

# WAIMARINO-WAIOURU COMMUNITY BOARD

## MINUTES

A MEETING OF WAIMARINO-WAIOURU COMMUNITY BOARD HELD  
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 37 AYR STREET, OHAKUNE  
ON THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST 2022, AT 6:02PM

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### Present

Chairperson	John (Luigi) Hotter	
Board Members	John Chapman Kay Henare Allan Whale	
Councillors	Vivienne Hoeta Rabbit Nottage	(via Zoom)
Councillors (Non-voting)	Elijah Pue	
Mayor (Non-voting)	Don Cameron	6:06PM Item 5
Staff	Clive Manley Pauline Welch  Vini Dutra Stuart Watson (via Zoom) Andrea Nicol (via Zoom) Phoebe Harrison Tasha Paladin	Chief Executive Executive Manager Community & Economic Development Executive Manager Infrastructure Environmental Manager Manager Land Transport Manager Environment & Liquor (part) Governance Manager
In attendance	Alistair Barbour Raeywn Sinclair Bruce Stockwell Christine Hickman	Audiology (via Zoom)  Future of Ohakune Project Governance Group Future of Ohakune Project Governance Group

#### 1 Apologies

##### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Member Whale  
Seconded: Cr Nottage

*That the Apologies for lateness from Mayor Cameron be accepted.*

#### 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**

*Note: Mayor Cameron joined the meeting at 6:06PM*

The Board temporarily suspended Standing Orders in their entirety.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Member Whale

Seconded: Member Chapman

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru 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:

- Alistair Barbour of Audiology provided a debrief [see Minute Attachment] of the 2022 Mardi Gras event. Key highlights included: no arrests, similar numbers to prior years of non-negative breath alcohol tests on the Sunday, use of Turoa Lodge as a base for the medical services, use of the 'High Alert' WhatsApp messaging service, and cashless RFID wristbands enabling attendees to be cut off from alcohol service if appropriate. Mr. Barbour explained local vendors were charged a two percent fee to use the wristband service and were able to use cash and/or Eftpos instead. Out of region commercial food vendors were required to use the RFID system and were charged a 20 per cent commission fee. Audiology is working with the Ohakune Events Charitable Trust to explore solutions to challenges presented, including transport for Mardi Gras after-party attendees, easier access to resident car passes in advance of the event, and improved traffic management. An invitation was extended to Audiology to attend the September meeting of the Community Board to present the new family-focused, day-time Blues & Roots Festival planned for Labour Weekend 2022.
- Raewyn Sinclair spoke to her concerns of the poor drainage and recurring flooding issues in Raetihi. Of particular concern was the debris dropped by the gum trees, causing significant contribution to the poor drainage. Ms. Sinclair spoke of her repeated efforts to clear blocked drains to mitigate flooding to her and her neighbours' property. Ms. Sinclair asked of an easy way to alert Council to the problem and was advised to raise a Request for Service (RFS) through Council's website or the 24-hour phone line. Council's Environment Manager acknowledged this was an ongoing problem that was likely to worsen with climate change. He advised one culvert in Plunkett Street had been fixed, but COVID had delayed additional works. He observed culverts not 'fit-for-purpose' had been incorrectly installed and is working with residents to find solutions. He noted this would unfortunately not be a quick remedy. It was also noted that Floodwater was not part of the immediate Three Waters Reform focus.

Members requested if Council could explore ways to improve the floodwater system in advance of the Reforms coming into place.

Members also requested if there could be more marketing for residents on how an RFS works.

- Christine Hickman made a recommendation that Audiology place bins along Goldfinch Street, Ohakune, during the Mardi Gras weekend to discourage littering of alcohol bottles and cans en route to the event area.
- Members complimented the redevelopment of the Bakery Building area in Ohakune and expressed their concern at the state of the Cedar Mall.
- Cr Pue advised Members of a resident's concern at the lack of kerb and channeling along Tainui Street, Ohakune and the subsequent surface flooding during heavy rain events. Members deferred officer questions to Item 9: Capital Works and Members Request for Information.
- Member Chapman advised Members of a resident's complaint about the Mangawhero River Road not being sealed despite promises. Council's Chief Executive advised the sealing of roads is prioritised on an annual basis and has limited funding. Members deferred officer questions to Item 9: Capital Works and Members Request for Information.
- Member Henare expressed her concerns about the damp and mouldy condition of the building housing the Waimarino Toy Library in Raetihi. An RFS was submitted, and officers undertook to follow this up.
- Members expressed their concerns about the vandalism in Raetihi, particularly graffiti and the new toilets. Mayor Cameron advised the graffiti fell under Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) jurisdiction.
- Cr Nottage shared his frustration that the abandoned tyres on State Highway Four to Whanganui, had not been removed. The tyres were first reported to NZTA in 2020 and advised Members at the September 2021 meeting of the Community Board, it would be investigating the matter.
- The Chair complimented the Council on its swift response to an RFS pertaining to litter along Mangawhero Terrace.

