

Patea Community Board

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Patea Community Board held in the Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Patea on Wednesday 10 June 2009 commencing at 3.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mr Honeyfield (Chairperson), Ms Aiken, Mrs Dew-Hopkins and Mrs Lambert.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Wards, Group Manager Environment and Information Services (Mr Young), Community Development Team Leader (Mrs Symes), Communications Officer (Miss Murphy), Support Services Officer (Miss Malin), Mr E Gripp (Nga Ruaru) and ten members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mayor Dunlop and Councillor Packer.

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Lambert/Ms Aiken)

24/09 PA **THAT the apologies from Mayor Dunlop and Councillor Packer be received.**

CARRIED

1 **OPEN FORUM**

(a) **Mr Owen Savage**

(i) Waverley Baptist Church

Mr Savage spoke in support of the application from the Waverley Baptist Church to the Board for Discretionary Funding assistance to purchase new tiles to replace the carpet at the church.

Mr Savage advised that the carpet at the church was in an area where food and beverages were served and was worn and stained. The carpet had also been placed over what was historically a garage and oil stains were visible in particularly worn areas of the carpet.

The Waverley Baptist Church had decided to replace the carpet with tiles as it was more suitable given the high volume of users that consumed food and beverages in the area. Mr Savage noted that Fonterra, Mainly Music, Women's Institute, a country and western club and many other groups utilised the facility.

Quotes for the tiles and labour had come in at approximately \$10,000, so church members had decided to undertake the labour involved themselves to reduce costs. They were currently committed to using funds in hand for other building maintenance, insurance and power.

(b) **Mr Hugh Cunningham**

(i) Waverley Cemetery Records

Mr Cunningham spoke to his concerns that the cemetery records for Waverley and Manutahi were unavailable on the South Taranaki District Council website.

He noted that records for other cemeteries in the district had been online for some time. Members of the previous Patea Community Board had recommended to the Council that the Waverley and Manutahi records be put online and it was yet to happen. It was noted at that time that the cemetery was administered by trustees.

Mr Cunningham stated that cemetery records were useful to people researching family history and should be readily accessible. He asked that the Board continue to support the initiative of the previous Patea Community Board members. The Board supported Mr Cunningham's request.

2 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(a) Ordinary Meeting held 29 April 2009

Mrs Lambert referred to the minutes and asked that it be corrected to read:

~~Mrs Lambert questioned whether it would be problematic for the Council if the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund was the first point of call for returned funds what would happen to the funds if the Museum Trust was to cease to administer the facility.~~

The Board was concerned that recommendation 21/09 PA was not indicative of the intent of the Board. They requested that the Council consider the following re-worded recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

(Mrs Lambert/Ms Aiken)

25/09 PA

THAT the Patea Community Board recommend that a letter of intent be signed by the South Taranaki Museum Trust and the Patea Historical Society that should the South Taranaki District Museum cease to operate as a public district museum and ownership of the South Taranaki District Museum Trust's assets revert to the Patea Historical Society, as set out in their Deed, that the Patea Historical Society return the \$200,000 invested from the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund to that Fund.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION**

(Mrs Dew-Hopkins/Ms Aiken)

26/09 PA

THAT the minutes of the Patea Community Board meeting held 29 April 2009 be received and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings with the above corrections; and

THAT the re-worded recommendation be referred back to the Council.

CARRIED

3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- (a) Patea Community Board – 10 June 2009

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Lambert/Mrs Dew-Hopkins)

27/09 PA **THAT the agenda for the Patea Community Board of 10 June 2009 be adopted as the business for the meeting.**

CARRIED

4 FUNDING REQUEST REPORTS

- (a) **Community Funding Advisor**

- (i) Waverley Baptist Church – Replace Carpet in the Church with Tiles

An application was received from the Waverley Baptist Church for Discretionary Funding assistance to purchase tiles to replace the worn carpet in the church.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins stated that she had some initial concerns regarding the application because the church had not shown what financial input they would put towards the tiles and labour. She supported the application for a lesser amount, noting that the church members would be providing the labour for the project themselves. Mrs Lambert supported this suggestion. Mrs Dew-Hopkins added that an application of this nature could be eligible for funds from the Wanganui Powerco Trust.

Ms Aiken suggested that by supporting a church driven project, the Board could be setting a precedent for future applications. She suggested that the church could be allocated a lesser amount on the proviso that they showed evidence that they would fundraise the project shortfall.

RESOLUTION

(Ms Aiken/Mrs Lambert)

28/09 PA **THAT the Patea Community Board approves a grant of \$500 from their Discretionary Fund to the Waverley Baptist Church to purchase tiles to replace worn carpet in the church.**

CARRIED

5 REPORT

- (a) **Property and Legal Executive**

- (i) Patea Community Development Trust – Land at 2 Bedford Street, Patea

The Patea Community Development Trust lodged a subdivision application with the Council regarding a block of land they own at 2 Bedford Street, Patea. They wished to subdivide the land into Lot 1 and Lot 2, and sell Lot 1.

A submission was received from Te Runanga O Ngati Ruanui Trust objecting to the subdivision as they wanted to ensure ongoing public access to the Patea River Estuary.

As a result of the objection, the Patea Community Development Trust suggested that the ownership of Lot 2 of the proposed subdivision be transferred to the Council as a community space. A recommendation from the Board was required as to whether the Council accept or decline the offer.

Councillor Wards declared an interest as chairperson of the Environment and Hearings Committee as there was potential for the subdivision to come before the Environment and Hearings Committee.

Mrs Lambert stated that to her knowledge, the land in question was purchased by the Patea Community Development Trust to build a river pa. She noted that the land that was proposed to be sold as part of the subdivision was the only suitable site to build a river pa if that project was to continue. The land adjacent to the road was intended to be used as car parking. Mr Honeyfield noted that if the Council accepted the proposed Lot 2, it could be used as a tourism development in the future.

Mr Young advised that the Board was being requested to consider whether the Council should accept or decline the proposed Lot 2. He stated that the report did not discuss past proposals or future developments of the land in question. He noted that the proposed transfer was complicated as the land would revert to the Council on the dissolution of the Patea Community Development Trust, however, the proposed gifting of Lot 2 would appease the objection from Te Runanga O Ngati Ruanui Trust. If it was decided to accept Lot 2, the subdivision would not be subject to a hearing.

Mrs Lambert queried what land would transfer to the Council on the dissolution of the Trust if it was decided not to accept the transfer of Lot 2. Mr Young advised that it was intended that Lot 1 be sold. Any part of Lot 2 that had not been sold would be transferred to Council.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins asked what the Council intended to do with Lot 2 if it was decided to accept it as a gift. Mr Young advised that the land would be Local Purpose Reserve. It was intended that picnic tables and seating would be installed.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins questioned whether the entire Patea Community Development Trust was supportive of the subdivision, and the suggested gifting of Lot 2 to the Council. Mr Young advised that report discussed the Patea Community Development Trust's intention to gift Lot 2 to the Council. He suggested the Board discuss any other concerns they had at a separate meeting with the Patea Community Development Trust.

Mrs Lambert queried whether there would be further opportunity to make a submission regarding the subdivision, and who could lodge submissions. Mr Young replied that Council was only required to notify Te Runanga O Ngati Ruanui Trust of the proposed subdivision because they had a right of involvement. Submissions regarding the subdivision were closed.

Ms Aiken questioned whether any recommendations made by the Board would affect Lot 1 of the proposed subdivision. Mr Young replied that only Lot 2 was being considered in the report.

