

NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY BOARD**MINUTES**

A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT,
OWHANGO HALL, 2157 STATE HIGHWAY 4, OWHANGO
ON TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2022, AT 5:33PM

PUBLIC BUSINESS**Present**

Chairperson	Peter Zimmer	
Board Members	Mark Bolten	
	Clark McCarthy	(via Zoom)
	Simon O'Neill	(via Zoom)
Councillor	Murray Wilson	
Mayor (Non-voting)	Don Cameron	
Staff	Clive Manley	Chief Executive
	(via Zoom) Pauline Welch	Executive Manager Community & Economic Development
	(via Zoom) Andrea Nicol	Manager Land Transport
	(via Zoom) Stuart Watson	Manager Three Waters
	Tasha Paladin	Governance Manager

1 Apologies

No apologies were received

2 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared

3 Notification of Additional Items

No additional Items were notified

4 Confirmation of Order of Meeting

The order of the meeting was confirmed.

5 **Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders**

The Board temporarily suspended Standing Orders in their entirety.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Member Bolten

That the National Park Community Board:

- 1 *Receives the Report **Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders**; and*
- 2 *Temporarily suspends Standing Orders in their entirety to allow Members and the public to address the Board, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002*

The Community Board received addresses as follows:

- Councillor Wilson gave a verbal update on recent events, meetings and issues including:
 - The Dark Sky Ruapehu Initiative is progressing with community information available on the [Council's website](#);
 - The mobile i-SITE situated at National Park Village Park and Ride could benefit from directional signage on the main road and/or tear drop flags to indicate if it was open to aid visitors;
 - The deadline for responding to the Department of Conservation's (DOC) Tongariro Alpine Crossing survey is mid-August. The survey is in preparation for a potential cap on visitor numbers as part of the management response next year;
 - Volunteer groups have been progressing work on the west branch of the Marton Sash & Door Tramway cycle trail, using Council provided metal to cover over protruding roots and make the ride more comfortable;
 - Rail tourism received a boost from the recent visits by two passenger trains; Mountain Thunder was the biggest passenger train through the area in recent year, and Glenbrook Vintage Rail's "Discover Ruapehu" tour;
 - The postal service in National Park Village has recently been changed over to the G.A.S. Station following several months of effort behind the scenes.
- Member Bolten gave kudos to Councillor Wilson and the volunteers for their continuing efforts on the Marton Sash & Door Tramway cycle trail.
- Mayor Cameron gave a verbal update on recent events, meetings and issues including:
 - Three days remained for nominations for the upcoming local government elections. Numbers were lacking and reflective of the state of the entire country;
 - Council is due to speak to its submission to the Water Services Entity Bill at the hearings in Wellington, 24 August;
 - The North Island Passenger Rail indicative business case is progressing and will be handed over to Horizons Regional Council before the elections.
- Member O'Neill commented that a lot of the 'movers and shakers' in National Park and Ohakune are not New Zealand citizens and applying for citizenship was felt to be prohibitive. It was noted that the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) that administers citizenship ceremonies had, since August 2021, decided to cancel all citizenship events due to COVID. Member O'Neill requested that Council consider bringing back the citizenship ceremonies and help to streamline the process for the next elections.
- Mayor Cameron recommended a 'catch-up' ceremony for all those within the District who had become a citizen since August 2021.

- Member Zimmer gave a verbal update on recent events, meetings and issues including:
 - The Ohinetonga Loop Track business case had not yet been completed and was not in a state to be lodged, despite being advised in March 2022 that it would be lodged within one week. Member Zimmer, advocating on behalf of the community, raised the topic at the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board meeting and requested it be pursued with a view to completing the works in the Summer.

RESOLVED

Moved: Member Bolten

Seconded: Member O'Neill

That the National Park Community Board:

- 1 *Reinstates Standing Orders in their entirety for consideration of the Agenda, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

6 Confirmation of Minutes: 14 June 2022
RESOLVED

Moved: Member Bolten

Seconded: Cr Wilson

That the National Park Community Board:

- 1 *Confirms the Public Business Minutes of the National Park Community Board meeting held 14 June 2022 as a true and correct record subject to the following amendment.*

Item 12 – Acknowledgement

Member McCarthy requested the minutes record an acknowledgement and appreciation of the dedication and service given by Warren Furner in his capacity as Executive Manager Infrastructure, and that Council send a written acknowledgement to this effect.

7 Capital Works and Other Items of Interest

Members were provided with an update on planned Capital Works and other Items of interest in the National Park Ward in the 2022/23 Financial Year. Relevant officers spoke to this report and answered Members' questions.

Key Items discussed:

- R3 Millar Street Parking & Peak Winter Parking: Members felt Council should be driving for definitive action and a plan to address the issue. Member Zimmer sought clarification in the report as to how the issue sat within the Land Transport Bylaws [13.5.7, 13.8, and 13.16] and the Ruapehu District Bylaws [12.3, and 12.5] and how they might be used to remedy the issue. Member Zimmer sought to understand the progress of potential yellow lines on Millar Street, first discussed in 2021 and questioned if the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport rules could be enforced to prevent overnight parking where there are no streetlights, and the vehicle is not visible from six metres from an intersection. Officers advised the report to the next meeting of the Community Board would include actions and review the stated Bylaws. Officers advised parking on the road is legal providing the vehicle is not parked over 'No Stopping' lines, and parking in front of a driveway is illegal regardless of the presence of yellow lines. The topic of R3 does not extend to trucks / highway rest areas and is well beyond the scope of the Land Transport Bylaw to resolve. Members agreed to exclude highways from the topic.

Councillor Wilson asked if the National Park Village Plan Steering Group could make consideration for truck activities when developing the Spatial Plan. Mayor Cameron suggested any future hydrogen refuelling station could partially fund development. Members agreed to take a proactive approach to contact event organisers when issues arise.

- E1 National Park Wastewater Treatment Plant: Officers undertook to invite the National Park Community Board to the site visit with Iwi – Ngāti Hauā and Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui.
- E3 Owhango Water Supply Resource Consent: Officers advised the current resource consent does not expire and legal opinion is that the consent is in perpetuity. DOC has been advised of the opinion.
- C2 National Park Village Plan: Member requested this be updated for the final meeting.
- O1 Rural Wi-Fi and Blackspots: Mayor Cameron reported complaints from around the District that landlines have been down, yet Chorus is not aware of the issue. It is believed to be linked to the recent copper line damage,

RESOLVED

Moved: Member O'Neill

Seconded: Member Bolten

That the National Park Community Board:

- 1 *Receives the report **Capital Works and Other Items of Interest***

8 National Park Community Board Action List

Members worked through the Action List for the Financial Year 2021/22.

Member Zimmer asked if members of the Community Board were able to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Owhango Residents & Ratepayers Incorporated Society.

9 Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Committee Business

Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives the Community Board the right by resolution to exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the grounds contained within that Section.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Member McCarthy

That the National Park Community Board:

- 1 *Receives the Report **Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Board Business**; and*
- 2 *Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.*
- 3 *Notes the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under S48(1) for passing this resolution
C1: Confirmation of Public-Excluded Minutes: 14 June 2022	The reason(s) for excluding the public is/are recorded in the Public Business Minutes of the meeting	48(1)(a)
C2: Confidential Briefing	To protect the privacy of natural persons. To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinions by, or between, or to members of or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom Section 2(5) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies, in the course of their duty.	s7(2)(a), s7(2)(c), s7(2)(f)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

The Public Business part of the meeting concluded at 6:30 PM.

Confirmed this 13th Day of September 2022



Peter Zimmer
CHAIRPERSON