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Nottage

Seconded: Member Whale

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru 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.*

<b>6 Confirmation of Minutes: 2 June 2022</b>
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### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Member Whale

Seconded: Member Chapman

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board:*

- 1 *Confirms the Public Business Minutes of the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board meeting held 2 June 2022 as a true and correct record.*

<b>7 Request to Underground the Power Lines: Goldfinch Street, Ohakune</b>
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Members received a request from The Future of Ohakune Governance Group seeking in-principle support to approach The Lines company to underground the power lines in Goldfinch Street, Ohakune. Bruce Stockwell of Ohakune Incorporated, a member partner of the Future of Ohakune Project Governance Group, spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

The Future of Ohakune Project Governance Group is working with Council and Ngāti Rangi to bring forward a spatial plan to significantly enhance and develop Ohakune. A key part of the plan is to enhance the Mangawhero River corridor, however, the overground power poles detract from the natural beauty.

The Governance Group feels it is important to demonstrate to The Lines Company that it has the support of Ohakune in the wider sense.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Member Whale

Seconded: Member Chapman

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board:*

- 1 *Receives the Report **Request to Underground the Power Lines: Goldfinch Street, Ohakune;***
- 2 *Supports, in principle, The Future of Ohakune Governance Group's request to The Lines Company to underground the power lines along Goldfinch Street from Ayr Street to the Shannon Street junction in Ohakune;*
- 3 *Provides The Future of Ohakune Governance Group with a formal letter, signed by the Chair, to evidence its support in principle to Ohakune Incorporated's request to The Lines Company to underground the power lines along Goldfinch Street from Ayr Street to the Shannon Street junction in Ohakune; and*
- 4 *Recommends His Worship, Mayor Cameron, co-sign the letter of support in principle.*

<b>8 Notice of Motion: Supporting the New Community Boards</b>
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Members received a report advising of a notice of motion from Member Chapman to recommend the new Community Boards receive the same level of support and open communication as the Ruapehu District Councillors. Member Chapman spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

Members noted that post the Local Government elections in October, the membership of Community Boards would increase from eight to 15, and therefore it would be more efficient to keep the process streamlined through the Chair of each Community Board.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Whale

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board:*

- 1 *Receives the Report **Notice of Motion: Supporting the New Community Boards;***

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Member Chapman  
 Seconded: Member Henare

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board:*

- 2 *Urges both this and our future council to ensure that our community board members receive the same level of service and support as our councillors.*

The motion was CARRIED with 2 votes For, 0 votes Against, and 4 Abstentions.  
 Cr Nottage, Cr Hoeta, Member Whale and Member Hotter requested their ABSTENTION from voting be recorded.

**9 Capital Works and Members Request for Information**

*Note:*

*Member Chapman left the meeting at 7:47PM and re-entered at 7:49PM*

*Member Whale left the meeting at 7:50PM and re-entered at 7:51PM*

Members were provided with an update on planned Capital Works and other Items of interest in the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board area in 2022/23 Financial Year. The report carries over uncompleted items from the previous financial year. Relevant officers spoke to this report and answered Members' questions.

*Key Items discussed:*

- R2 Ruapehu Road Rail Overbridge replacement: Officers advised the start date of November is pending Kiwi Rail's decision. The spoil accumulating on site is for the crane pad.
- R9 Shannon Street Road Widening: Arawa St. to Maire Way: Officers undertook to follow up on the fencing around the transformer.
- R11 EV Charger: There are currently three companies seeking to invest in EV charging facilities in the District, each with detailed requirements. The officer responsible will provide a verbal update to the September meeting.
- E1 Three Waters Modelling Works: Officers advised the manhole survey was being conducted in Ohakune and is anticipated to be completed next week. The Three Waters Transition Unit is currently developing a district-wide asset management plan in advance of the proposed July 2024 handover.
- C4 Raetihi Swimming Pool: Officers have been advised two leaks have been found and fixed. The next step would be to refill the pool and observe water levels.
- C12 Waiouru Playground: Officers advised the proposed plans have been revisited with the community. Council's contractor, Recreational Services, will be providing cost estimates for both sites and presented as part of a further community consultation, using both the online tool SurveyMonkey and a letterbox drop in the NZDF area.
- C13 Accessible Walkway 2020/21& Current: Officer advised Ameku Walkway was not progressing through the Chambers' property (adjacent landowners) however, Mr. Kearns (owner of the local mill and neighbouring property) is working with community volunteers to develop the walkway through his land.

**Tainui Street, Ohakune Kerb and Channelling:** Officers advised that consideration of the seriousness of the ponding and surface water, if it's causing safety issues or just more of a nuisance, causing flooding or property issues would determine if the work was a priority to be completed in isolation. If the work was programmed in conjunction other roading rehabilitation, it would be eligible for NZTA funding, otherwise kerb and channels in isolation are unsubsidised. Officers undertook to meet with Mr. Drinkwater (the resident who raised the issue).

**Mangawhero River Road Sealing:** Officers advised Council’s priority has been to seal the urban roads. Mangawhero River Road is classed as rural and sealing it would be considered unsubsidised works. If the traffic count was such that it was more cost effective for Council to maintain it as a sealed road, Council would look to undertake to seal it, otherwise the community would have to contribute to the cost to seal it.

Officers undertook to set up a meeting with residents with the Community Board in the new triennium and explore costs to seal outside residents’ houses.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Member Chapman

Seconded: Member Whale

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board:*

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

**10 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: Member Whale

Seconded: Member Chapman

*That the Waimarino-Waiouru 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: 2 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 8:05PM.

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Confirmed this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2022



John Hotter  
**CHAIRPERSON**