

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

MAKARA/OHARIU COMMUNITY BOARD

MINUTES

Time: 7.37pm
Date: Thursday, 26 March 2015
Venue: Ohariu Valley Hall
550 Ohariu Valley Road
Ohariu Valley
Wellington

PRESENT

Murray Burdan
Christine Grace (Chair)
Judy Liddell
Wayne Rudd

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Moved Christine Grace, seconded Wayne Rudd

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board receive apologies from Margie Scotts and Hamish Todd.

Carried

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Christine Grace, seconded Judy Liddell

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

Approve the minutes of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board Meeting held on 12 February 2015, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.4 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

2 Oral Reports

2.1 Submission to the Draft Long Term Plan

It was agreed that Christine Grace would draft the Board's Long Term Plan submission. Following discussion it was decided that the submission should contain a specific request for year-by-year funding for road safety issues similar to the \$100,000 that had been granted for the current financial year. In relation to this Christine Grace agreed to ascertain from Team Leader Resurfacing/Contracts, Steve Wright as to progress made with improvements to the corner at 365 Ohariu Valley Road which the aforementioned \$100,000 was to be spent on.

2.2 Draft Makara/Ohariu Community Plan

Christine Grace stated that she would forward the latest survey-related information received from Senior Advisor Planning and Reporting, Marissa Cairncross to members and consult with her as to future steps to be taken.

2.3 Possible Introduction of Security Cameras in Makara and/or Ohariu

Christine Grace reported that there had been several burglaries in the Makara area of late and the question had been raised as to whether security cameras should be installed. It was suggested that this could be included as part of the questionnaire. Given that the extent of the criminal occurrences was at this stage unknown it was decided that a general reminder via the Makara and Ohariu Email loops vis-à-vis simple home security measures would be sufficient.

2.4 Report back on Flood Protection meeting at Greater Wellington Regional Council

Wayne Rudd reported that flood protection measures were in the hands of individual landowners who could, subject to the necessary consents, make any changes that they saw fit. He noted that a specific fund was available in cases in which two or more properties were affected. This would contribute up to 30 per cent of the total cost of remedial work. He added that the Greater Wellington Regional Council although sceptical as to the effectiveness of such work, would nevertheless not stand in the way of landowners wanting to pursue action. However they themselves would not engage in any further consultancy at this stage.

A question was posed as to whether consent conditions could be changed so as to allow Meridian to stop its planting programme.

It was agreed that a request would be lodged for a copy of the relevant report by Opus to see whether there was any mention made re controlling flooding.

2.5 Goat Control Results

Christine Grace outlined the stakeholder meeting that had been held on 18 March. The Wellington Natural Heritage Trust indicated that they would submit an Expression of Interest to the Department of Conservation for further funding to enable the project's continuation. Other funding avenues would also be explored.

3. Reports

3.1 Makara/Ohariu Community Board Bank Account

Moved Christine Grace, seconded Murray Burdan

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to close its Westpac bank account with the funds to be spent equally on equipment for the Makara and Ohariu civil defence centres with all relevant receipts to be brought back to the Board..

Carried

3.2 Resource Consent Applications and Approvals for 2 February to 15 March 2015

Christine Grace agreed to query with Council a previous resource consent application namely 60 Rifle Range Road: SR No. 310892.

Moved Christine Grace, seconded Wayne Rudd

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3.3 Roothing

There was no information to report.

3.4 Project Mill Creek and Community Liaison Group

Judy Liddell reported that a meeting had been held the previous evening. From 11 December to 25 March five complaints – all from the Takarau Gorge area – had been received. She noted that an independent Background and Post-Installation Sound Measurements Acoustics Report on Mill Creek had been conducted. Given the excellent progress made the Liaison Group had decided to delay its next meeting for four months.

The next Community Fund meeting would be held in June with applications closing on 20 May.

Moved Christine Grace, seconded Murray Burdan

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

3.5 Forward Programme

Moved Christine Grace, seconded Wayne Rudd

Resolved

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve its current draft work programme subject to the deletion of Project Mill Creek and Community Liaison Group until August 2015 and the addition for the 7 May 2015 meeting of the following:
 1. Retrospective ratification of the Board's submission to the Wellington City Council 2015-25 Draft Long Term Plan.

2. Report back from the 7 April 2015 Wellington City Council 2015-25 Draft Long Term Plan Northern Ward Forum.
3. Makara/Ohariu Community Board Bank Account.
4. Flood Protection Update.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair