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MINUTES

HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting Date: **Monday, 7 December 2015**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Hastings District Rural Community Board held on
7 December 2015 at 2.00pm**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LANDMARKS ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2015 AT 2.35PM

PRESENT: Mr P Kay (Chair)
Mr B Barber, Mr N Dawson, Mrs S Maxwell
Councillors Kerr (Deputy Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (Mr R McLeod)
Group Manager: Asset Management (Mr C Thew)
Transportation Manager (Mr J Pannu)
Transportation Operations Manager (Mr L Glock)
Parks and Property Services Manager (Mr C Hosford)
Building Consents Project Officer (Mr G van Veen)
Property Assets and Project Manager (Mr J Jiang)
Team Leader Environmental Health and Liquor Licensing (Mr T Stothart)
Accounting Manager (Ms J Guilford)
Committee Secretary (Mrs C Hunt)

1. APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Lester.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor Kerr/Ms Maxwell

That the minutes of the Hastings District Rural Community Board held Monday 21 September 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DOG CONTROL FEES

(Document 15/556)

The Animal Control Manager, Mr Payne presented his report seeking any feedback from the Board on the proposed dog control fees formula to be used to calculate the fees to apply from 1 July 2016.

He advised that currently a fee structure based on dog control requirements at 74% private, 26% public benefit was used to calculate the fee.

Mr Payne advised that the preferred option was to continue with the status quo and no increase to the dog fee unless the Board requested an amendment to the current fee calculation model.

Councillor Kerr/Ms Maxwell

- A) That the report of the Change Manager - Animal Control titled “Dog Control Fees” dated 7/12/2015 be received.**
- B) That the Rural Community Board support the existing Dog Control fee calculation model.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to the performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and business by:

- Ensuring that fees and charges reflect the costs of providing a dog control programme that is resourced at a level that meets compliance and enforcement obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996 and Councils Dog Control Bylaw.**

CARRIED

5. REVIEW OF DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND POLICY (Document 15/1233)

The Team Leader Environmental Health and Liquor Licensing, Mr Stothart advised that under the Local Government Act 2002 Councils were required to review their existing bylaws at least every ten years.

The Animal Control Manager, Mr Payne gave a brief overview of the proposed changes for the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy and general discussion ensued.

Mr Dawson/Ms Maxwell

- A) That the report of the Team Leader Environmental Health and Liquor Licensing titled “Review of Dog Control Bylaw and Policy” dated 7/12/2015 be received.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to the performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and business.

CARRIED

6. RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME UPDATE (Document 15/1320)

The Transportation Manager, Mr Glock updated the Board on progress with the works programme and other activities.

Mr Glock circulated a flier advertising the “Heiniger Big Day Out” to raise funds for the Cancer Society. The event would have a team of 16 shearers and shed

staff from around the country to meet at Waitara Station on the Napier/Taupo Highway on Monday, 4 January 2016.

Also circulated at the meeting were the Activities Report for Emergency Event Flood Damage Repairs (CG-13-26-00073) and the Activities Report for Safety Improvements and Seal Widening (CG-13-26-00074) including photos.

Mr Glock advised that HPMV bridge strengthening work was underway on the Pukehamoamo, Kereru Land Bridge and the Matapiro Bridge. Other bridges were also being tested that were deficient in Class 1 loading.

It was suggested that there be a cycleway over the Red Bridge. Mr Glock advised that this would be a decision that would have to come from New Zealand Cycle Trails, and HBRC are looking after this ride. HBRC are also currently looking at alternative routes.

Ms Maxwell/Mr Barber

That the report of the Transportation Operations Manager titled “Rural Transportation Programme Update” dated 7 December 2015 be received.

CARRIED

7. UPDATE - EARTHQUAKE PRONENESS OF RURAL HALLS
(Document 15/1118)

The Parks and Property Services Manager, Mr Hosford referred to the work completed by the Asset Management Team regarding earthquake proneness of the Rural Halls. The proposed date for the new Bill to be enacted was April 2016 and Council has the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed amendments.

The Building Consents Project Officer, Mr van Veen advises the legislation proposes that Local Authorities had five years to undertake initial investigations to identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings. If the building was identified as potentially earthquake prone by the TA building owners have twelve months to carry out a detailed assessment or to confirm their intention to demolish the building.

Owners of buildings wishing to strengthen buildings were give a timeframe of 15 years to complete the work.

If a building was assessed to be less than 34% of the New Building Standard it was deemed to be earthquake prone.

Mr Dawson/Mr Barber

A) That the report of the Community Grants Advisor titled “Update - Earthquake Proneness of Rural Halls” dated 7/12/2015 be received for discussion and feedback purposes.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, i.e. rural community halls, so these halls can meet the current and future needs if rural communities.

CARRIED

8. PROPOSED PURCHASE OF PORTION OF ESK RAILWAY LAND
(Document 15/1338)

The Parks and Property Services Manager, Mr Hosford advised that NZ Rail were currently seeking to divest a portion of land alongside the western edge of the railway. The site currently contained some old disused machinery and sheds and is generally covered in grass with some sparse vegetation. It would probably at best be described as being in an average condition.

The most important feature of the site is a significant heritage monument, or more correctly the base of a monument, that was erected to commemorate the “Petane engagement” of 1866. In 1916, two stone obelisk memorials were erected, one on the subject site and the other at Omarunui, where they stood until 1992, when the obelisk needles were both damaged in protest action. The bases remain on their respective sites while the obelisks’ needles remain in Council storage.

Council’s Strategic Culture and Heritage Advisor, Marama Laurenson was facilitating the process and working with a dedicated interest group who next year, wish to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Omarunui and Petane Engagements of 1866.

The historical site was acknowledged by the Board who were supportive of purchasing the land with funds from previous land sales to protect its heritage values. It was noted that this site could be part of a Treaty settlement and that process would need to be managed.

Mr Barber/Mr Dawson

- A) That the report of the Parks and Property Services Manager titled “Proposed Purchase of portion of Esk Railway Land” dated 7/12/2015 be received for information and feedback purposes only.**
- B) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board support in principle the concept of securing land located on the corner of State Highway 5 and Shaw Road, subject to the Crown’s processes being successfully carried out.**
- C) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board recommend to Council that the property be developed as a heritage site, and that the purchase be secured by funds set aside from the previous rural reserve land sales.**

CARRIED

9. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

10. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: