

Egmont Plains Community Board

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Egmont Plains Community Board held at the Sandfords Event Centre, Tasman Street, Opunake on Wednesday 10 June 2009, commencing at 9.30 am.

PRESENT: Mrs Arlidge (Chairperson), Councillor Smith, Messrs Brewer and Vincent and Mrs Gibson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Development Team Leader (Mrs Symes), Community Funding Advisor (Miss Death), Communications Officer (Miss Murphy), Youth Development Facilitator (Mrs Aldridge), Support Services Officer (Miss Malin) and 14 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

1 OPENING PRAYER

(a) Reverend Geoff Williams

2 OPEN FORUM

(a) **Mrs Carol Marshall**

(i) Egmont Community Arts Council

Mrs Marshall spoke on behalf of the Egmont Community Arts Council (ECAC) who were disappointed that regular funding they allocated for the Creative Communities Scheme as part of a Third Party Agreement with the South Taranaki District Council had ceased.

The ECAC had been responsible for many projects within the Opunake community including murals, the Peter Snell statue, cultural events and assistance to the Taranaki Art Awards.

The ECAC distributed small grants of up to \$500 to applicants from Opunake and the wider community, which had historically been funded by funds from Creative New Zealand via the Creative Communities Scheme.

Mrs Marshall stated that the original agreement was signed in 2002 and was due for renewal every two years. This agreement had since expired and a new agreement had been proposed for funds to be distributed by ECAC biannually. However, following advice from Creative New Zealand relating to implementation of their guidelines, it was decided this funding would no longer be provided.

Mrs Marshall noted that applications to the arts council had been received from outside the Egmont Plains Ward and had been granted.

Mrs Marshall said that there were several projects, including creative writing workshops, hosting comedy groups and an art space in Opunake that ECAC would not be able to support now that the funding from Creative Communities had ceased.

Mrs Marshall suggested that the Council assist ECAC to be recognised as a district wide service and investigate the possibility of continuing Creative Communities funding.

The Board agreed to support ECAC in their submission to the Annual Plan to be recognised as providing district wide services.

(b) **Mr Matt Lash**

(i) Opunake High School Hillary Challenge Team

Mr Lash spoke in support of the request from the Opunake High School Hillary Challenge Team to the Board for Discretionary Funding assistance towards covering the costs of attending the 2009 Genesis Energy Secondary Schools Hillary Challenge from 18 to 22 May.

Mr Lash was the coach of the Opunake High School Hillary Challenge team and explained that the challenge was a week-long invitational mental and physical competition. Teams competed in initiative, problem solving, expedition and sporting events. The Opunake High School team had trained for several months prior to the event and competed against large schools from around New Zealand. The team had competed well, however, they were penalised during a task which resulted in them placing sixth overall. Mr Lash stated that Hillary Challenge competitors gained confidence, skills and experience that was beneficial to themselves and the community.

The team had fundraised extensively towards the costs of the challenge, however, they still had a shortfall of approximately \$1,000.

Mr Brewer noted that the funding request was now retrospective and questioned why the shortfall was more than anticipated. Mr Lash stated that the team had to schedule fundraising activities around training and other life commitments. The team would continue to fundraise towards the shortfall.

(c) **Mr Simon Guthrie and Mrs Deborah Jennings**

(i) Manaia Sports Complex Society

Mr Guthrie and Mrs Jennings spoke in support of the request from the Manaia Sports Complex Society to the Board for funding assistance from the Waimate Plains Development Levy to paint the exterior of the complex.

Mr Guthrie noted that the complex was owned by the Council and administered by the Society. Currently, junior rugby, tennis and touch teams, and school groups regularly utilised the complex. The complex was available for anyone to hire out and use.

Mr Guthrie stated that the exterior of the facility was in disrepair. A new roof had been put on the complex and previous successful funding requests to the Waimate Plains Development Levy had allowed the Society to paint the interior and fence the complex.

The Society wanted to ensure the facility continued to be suitable for public use and they were prepared to fund any shortfall for the exterior painting project. The Society had built funds to around \$5,000 over the past five years, however, they were reluctant to utilise all the funds for the exterior painting as it was the start of the financial year and that money would be needed for general running costs.

Mr Guthrie noted that if the Board was supportive of the application, the Society would recognise their support by way of signage.

Mrs Jennings stated it was important to invest in the complex to continue to encourage activity in Manaia.

(d) **Mrs Jean Roach**

(i) Ten Year Plan

Mrs Roach expressed concern that the originally advertised submission closing dates and meeting times for the Ten Year Plan differed from the finalised dates.

(ii) Opunake art space

Mrs Roach notified the Board that a public meeting was taking place regarding the establishment of an art space in Opunake.

She tabled an invite to the public meeting which was being held on Monday 15 June at the Sandfords Event Centre. She noted that the meeting would gauge interest in the art space and consider prospective locations.

Mrs Roach noted that attendance by Board members to the meeting would be valuable support for the proposal.

Mr Vincent questioned whether the art space would be in a permanent venue. Mrs Roach replied that it was the intention that the art space would be a permanent fixture.

(iii) Tutunui's Garden public submission

Mrs Roach spoke regarding a public submission to the Mayor regarding the sculpture Tutunui's Garden.

The submission supported the sculpture being located in Opunake and requested that the Council reconsider its decision to locate it elsewhere in South Taranaki. More than 260 signatures supporting the submission had been collected.

Mrs Roach tabled the submission and requested it be presented to the Mayor.

(e) **Mrs Suzie Stanley**

(i) Taranaki Art Awards Trust

Mrs Stanley spoke in support of the request from the Taranaki Art Awards Trust to the Board for Discretionary Funding assistance towards a guarantee against loss and display boards for the 2009 Taranaki Art Awards.

Mrs Stanley advised that the 2009 Taranaki Art Awards were being held in conjunction with the Taranaki Rhododendron Festival and would encourage many visitors to Opunake.

Each year, the Taranaki Art Awards Trust hired display boards from the TSB Bank. The Trust had considered purchasing display boards in 2009, however, the cost was too high and it was more reasonable to continue to hire the display boards.

Due to increased costs, the Trust also required a guarantee against loss. Mrs Stanley advised that the Trust had never hosted an art awards that had run at a loss.

Mrs Arlidge stated that the Board usually supported the art awards by way of a guarantee against loss, however, this year the Trust was requesting additional funds. She noted that if the Board were to grant the entire request, it would equate to a large portion of their yearly Discretionary Fund.

Mr Brewer asked if the Trust needed the funds immediately. Mrs Stanley replied that the event would be in October, however, it was prudent to have all the necessary funding in order prior to commencement.

Mrs Gibson questioned what sponsorship the Trust had received. Mrs Stanley advised that applications had been sent out earlier this year and the Trust continued to be notified of their outcomes.

It was noted that the Trust had been receiving grants from the Egmont Community Arts Council, however, as the arts council had little funds, these grants could no longer be relied on.

(f) **Mr Craig Russell**

(i) Ten Year Plan

Mr Russell expressed disappointment that the advertised times for the Ten Year Plan submission closing dates and meeting times differed from the finalised dates.

(ii) Noticeboard use in Opunake

Mr Russell expressed concern that the notice board outside Sinclair Electrical In Opunake was in disrepair.

He questioned the ownership of the notice board and suggested that once it was identified, the Board be put to more beneficial use. He noted that the Opunake visitor centre was not open at all times and the notice board could be used to provide tourists with information.

(iii) Opunake sand dune project

Mr Russell asked what progress had been made regarding the Opunake Sand dune project. Mr Brewer advised that plants had been ordered and work would be completed in 12 months.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 29 April 2009

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Gibson/Mr Brewer)

19/09 EP **THAT the minutes of the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting held on 29 April 2009 be received and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.**

CARRIED

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Gibson/Cr Smith)

20/09 EP **THAT the agenda for the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting of 10 June 2009 be adopted as the business for the meeting.**

CARRIED

5 FUNDING REQUEST REPORTS

(a) **Community Funding Advisor**

(i) Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund

An application was received from the Manaia Sports Complex Society requesting funding assistance from the Waimate Plains Development Levy to paint the exterior of the Manaia Sports Complex.

Councillor Smith declared an interest as a member of the Manaia Sports Complex Society.

Mrs Gibson recognised the fundraising efforts of the society and noted that there was only one application the Waimate Plains Development Levy for the round. The Board supported Mrs Gibson's statements.

Mrs Arlidge questioned whether the Manaia Sports Complex Society would be excluded from the Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund funding round as they had previously been given grants from that fund. Miss Death advised that they could apply to any Waimate Plains Development Levy funding round, regardless of previous funds granted.

