

# Hawera Community Board

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Hawera Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Albion Street, Hawera on Monday 9 February 2009 commencing at 4.00 pm.

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Johnson (Chairperson), Mr Greaves, Mr Kumeroa, Mrs Judkins and Mrs Hicks (4.05 pm).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Rangiwhia and Bourke, Group Manager Community Services and Development (Mrs Martin), Community Development Advisor (Mr Oliver), Support Services Manager (Miss Cox), Communications Officer (Miss Murphy), Community Development Advisor (Mrs McDonald), Support Services Officer (Miss Malin), one member of the public and two members of the press.

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor R Dunlop and Mrs Fiona Hicks (for lateness).

## RESOLUTION

(Mrs Judkins/Mr Kumeroa)

01/09 HA **THAT the apologies from Mayor Ross Dunlop and Mrs Fiona Hicks (for lateness) be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 1 OPEN FORUM

(a) **Group Manager Community Services and Development, Jan Martin**

(i) Young Farmers Contest

Mrs Martin informed the Board that the Taranaki/Manawatu regional final of the 2009 Young Farmers Contest would be held in Hawera at the Hub site on 8 March 2009. The event comprises several outdoor activities and would utilise several areas of the Hub venue.

It had been agreed that the turf next to the netball courts could be used as part of a digger event, provided the area was reinstated.

Mrs Martin noted that the event would be good exposure for the Hub and Hawera.

(b) **Ms Imelda Mauriri**

(i) Parihaka

Ms Mauriri raised her personal concerns about the Parihaka Peace Festival. She was particularly concerned about the safety of those attending the festival and the young age of the people who she deemed were *under the influence* of drugs and alcohol.

She questioned whether the Council should be financially supporting an event where drugs and alcohol were used and suggested the event be made drug and alcohol free in the future.

Councillor Johnson noted that the Council's influence at Parihaka was limited, but he would endeavour to investigate Ms Mauriri's concerns.

Mr Kumeroa commended Ms Mauriri's community work and supported Mr Johnson's suggestion.

(ii) King Edward Park

The Māori Warden's had been secured by Councillor Johnson to help remedy vandalism and truant youth at King Edward Park.

Ms Mauriri stated that one of her aims as a Māori Warden was to keep the park a safe and clean environment for the public. She noted that the vandalism and truant youth at the park had decreased, but the problem was flowing to the Hub site. She also noted that she often saw youth smoking behind the large hedge at the main entrance to the park.

Ms Mauriri noted that the problem with youth at the park had increased at the start of the 2009 school year. She queried whether it was the responsibility of the school to keep youth out of the park during school hours, particularly break times.

Mrs Hicks stated that she had spoken to the principal of the school and was told a staff member was posted at every school gate during break times. Mrs Judkins noted that she often saw high school students around town and questioned the schools methods for keeping students in the school grounds.

Mrs Hicks would approach the school principal in an attempt to remedy the situation.

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(a) Ordinary Meeting held on 3 November 2008

**RESOLUTION**

(Mr Greaves/Mr Kumeroa)

02/09 HA **THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 November 2008 be received and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

## 3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(a) Hawera Community Board – 9 February 2009

**RESOLUTION**

(Mr Kumeroa/Mrs Judkins)

03/09 HA **THAT the agenda for the Hawera Community Board of 9 November 2009 be adopted as the business for the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

#### 4 FUNDING REQUEST REPORT

##### (a) Community Funding Advisor, Maryse Death

##### (i) Chairman Peter Johnson - Reimbursement

An application was received from the Hawera Community Board Chairman, Councillor Peter Johnson, to the Hawera Community Board for the reimbursement of \$1,000 used to pay the Māori Wardens to patrol King Edward Park.

Councillor Johnson noted that the current agreement would end on March 1 and that other avenues would have to be investigated to continue to keep the park clean and safe. He suggested the Board discuss other options informally and noted that any formal agreement with the Māori Wardens may be problematic.

Councillor Johnson advised there had been a significant drop in vandalism and loitering at the park.

Mrs Martin noted that if the patrols became an ongoing service of the Council, the Māori Wardens would operate as contractors and have to comply with the Council's health and safety regulations.

The Board members supported a relaxed stance for monitoring the park issues, and preferred to engage the Māori Wardens themselves.

They also questioned the role of the police in controlling the issues at the park. Councillor Johnson noted that the police had been in contact with the Māori Wardens and had assured them they would respond, subject to priority.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Greaves/Mrs Judkins)**

**04/09 HA** **THAT the Hawera Community Board approves the application from the Hawera Community Board Chairman, Councillor Peter Johnson, for \$1,000 reimbursement for the Māori Warden patrols in King Edward Park for the duration of three months.**

**CARRIED**

#### 5 REPORT

##### (a) Support Services Manager, Shannon Cox

##### (i) Remuneration Increase for 2009/2010

Each year the Remuneration Authority advises the Council of an increase to the Mayor's salary and the total remuneration pool available for all other elected members and requests that the Council and Community Boards consider how the pool's increase be allocated across the elected member categories.

Some Board members supported their increase being used towards the Māori Wardens to continue patrols at King Edward Park.

