

CONFIRMED MINUTES

**OF THE WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE WAIHEMO SERVICE CENTRE, PALMERSTON
ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT: Mrs Heather McGregor (Chair), Mr Paul Roy (Deputy Chair), Ms Casey Linklater and Mrs Carol Watson

APOLOGIES: Mrs Katrina Dodd and Cr Peter Newton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gary Kircher
Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale
Fergus Power (Chief Executive)
Leanne Kingan (Executive Assistant; minute-taker)

MEETING OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

REMEMBRANCE – MR KEN BROWN

The Chair read out a statement of remembrance for former Waihemo Community Board Deputy Chair and member, Mr Ken Brown, who had passed away on Wednesday 8 September 2020. The full statement is recorded below for the meeting record.

Former Waihemo Community Board Deputy Chair and member Mr Ken Brown passed away suddenly on Wednesday 8 September 2020. He had given 30 years of loyal, conscientious and dedicated service to the Waihemo Community Board and Waitaki district until his retirement ahead of the local government elections last year. Mr Brown also served on the Palmerston Council before it became the Waihemo Community Board, and as a trustee on the Oamaru Licensing Trust.

A minute's silence was then observed in remembrance of Mr Ken Brown.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED WCB 2020/038

Moved: Mr Paul Roy

Seconded: Mrs Carol Watson

That the apologies received from Mrs Katrina Dodd and Cr Peter Newton be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2020

RESOLVED WCB 2020/039

Moved: Ms Casey Linklater
Seconded: Mrs Carol Watson

That the Waihemo Community Board confirms the Public minutes of the Waihemo Community Board Meeting held on 2 March 2020, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 31 AUGUST 2020

RESOLVED WCB 2020/040

Moved: Mrs Carol Watson
Seconded: Ms Casey Linklater

That the Waihemo Community Board confirms the Public minutes of the Waihemo Community Board Meeting held on 31 August 2020, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

5 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

5.1 ASSETS UPDATE

The report, as circulated, updated the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Waihemo Ward since the last Board meeting.

At the Mayor's request, Chief Executive Fergus Power provided an update on the Three Waters Reform Programme. Mayor Kircher added that the Waters team was now working to get tenders out and contractors signed up for the work.

RESOLVED WCB 2020/041

Moved: Ms Casey Linklater
Seconded: Mr Paul Roy

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

5.2 RECREATION UPDATE

The report, as circulated, provided an update to the Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects.

The Chair advised that the Puketapu Track feasibility study was due to start this week, with Simon Noble as the facilitator.

There was no update to report on the Squash Club matters.

The Chair advised that the Board's proposal to have six more seats at the Palmerston Bike Park were in excess of the Recreation fund budget. Mayor Gary Kircher commented that there was likely to be other ways to fund the additional seats, and suggested the Chair liaise with the Recreation Manager to identify a suitable solution.

ACTION: Board Chair with Recreation Manager / team

RESOLVED WCB 2020/042

Moved: Mrs Carol Watson
Seconded: Ms Casey Linklater

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

5.3 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE WAIHEMO WARD FOR AUGUST 2020

The report, as circulated, provided the Board members with a list of building consents issued in the Waihemo Ward during August 2020.

RESOLVED WCB 2020/043

Moved: Mr Paul Roy
Seconded: Mrs Carol Watson

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

5.4 WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

The report, as circulated, attached correspondence addressed to the Waihemo Community Board that has been received since the previous meeting, for the Board's consideration and response action as required.

The letter received from the Palmerston Mini Show was acknowledged. The meeting was advised that the organisers had been successful in receiving a grant from the Community Grants Fund. However, they may come back to the Board if they require any additional funding.

RESOLVED WCB 2020/044

Moved: Mr Paul Roy
Seconded: Mrs Carol Watson

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information

CARRIED

5.5 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The report, as circulated, provided the Chairperson's report to Board members and the public.

The Chair gave a verbal update on the Board's visits to various places in the Waihemo ward, including the new library at Hampden, the Hampden workshop area, and the Kuri track as well as to Moeraki to inspect the new seats.

The Chair congratulated everyone involved with the Otago Field Days 2020 event, which had been held on 7 – 8 October 2020. Despite very cold weather, there was a good turnout.

On behalf of all Board members, the Chair formally acknowledged the work of Council staff and in particular Mayor Kircher and thanked them for their significant involvement in and leadership of the civil defence response to the Lake Ohau fires.

The Annual Residents' Survey results were discussed briefly. The Chair highlighted that it was pleasing to see the satisfaction levels for the Board's performance had increased this year. Chief Executive Fergus Power commented that it was indeed a very good result because it was a marked increase in satisfaction, and he congratulated the Board for that outcome.

RESOLVED WCB 2020/045

Moved: Mrs Heather McGregor

Seconded: Ms Casey Linklater

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5.6 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS' AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The report, as circulated, provided reports from the Waihemo Community Board Members and Waihemo Ward Councillor.

Deputy Chair Paul Roy expressed his personal sadness in the passing of former Board Member and Deputy Chair Ken Brown. He acknowledged that Mr Brown had been a sitting Board member from the outset of his own time as a Waihemo Community Board member.

RESOLVED WCB 2020/046

Moved: Mr Paul Roy

Seconded: Mrs Carol Watson

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

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5.7 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

The report, as circulated, provided links to final agenda papers for recent Council Meetings that have contained update reports by the Mayor and Chief Executive, for the information of Community Board members and their communities.

Mayor Gary Kircher provided an update on the response to the Lake Ohau Fires. He acknowledged that Council's team had been working very hard, and also that Council officially took over from Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) today. He noted that there is a need to keep improving with civil defence processes and to train up more controllers. Councillors are looking at rates relief for the Ohau residents and working through the logistics of that assistance. After Sunday's public meeting in Twizel, members of the Twizel community are very concerned that the same thing could happen to them, and they are talking with the Mackenzie District Council to see what can be done. Mayor Kircher encouraged Board members and Waihemo residents to be mindful of what is being done within their own communities and to consider what areas could be at risk in the Waihemo ward. In reply, the Chair advised that a local civil defence meeting would be held the following week and Shag Point would be a discussion item on the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale updated the Board on a recent meeting she had attended with Environment Canterbury (ECan). The meeting had occurred before the Ohau fires, but an agenda item for that meeting had been discussing a budget of \$3 million to remove wilding pines in the Lake Ohau area. The Deputy Mayor also noted how busy Elected Members were with the District Plan review and the numerous workshops and considerable reading involved. There was still a lot of work to be done. She also mentioned that she is currently participating in a foundation course related to decision-making in accordance with the Resource Management Area (RMA). Finally, the Deputy Mayor reported that a number of Councillors (the Mayor was not present because it was the first day of the Lake Ohau fires and he had travelled there instead) had recently met with Te Runaka o Moeraki at the Moeraki Marae. Good discussions were held which would help improve relationships with the Runaka going forward.

Chief Executive Fergus Power also mentioned the workload associated with the District Plan Review and the added pressure it has put on Council officers. These were extremely busy times in the office for everyone.

RESOLVED WCB 2020/047

Moved: Mrs Carol Watson
Seconded: Mr Paul Roy

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed, at 7.10pm.

CONFIRMED at the Waihemo Community Board Meeting held on Monday, 7 December 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON