention of the land in question as **open space**.

The building also held importance but all things considered, particularly running costs and maintenance, and now with an excellent new hall across the road at the school, in many ways the building may no longer be necessary. There are many suggestions for alternative uses for

the old building, most focussing on health and wellbeing, but even in that sense the building as it stands is not fit for purpose.

Our focus is on **People** being healthy and safe together, and **Place**, creating and preserving a physical environment that supports and cultivates those things that make people healthy and safe together.

Of the most urgent concern at this point in time is the rezoning of the old hall land back to Open Space.

Our vision is to see this area of land, central and accessible to the community, being used as a recreational area offering a park like meeting place with facilities (ie toilets) to accomodate a rapidly growing community which has also become a destination for visitors.

To have a well organised group recognised by WCB and NPDC the LRA have worked under the direction of Wheelhouse and have become an incorporated Society, and through numerous workshops have created a strategic plan with 5 year goals.

We have been active and almost all of our year 1 goals through to Dec 2020 have been ticked off - a Constitution, sub-committees for safety and historic places, opened a bank account, developed better contacts.

We are building membership and maintain contact with the community through emails, face book, newsletters and are working in conjunction with the Hall Committee and the School BOT.

One of the most important goals has been connection - creating a valued liaison with Waitara Community Board, local Hapu, and Officers at District Council.

This has been particularly helpful in learning about processes involved in presenting issues of concern.

To further communication continuity with WCB our request is that a Waitara Community Board member be appointed as our contact person able to attend our LRA meetings. And that this be a reciprocal arrangement with one of our members attending WCB general meetings.

We are launching a new community survey today to gather updated information from the residents.

We hope that today's information gives you background knowledge to further suggestions we plan to present if we can be included on the agenda for the next round of meetings.

Thank You

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