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Gibson/Mr Brewer)

21/09 EP **THAT the \$9,000 be allocated from the Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund to the Manaia Sports Complex to paint the exterior of the complex.**

CARRIED

(ii) Opunake High School – Hillary Challenge

An application was received from the Opunake High School Hillary Challenge Team to the Board for Discretionary Funding assistance towards covering the costs of attending the 2009 Genesis Energy Secondary Schools Hillary Challenge from 18 to 22 May.

Mrs Arlidge declared an interest as a teacher at Opunake High School.

Councillor Smith and Mr Vincent supported the application and stated that the Hillary Challenge was beneficial to local youth.

Mr Brewer highlighted that the figures that were presented in the application were not consistent with the final figures that were provided to the Board. Miss Death advised that the application had been received some time before the June Board meeting, but not early enough to be included in the May Board meeting agenda. The figures given in the application were estimates based on information known at the time.

Mrs Gibson questioned whether the Hillary Challenge Team would have a shortfall each year as it was a costly event. Mrs Arlidge advised that the school was not as well-resourced as larger schools who attended and it was a likely possibility. It was suggested that an ongoing commitment be made to the Hillary Challenge Team.

RESOLUTION**(Cr Smith/Mr Vincent)****22/09 EP**

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board approves a grant of \$500 to the Opunake High School Hillary Challenge Team for the costs to attend the Genesis Energy Secondary Schools Hillary Challenge.

CARRIED

(iii) Taranaki Art Awards

An application was received from the Taranaki Art Awards Trust for Discretionary Funding assistance to guarantee the 2009 Taranaki Art Awards against loss and to cover the hire and transport costs of display boards for the event.

Mrs Gibson declared an interest as a member of the Taranaki Art Awards Trust.

Mr Brewer suggested that a decision regarding the application be deferred to the July meeting as the current balance of the Discretionary Fund was low. Miss Death advised that if the Board wanted to support the art awards, they could decide to allocate funds from the 2009/10 Discretionary Fund.

Mrs Arlidge stated that she would prefer to make a decision at the meeting to ensure the Trust had knowledge of what could be expected of the Board. She suggested that \$5,500 was a significant portion of the yearly Discretionary Fund and did not support granting the entire requested amount.

It was noted that the Taranaki Art Awards Trust would prefer to secure funds for the display boards as they were an integral part of the event. Mrs Arlidge suggested that historically, the Board had granted the Taranaki Art Awards Trust \$3,500 and that it was a significant contribution considering size of the total Discretionary Fund.

22/09 EP

RESOLUTION

(Mr Brewer/Mrs Arlidge)

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board approve the \$2,000 from their Discretionary Fund requested by the Taranaki Art Awards Trust for the hire and transport costs of the display boards; and

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board approve up to \$1,500 for a guarantee against loss for the 2009 Taranaki Art Awards from the 2009/10 Discretionary Fund.

CARRIED**(b) Community Development Team Leader****(i) Coastal Youth Core Incorporated**

In September 2007, Coastal Youth Core Incorporated (CYC) presented an application to the Board requesting Discretionary Fund assistance to match the funds raised by CYC up to \$10,000 per year, for three years. The Board was required to make a decision as to whether to allocate \$10,000 from the 2008/09 Discretionary Fund.

Councillor Smith supported granting CYC the full \$10,000 and committing a further \$10,000 from the 2009/10 Discretionary Fund.

Mrs Arlidge stated that it was sensible to match the \$4,000 CYC had raised from the 2008/09 Discretionary Fund.

She suggested allocating a further \$6,000 from the 2008/09 Discretionary Fund and \$10,000 from the 2009/10 Discretionary Fund. This would ensure that CYC had funds to meet the criteria to apply to the Lottery Community Facilities Fund. This would allocate the intended amount of funding while honouring the Boards intention to match CYC dollar-for-dollar in their fundraising efforts.

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Gibson/Mrs Arlidge)

24/09 EP

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board approve a grant of \$4,000, matching funds raised by Coastal Youth Core Incorporated, to complete Stage Two of the Opunake Skatepark redevelopment; and;

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board commit \$6,000 from the 2008/09 financial year and a further \$10,000 from the 2009/10 financial year to be released to Coastal Youth Core Incorporated to complete Stage Two and Three of the Opunake Skatepark, conditional on a positive outcome from the Lottery Community Facilities Fund application for the Opunake Skatepark project by January 2010.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.32 am.

Dated this day of 2009.

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CHAIRPERSON