

Patea Community Board

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Patea Community Board held in the Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont Street, Patea on Wednesday 11 February 2009 commencing at 3.30 pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Wards, Group Manager Environment and Information Services (Mr Young), Group Manager Engineering Services (Mr McCann), Community Development Manager (Mrs Mekalick), Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager (Mr Marriott), Support Services Manager (Miss Cox), Engineering Assets and Planning Manager (Mr Wilkinson), Community Development Team Leader (Mrs Symes), Communications Officer (Miss Murphy), Arts Co-ordinator (Mrs Stoneman), Support Services Officer (Miss Malin) and 15 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Mayor R Dunlop.

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Dew-Hopkins/Cr Packer)

01/09 **THAT** the apology from the Mayor R Dunlop be received.

CARRIED

1 OPEN FORUM

(a) Mr Heath Chittenden

(i) Hurleyville Hall Society Incorporated

Mr Chittenden spoke to the funding request received from the Hurleyville Hall Society Incorporated to the Patea Community Board for assistance towards renovations to the interior of the Hurleyville Hall.

He advised the Board that the local community had fundraised and received funding assistance to complete Stage 1 of the project, and were now looking for assistance for Stage 2, the interior renovations.

He noted that interior needed to be sanded, relined and painted and the kitchen also required new cupboards. A ceiling needed to be installed and the toilet area needed new basins and windows.

The Hurleyville Hall was not eligible for many other funding sources as it was outside the allocation boundaries of various funding agencies.

Councillor Packer commended the Society for their fundraising work to date and extended her full support to the project.

(b) Mr Bill Brannigan**(i) Patea water bores**

Mr Brannigan spoke to his concerns about the Patea water bores which were not currently in use. He questioned whether the bores could be resurrected, despite being deteriorated.

Mr Wilkinson advised that saline intrusion had been the reason the water bores were no longer in use and it would be difficult to treat the water from the disused bores to meet the new Drinking Water Standards.

(c) Mr John Hughes**(i) Patea Lions Club seats**

Mr Hughes spoke to the Patea Lions Club application to the Patea Community Board for funding assistance towards the installation of three seats along Egmont Street, Patea.

Mr Hughes advised that the Patea Lions Club had identified a need for seats on Egmont Street and had worked in conjunction with the Council to arrange the installation and ongoing maintenance of the seats. The Club needed funds for concrete and delivery of the concrete to complete the installation.

Mr Hughes noted that a concrete base under the seats would make them easier to maintain and the seats would be a long-term asset that would be appreciated by the community.

(d) Mrs Dawn Makari and Mrs Mary Maruera**(i) Patea Youth Trust**

Mrs Makari and Mrs Maruera spoke to a proposal from the Patea Youth Trust to have a BMX track in Patea. They asked if the Board could assist them to find and finance a suitable piece of land. It was suggested that if land became available, it could be leased to the Youth Trust as a long term option.

The Youth Trust had an open day in 2008 and the feedback indicated that a BMX track would be beneficial to local youth. The Trust had done strategic planning, investigated fundraising options and a track designer had been secured who had offered to complete the design work free of charge.

Mr Honeyfield commended the work of the Youth Trust in Patea and suggested liaising with the Community Development Team Leader, Mrs Symes to further investigate the recommendation.

(e) Mrs Leanne Morrison**(i) Pony Pals**

Mrs Morrison spoke to the Pony Pals need to have their land lease renewed to continue their services. The lease on the land Pony Pals was currently operating from was due to expire and Mrs Morrison asked that the Board put a recommendation to the Council to re-grant the lease to Pony Pals.

Mrs Morrison advised that she spent approximately \$5,000 per year of her own funds to run Pony Pals, and it would not be financially viable to have a more expensive lease.

She advised that local schools, special needs people, church groups and various community groups utilised Pony Pals.

The Board questioned whether they could make a recommendation to the Council that Pony Pals be the preferred tenant for the land. Mr Young advised that it would be unusual practice, but the Board could indicate their preferred tenant.

(f) **Mrs Karen Cook**

(i) St George's Restoration Committee

Mrs Cook spoke to the application from the St George's Restoration Committee to the Patea Community Board for funding assistance towards Stage 2 of the restoration of St George's Church, Patea.

Mrs Cook advised the Board that the church was a Category 1 building registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. The Committee had undertaken fundraising to complete Stage 1 of the church restoration and had a \$20,000 shortfall to complete Stage 2 of the project. Stage 2 would include asbestos removal, re-cladding of the exterior of the church and the safe removal and preservation of stained glass windows. Re-piling was also an issue that was being investigated.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins questioned what other funding avenues the Committee had investigated. Mrs Cook advised that they had success with applications to private trusts. They had also sent a letter to the parish community seeking their support.

Ms Aiken queried the contingency cost that had been built into the budget for Stage 2 of the project and whether it was needed. Mrs Cook noted that the unknowns in dealing with an historic building, weather and asbestos were factors that had to be included in the contingency cost.

Councillor Packer and Mr Honeyfield commended the Committee's efforts to date.

(g) **Mrs Elaine Powell**

(i) Paepae in the Park

Mrs Powell spoke to the application from the Paepae in the Park Committee to the Patea Community Board for funding assistance towards the 2009 Paepae in the Park event shortfall. She noted that the shortfall was \$1,000 and was less than had been requested in the application.

Councillor Packer questioned whether the Committee had approached local iwi for support. It was noted that they had been approached but had not indicated their support.

(h) **Mr Phil Morgan**

(i) Patea and Districts Boating Club

Mr Morgan spoke to the application from the Patea and Districts Boating Club to the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund for funding assistance to construct a jetty beside the Patea boat ramp at the end of Turi Street, Patea.

Mr Honeyfield queried a consent that had been applied for in the past and whether it was still valid. Mr Morgan advised that there had been objections from local iwi when the project was first proposed. That proposal did not proceed as a Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) hearing would have been required. The second and current proposal was satisfactory to local iwi and met with marine guidelines. Mrs Symes advised that the resource consent was valid until 2010.

Mrs Lambert questioned whether the consent would still apply as the current proposal varied from the initial plans. It was noted that TRC would clarify whether the consent was still valid.

(i) **Mr Murray Lowe**

(i) Taranaki District Health Board

Mr Lowe spoke on behalf of the Ministry of Health regarding the Government assistance programme to upgrade water supplies to meet the new Drinking Water Standards.

The Council had indicated an interest in applying to the Funding Assistance Programme to upgrade the Patea and Waverley water supply systems. Mr Lowe advised that 90 percent of the cost of the upgrades would be paid for by the Government, however certain criteria would need to be met. The Council's application would be assessed and ranked against others from around the country to determine its suitability.

(j) **Mrs Marie Mackay**

(i) South Taranaki District Museum Trust

Mrs Mackay spoke to the application from the South Taranaki District Museum Trust to the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund for funding assistance to complete the redevelopment of the Museum at Patea.

Mrs Mackay advised that there was a shortfall in funds for the project as it had been found the Museum was not adequate to house historical documents and objects. The initial project was to re-furbish the Museum, but the condition of the building meant a re-build was necessary.

The re-developed museum would be future-proofed and included a seamless roof, an established entrance, staff offices, a temperature and moisture control system and a sprinkler system.

The Museum re-build would result in a state-of-the-art, purpose built facility that could host national and international exhibitions and researchers. Mrs Mackay noted that the Trust had approached other funding avenues and had exhausted all the current available opportunities.

Ms Aiken questioned whether local iwi would support the Museum financially. Mrs Mackay noted that the Trust had made the decision to go to iwi for help with future exhibitions and would not be approaching them for financial assistance for the building.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins noted that the Trust had a loan with the Council and questioned their ability to make the repayments. Mrs Mackay advised that the Trust would continue to fundraise to ensure the repayments were made.

The Board asked at what stage the Trust would consider pulling out of the project if they did not receive the necessary funds. Mrs Mackay advised that the contractors would work until the funds that had already been secured were exhausted.

(k) Engineering Assets and Planning Manager, Mr Howard Wilkinson

(i) Upgrade of Patea and Waverley water supplies

Mr Wilkinson spoke to the proposed upgrades to the Patea and Waverley water supplies and the Government assistance programme which funds the supplies to meet the new Drinking Water Standards.

Mr Wilkinson advised that the current water supplies in Patea and Waverley would not meet the requirements of the new Drinking Water Standards. There had been issues with turbidity, iron, ammonia and bacteria at Patea and manganese and bacteria at Waverley. To combat these problems, additional bore holes would be made and the water treatment plants would be upgraded with new pipe work and reservoirs.

Mr Wilkinson noted that if the Council received assistance from the Government programme, the rates impact of the upgrades would be minimal.

Mrs Lambert questioned the out of use bores Mr Brannigan had referred to and whether they would be considered in the upgrade. Mr Wilkinson advised that they were at the opposite side of town to the current bores and incorporating them in the system would be difficult.

Ms Aiken asked when small communities would need to comply with the new Drinking Water Standards. Mr Wilkinson noted that the Council had targeted 2012 as the compliance date. It was queried where the proposed new bores and reservoir would be located. Mr Wilkinson stated that it was intended they would be installed at the current site, but the Council officers would investigate a suitable location.

Councillor Packer asked what the time frame was for the funding to be approved and released from the Government Assistance Programme. It was advised that the Council's application was being processed.

