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MINUTES

HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting Date: **Monday, 30 May 2016**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Hastings District Rural Community Board held on
30 May 2016 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, 30 MAY 2016 AT 2.00PM

- PRESENT:** Mr P Kay (Chair)
Mr N Dawson and Mrs S Maxwell
Councillors Kerr (Deputy Chair) and Lester
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (Mr R McLeod)
Group Manager: Asset Management (Mr C Thew)
Chief Financial Officer: (Mr B Allan)
Financial Policy Advisor (Mr A Humphrey)
Transportation Manager (Mr J Pannu)
Transportation Operations Manager (Mr L Glock)
Strategy Manager (Mr L Verhoeven)
Graduate Civil Engineer (Ms A Ileperuma)
Transportation Asset Manager (Mr M Van Niekerk)
Committee Secretary (Mrs C Hunt)
- AS REQUIRED:** Mr Oliver Posting, Hawke's Bay Journey Manager, New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Kerr/Ms Maxwell

That apologies for absence from Mr Barber be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kerr and Mr Dawson declared a conflict of interest in regard to Submission 99 – Federated Farmers.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Dawson/Ms Maxwell

That the minutes of the Hastings District Rural Community Board held Monday 7 March 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **NZTA ROAD CLOSURE INITIATIVES** (Document 16/504)

Mr Posting, Hawke's Bay Journey Manager, New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) attended the meeting and advised that NZTA had been working on initiatives with regards to an approach to road closures.

From feedback provided to NZTA it had been identified that there were some frustrations around the way the Transport Agency and its contractors managed the process through which local communities negotiated their way through road closures.

The meeting agreed that using the Council's database through Annual Plan mail outs or electoral roll database may capture residents in the area of SH2 and SH50

Mr Posting had drafted a letter that residents could keep in their car glove box and would provide authorisation for them to access their home during road closures. It was suggested that an 0800 number be included in the letter to enable residents to notify any road hazards - ie fallen trees.

Mrs Maxwell had the local knowledge and Mr Posting would liaise with her in regard to local residents who may be affected.

Councillor Lester/Ms Maxwell

- A) That the report of the Group Manager: Asset Management titled "NZTA Road Closure Initiatives" dated 30 May 2016 be received.**
- B) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board support the initiative and enable staff to work on the detailed aspects of the proposal.**

CARRIED

5. **ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS 2016/17** (Document 16/487)

The Strategy Manager, Mr Verhoeven advised that the purpose of the report was to inform the Board on the following submissions received to the 2016/17 Annual Plan that had a rural focus.

CBD Parking – Various submissions had been received in regard to parking in the CBD with response to the tear off return slip indicating 21% were in favour of a charge on rates and 79% in favour of paying via parking meter charges.

The Board had discussed this issue previously and agreed that user charges were the most appropriate method to pay for parking and the status quo (coins in parking meters) remain for parking in the CBD rather than a targeted rate.

Submission No. 3 – Mr Warwick Marshall wrote that in some instances within the Rural Zone a subdivision was undertaken for a purpose other than creating additional sites for development, such as building a new dwelling.

Mr Marshall submitted that in such circumstances Development Contributions should be deferred until such time as development did occur.

This issue had previously been discussed by the Board and agreed to continue with the status quo approach of charging Development Contributions on all rural subdivisions.

Submission No. 9 – Mr Viv Moule, Eskdale School sought a one off funding request of \$8,000 plus GST to enable the redevelopment of the Eskdale School Hall which would also be used as a community hall.

The Board were supportive of the request for a school hall, but Council did not fund school assets. It was suggested that other funding mechanisms could be through the Rural Halls Fund or the Eastern and Community Trust. However, the criteria for Rural Halls stipulated it had to be within the Hastings District and the parameters were strict. The school and proposed hall site was within the Napier Boundary.

Submission No. 63 - Paul and Julie O'Regan requested that suitable toilet facilities be available at Maraetotara Falls to accommodate all the visitors during the summer period. They would also like to see rubbish bins placed in areas along the river.

Mr and Mrs O'Regan would like Okaihau Road sealed all the way to Waimarama as the road is very rough and hard on local vehicles.

The Board agreed that toilets and rubbish bins be provided at Maraetotara Falls. It was noted that currently there was no budget for seal extension on Hastings roads and that NZTA advise that traffic volumes would need to exceed 200-250 vehicles per day for a seal extension to become economically beneficial. Traffic volumes on Okaihau Road currently were 80 vehicles per day.

