

Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board

Minutes of the meeting of the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board held at the Lawrence Service Centre, Peel Street, Lawrence on Wednesday 25 May 2022, commencing at 3.00pm.

Present Geoff Davidson (Chairperson), Lindy Chinnery, Tim Dickey, Councillor Mel Foster, Matthew Little and Garry McCorkindale

In Attendance His Worship the Mayor Bryan Cadogan, Jules Witt (Group Manager Service Delivery) and Julie Gardner (Service Delivery Administrator)

Sharon Cousins (Project Manager – Community Plan Implementation)

Apologies Suzanne Stephenson

Moved Councillor Foster/M Little and Resolved:

“That the apology be sustained.”

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Heritage NZ - Nick Dixon & Sarah Gallagher

Presentation on Enhancing and protecting Lawrence’s heritage included the following:

- Outlined what Heritage NZ does and the process to go through to apply the historic term to a specific place or area.
- Negotiated covenants also help to protect a place, goes on title and protects property into the future.
- Covers anything fixed to the ground unless it’s a shipwreck.
- Heritage benefits identity and wellbeing.
- Restoring a building is the greener option instead of knocking it down and rebuilding – Sustainability!
- Adapt heritage buildings for modern use - Adaptive reuse of buildings!
- Placemaking – support the destination plan, develop a strong heritage brand, point of difference/distinction eg home of goldmining, 3 communities coming together.
- Requires collaboration between property owners and businesses and effective advocacy with funders and decision makers.

- Bigger picture – Maori & Chinese communities, mining landscape, physical/historical links with main centres in Otago.
- Next steps – community needs to agree this is the way forward if it is going to progress. Proposal is important. – what is the story of Lawrence?? Narrative is important.

Tim Dickey left the meeting at 3.58pm.

1 LAWRENCE/TUAPEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board held on 13 April 2022 were presented for the Board's confirmation.

Moved L Chinnery/M Little and Resolved:

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board held on 13 April 2022 be approved as a true and correct record."

2 WORK IN PROGRESS

The Service Delivery Administrator submitted a report that updated the Community Board on progress in relation to issues that had been raised at previous meetings.

2.1 Gabriels Gully Walkway

Contractor to install 2 culverts when next on site – weather dependent.

2.2 Extension of Cycle Trail

Contractors now working at Waiholo end of Cycle Trail, still a gap between Waitahuna and Lawrence which is waiting to be progressed.

2.3 Wetherstons Creek

ORC Eco Fund application has not progressed for various reasons however ORC is very supportive of the planting program.

OCF can supply plants if LTCB supply the seeds for propagation.

2.4 Steep Street Domain

WIP. Working Group would like to clear area and do earthworks before progressing the seating. Look to use leftover balance of funding from original Steep Street monies.

2.5 Tuapeka Transport Ltd – Transfer Site and Entranceways

Transfer Station – report to next Service Delivery meeting for confirmation of site.

Entranceways – will be progressed now that the contract renewals have been finalised.

2.6 Boarded up Shop – Ross Place

WIP.

2.7 Zig Zag Track Maintenance

Onsite meeting 25/5 to discuss options for the track.

Various options were discussed for the track including a retaining nib wall and what type of surfacing, as well as the inclusion of a seating area part way down. Now need to look at pricing and planning the work utilising a local contractor if possible.

2.8 Chinese Memorial Section – Lawrence Cemetery

Have had further contact with Adrienne Shaw, she would like some changes to the mock ups, so waiting to hear back from her.

2.9 Picnic Kiosks

WIP.

2.10 Whitehaven Street Playground

\$70K approved at Annual Plan submission meeting, this will be confirmed at 23 June Council meeting.

Fencing being done first then 2nd stage for equipment which will involve fundraising. Prospectus also being done to send around to businesses etc. for sponsorship.

Approximately \$295K for installation of equipment/safety surfacing, \$45K for fencing.

2.11 Possible Land Purchase – Beaumont Highway

This can be removed from the WIP.

2.12 Freedom Camping Site Trial

Onsite meeting with LTCB and Freedom Camping Ranger to be arranged before the next meeting on 6 July.

2.13 Cemetery Maintenance

Council's contractor advised that tree trimming is underway and will be completed on 31 May 2022.

Discussed having Trustees/Friends of the Cemetery as an option for the maintenance of the cemetery especially in light of the recent Heritage discussions. Important to remember that graves are owned by the families so need to be mindful of this before touching any headstones or graves.

Notice to go in Tuapeka Times advising of reenergising Friends of Cemetery Group and see what response there is.

Moved G McCorkindale/L Chinnery and Resolved:

"That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Work in Progress Update report."

3 SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATE

The Group Manager Service Delivery submitted a report on activities in respect to the Service Delivery Department.

The following items were discussed:

- Roading contract has been approved by Council – just waiting on legal review before confirming.
- Greenspace – clearing of leaves etc. Ditch at top of zigzag track blocks with leaves, lodge CSR to get this cleared.
- Gravelling is currently underway.

Moved Councillor Foster/M Little and Resolved:

“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Service Delivery Update Report.”

4 REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Management Accountant submitted a copy of the Revenue and Expenditure Statement for the activities within the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board’s area for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2022.

Moved L Chinnery/Councillor Foster and Resolved:

“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Revenue and Expenditure report.”

5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

The Corporate Services Administrator submitted a report that covered activities of the Corporate Services Department in the past period including funding schemes.

Moved G McCorkindale/M Little and Resolved:

“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Corporate Services report.”

6 BUILDING REPORT

The Regulatory Administrator submitted a report on building consents for March & April 2022.

Moved L Chinnery/Councillor Foster and Resolved:

“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Building Consent Statistics for March & April 2022 report.”

7 OUR PLACE COMMUNITY PLAN PROJECTS UPDATE

The Project Manager – Community Plan Implementation provided an update on progress with Community Projects as outlined in Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka Plan Projects 18 March 2021.

The Group Manager Service Delivery noted that this update was written before the Annual Plan decisions meeting with approved funding to be confirmed on 23 June 2022.

Moved M Little/G McCorkindale and Resolved:

“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Our Place Community Plan Projects Update report.”

8 MAYORAL UPDATE

His Worship the Mayor Bryan Cadogan gave a verbal update on:

- Annual Plan – 3.95% rate increase, maintained 4% rates cap, even though our investment funds didn’t perform that well.
- Better Off funding - \$3.9K to be distributed to Balclutha and Milton projects.
- Groundswell email circulating – campaigning for Councils to leave Local Government NZ.
- Rural Water Working Party – meetings and debate have been ongoing.
- Encouraged Board members to highlight to their communities whether they were standing or retiring at the next election.

LATE ITEM

Peace Garden

Received funding during the Annual Plan process so Lindy Chinnery would like the LTCB to consider a ‘Friends of the Peace Garden’ group who would keep an eye on the garden with plantings and any maintenance work that needs done.

Lindy has offered to progress this.

The meeting closed at 4.50pm.

Confirmed

Geoff Davidson
CHAIRPERSON