The Council could not award a contract for the work until the Government agreed to assist with funding.

2 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- (a) Ordinary Meeting held 5 November 2008.

RESOLUTION

(Ms Aiken/Mrs Dew-Hopkins)

02/09 PA **THAT the minutes of the Patea Community Board meeting held 5 November 2008 be received and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.**

CARRIED

3 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- (a) Patea Community Board – 11 February 2009

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Dew-Hopkins/Cr Packer)

03/09 PA **THAT the agenda for the Patea Community Board of 11 February 2009 be adopted as the business for the meeting.**

CARRIED

4 **FUNDING REQUEST REPORTS**

- (a) **Community Funding Advisor, Miss Maryse Death**

- (i) Hurleyville Hall Society Incorporated – renovations of interior of hall

An application for \$3,000 was received from the Hurleyville Hall Society Incorporated for renovations to the interior of the Hurleyville Hall.

Councillor Packer noted that Hurleyville was an isolated area and the hall was an important asset to the community.

The Board had some concerns that supporting a rural hall would set a precedent for other applications. It was noted that Hurleyville had not qualified for the Council's Urban Upgrade funding and was outside the boundaries for many funding agencies.

Councillor Wards stated that the community at Hurleyville was changing and growing and needed a suitable facility.

RESOLUTION

(Ms Aiken/Cr Packer)

04/09 PA **THAT the Patea Community Board approves the application from the Hurleyville Hall Society for \$3,000 towards its renovations to the interior of the Hurleyville Hall.**

CARRIED

(ii) Patea Lions Club – installation of three seats

An application for \$750 was received from the Patea Lions Club for funding assistance towards the installation of three seats on Egmont Street, Patea.

Mrs Lambert questioned the necessity of the seats and whether it was a Council issue. It was noted the relevant Council officers had been in discussion with the Patea Lions Club and were satisfied that the community would benefit from the seats.

Councillor Packer and Mrs Dew-Hopkins supported the application and commended the Club for consulting the public regarding the seats.

RESOLUTION**(Ms Aiken/Mrs Dew-Hopkins)****05/09 PA**

THAT the Patea Community Board allocate \$750 from the Discretionary Fund to the Patea Lions Club for funding towards the cost of installing three seats along Egmont Street, Patea.

CARRIED

(iii) Saint George's Restoration Committee – church restoration Stage 2

An application for \$3,000 was received from the Saint George's Restoration Committee for funding assistance towards Stage 2 of the restoration of Saint George's Church, Patea.

Mr Honeyfield declared an interest as a member of the Committee. Mrs Dew-Hopkins assumed the chair.

Mrs Lambert suggested underwriting the Committee's request rather than funding the full requested amount as the contingency fund they had budgeted for was generous. She asked whether the Board would be refunded if the Committee found they did not require all the funds. Mr Young stated that a project the size of the restoration would need a contingency fund, and it was important that this was included in the budget. It was expected that if any allocated funds were not required they would be returned to the Board.

The Board questioned whether the supporting diocese had been approached. It was noted that funds had been underwritten by the Diocese of Waikato.

RESOLUTION**(Mrs Dew-Hopkins/Cr Packer)****06/09 PA**

THAT the Patea Community Board approves the application from the Saint George's Restoration Committee for \$3,000 towards Stage 2 of the restoration of Saint George's Church, Patea.

CARRIED

Mr Honeyfield resumed the chair.

(iv) Paepae in the Park Committee – Paepae in the Park 2009 fundraising shortfall

An application was received from the Paepae in the Park Committee for \$2,000 for funding assistance towards the 2009 Paepae in the Park event fundraising shortfall.

RESOLUTION**(Ms Aiken/Mrs Dew-Hopkins)**

07/09 PA **THAT the Patea Community Board underwrites any shortfall in funds up to a maximum of \$1,000 towards Paepae in the Park 2009.**

CARRIED**5** **REPORTS****(a) Support Services Manager, Miss 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.

Miss Cox noted that the Eltham, Hawera and Egmont Plains Community Board's had accepted the recommendation.

Mr Honeyfield questioned whether the increase could be allocated to the Patea Community Board Discretionary Fund. It was advised that any increase would still be allocated to the elected members, and if they chose to, it would be their responsibility to donate the funds.

RESOLUTION**(Mrs Dew-Hopkins/Cr Packer)**

08/09 PA **THAT the increase made available by the Remuneration Authority for elected members' remuneration be accepted and applied in equal proportion across all the elected members remuneration categories; and**

THAT the salaries for Community Board members paid outside the pool, the salary for the Eltham Drainage Board Chairperson and the meeting allowances and fees for Council committees be increased by the same amount of .8984%.

CARRIED**(b) Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager, Mr Wayne Marriott and Community Development Team Leader, Mrs Claire Symes****(i) Patea Harbour Endowment Fund Request – Patea and Districts Boating Club**

An application was received from the Patea and Districts Boating Club for funding assistance from the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund to construct a jetty beside the Patea boat ramp at Turi Street, Patea.

Mrs Lambert supported the application from the Patea Boat Club, however she suggested the release of funds be subject to all the appropriate consents being received.

RECOMMEDATION**(Mrs Dew-Hopkins/Mrs Lambert)****09/09 PA**

THAT the Patea Community Board recommends the allocation of \$23,250 for the purpose of constructing a floating pontoon jetty attached to the Patea Boat Club ramp with the funds to be sourced from the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund subject to all the appropriate consents being received.

CARRIED

- (ii) Patea Harbour Endowment Fund Request – South Taranaki District Museum Trust

An application was received from the South Taranaki Museum Trust for funding assistance from the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund to complete the redevelopment of the South Taranaki District Museum at Patea.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins asked for clarification regarding the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund and the Board's role in its allocation. She asked that the Funds investment strategy and income information be made available to the Board. She questioned the effect on the capital balance of the Fund given that a substantial grant was set aside for the Patea River mole repairs. Mr Young advised that lease and rentals was the main source of income for the Fund and that the Council managed the Fund to obtain the best possible return. Mr McCann noted that \$300,000 had been budgeted from the Fund in 2010 and a subsequent \$120,000 would be budgeted for in 2013 for repairs to the Patea River moles.

The Board expressed concern that allocating funds to the Museum would result in a significant drop in the capital balance of the Fund.

Mrs Mackay noted that if the Patea moles were registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, they could pay for a portion of the repair costs. It was suggested that the validity of registering the moles as historically significant be investigated.

The Board expressed concern about the clarity of the information presented in the report regarding the Fund and asked that more information be made available to them. It was suggested that projected budgets would provide a clearer picture.

Councillor Wards noted that the Museum upgrade had been recognised by the community as a priority in 2004, however the project had grown significantly. The Council had recognised this by way of a loan to the Museum Trust. He was conscious that in depth information needed to be provided to the Board when considering funding projects in the current economic climate.

He noted that in 2010, the Fund would have a balance capable of completing the moles. He suggested a provisional recommendation be made subject to the Board being provided with additional information.

Mr Honeyfield suggested allocating a lesser amount and re-visiting the issue at the March Board meeting.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins questioned how the Trust would complete the upgrade if they were granted lesser funds. Mrs Mackay noted that the Trust would continue to fundraise extensively, however they had exhausted the funding opportunities that were currently available to them.

Mrs Dew-Hopkins questioned the Fund's criteria and if it was likely that they would receive other applications in the near future. Councillor Wards advised that the Fund criteria had been revised in the 1980s to include community activities. He was unaware of any other applications to the Fund to date.

RECOMMEDATION

(Mrs Dew-Hopkins/Mrs Lambert)

10/09 PA

THAT the Patea Community Board recommends the allocation of \$100,000 for the purpose of the completion of Stage One of the South Taranaki District Museum redevelopment with the funds to be sourced from the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund subject to further consideration to other available funding sources and the Board being provided with detailed information regarding the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund; and

THAT the Patea River moles be registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust if they fit the criteria.

CARRIED

(c) Service Contracts Manager, Mr Clive Margetts

(i) Patea Beach dune stabilisation

On 1 June 2007, the Taranaki Regional Council's (TRC) resource consent allowing the discharge of greenwaste onto land on the northern side of the Patea River mouth for dune stabilisation purposes was due to expire. TRC do not consider this area to be a long term greenwaste disposal site. Four options were presented to the Board in regard to the site; maintain the status quo, fence off the area but allow controlled access, planting or to discontinue the project.

Mr Wilkinson advised that he had been in discussion with Board members and the Council officers and the expiration of the consent had been advertised.

Councillor Wards expressed concern that the greenwaste disposal site had often been used for illegal rubbish dumping. He suggested the project be discontinued and further advertising be circulated to inform the public that area would no longer be a greenwaste disposal site.

Mrs Lambert stated that illegal dumping at the greenwaste site could be the result of the Patea Transfer Station hours and she suggested these be reviewed. Councillor Packer noted that there was a high population of shift workers in Patea who could not access the transfer station during its opening hours.

The Board suggested maintaining the status quo was their preferred option, subject to a review period and the investigation of the transfer station hours to assess their suitability for the community.

RECOMMEDATION

(Cr Packer/Mrs Dew-Hopkins)

11/09 PA

THAT the Patea Community Board recommends the continuance of the dune stabilisation project subject to a review period and the Patea Transfer Station hours being investigated.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6.05 pm.

Dated this day of 2009.

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CHAIRPERSON