Submission 66 – Derek Brownrigg requested that Council look at improving the Waimarama/Ocean Beach intersection.

The Board were advised officers were currently working through designs to improve the intersection at Waimarama/Ocean Beach. There was construction work already programmed for Ocean Beach Road and it may be possible to link the improvements to this work.

Submission No. 68 – Mark Whittle requested that Council fund the replacement of a new playground at the Hutchinson Domain in Puketitiri. The current playground is no longer compliant and for a small rural community it was cost prohibitive to replace.

The Board were advised that some pieces of the playground equipment were being refurbished and that a \$10,000 grant through the Parks Renewal Budget would provide equipment.

Submission No. 78 – Steve Currie and Submission 90 - Sandy Walker requested that the Councils of Hawke's Bay unite with Gisborne and NZTA to fund a strategic study of the Napier to Gisborne route to provide a quality roading network through to the North. The strategy should include all options

such as rail, road and cycleways.

The Board supported the funding of a Feasibility Study for road and rail between Napier and Gisborne. This was a potential important piece of infrastructure and Government should consider this as a priority for the District.

Submission No. 82 - Steffan Browning submitted that an alternative to glyphosate based herbicides be considered to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Circulated at the meeting (CG-13-26-00088) were the officer comments in regard to Mr Browning's submission.

The Board supported the officer's comments and acknowledged Council was continuing to reduce reliance on glyphosate and similar products.

Councillor Kerr and Mr Dawson having both previously declared a conflict of interest withdrew from the meeting table, while Submission 99 was addressed.

Submission No. 99 – Will Foley, Federated Farmers submitted that Council ensure that rural roads were maintained and upgraded appropriately.

Subdivision in rural areas caused higher land prices and as a consequence higher rate contributions for land owners. Mr Foley submitted that future residential or industrial ratepayers make ongoing financial contributions for developments to services that they will directly benefit from. A number of points were raised in regard to rates.

The Board supported the Officer's Comments in regard to the issues raised.

Councillor Kerr and Mr Dawson rejoined the meeting table.

Submission No. 141 – Chrissy Ormond, Sherenden & Districts School requested funding assistance from Council in order to assist in the completion of installing turf on the school's tennis court.

The Board supported the need for the installation of turf on the school's tennis courts. However, there was the potential to create a precedent as numerous schools in the district would seek funding.

The Board supported the suggestion from the Council's Community Grants Officer that the School submit an application for funding through the Eastern and Central Community Trust.

Councillor Lester/Ms Maxwell

- A) **That the report of the Strategy Manager titled "Annual Plan Submissions 2016/17" dated 30/05/2016 be received.**
- B) **That the Hastings District Rural Community Board supports the progression of the corridor study to provide a comprehensive review and forward plan to improve the connection between Napier Port and Wairoa (and beyond).**

- C) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board provided the following feedback on submissions:**
- That parking in the CBD continue as a user charge rather than a targeted rate.
 - Continue with the status quo approach of charging Development Contributions on all rural subdivisions.
 - Supportive of both Eskdale School's and Sherenden Districts School's requests, but noted the cross boundary issues and potential precedent for funding school assets, and signalled that the Board needed to review the matter of how community infrastructure was delivered and funded in rural communities before determining a position on the matter.
 - Agreed that toilets and rubbish bins be provided at Maraetotara Falls.
 - Agreed with the officers' approach to improving Waimarama/Ocean Beach intersection.
- D) That the following ten submissions on rural matters be received:**
- Warwick Marshall (3)
 - Viv Moulde, Eskdale School (9)
 - Julie and Paul O'Regan (63)
 - Derek Brownrigg (66)
 - Mark Whittle (68)
 - Steve Currie (78)
 - Sandy Walker (90)
 - Steffan Browning (83)
 - Will Foley, Federated Farmers (99)
 - Sherenden & Districts School (141)

CARRIED

6. RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME UPDATE
(Document 16/498)

The Transportation Operations Manager, Mr Glock circulated (CG-13-8-00089) photos of the AWPT programmed sites for information.

It was noted that Mr Glock's future reports would also include updates on bridges assessments in the district.

Councillor Lester/Councillor Kerr

- A) That the report of the Transportation Operations Manager titled "Rural Transportation Programme Update" dated 30/05/2016 be received.**

CARRIED

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

8. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: