
MINUTES

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011

7.00PM – 9.24PM

9.31PM - 9.39PM

**THE BOARDROOM
TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE
5 CAMBRIDGE STREET
TAWA**

MEMBERS:

Graeme Hansen (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)
Margaret Lucas (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)
Chris Reading (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)
Malcolm Sparrow (Chair) (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)
Alistair Sutton (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)
Robert Tredger (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)
Councillor Ngaire Best (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)
Councillor Justin Lester (7.00pm – 9.24pm, 9.31pm - 9.39pm)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Neville Brown – Director, City Services
Laura Pilgrim – Committee Adviser

054/11TB **APOLOGIES**
(1215/12/IM)

NOTED:

There were no apologies.

055/11TB **MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**
(1215/12/IM)

Moved Malcolm Sparrow, seconded Alistair Sutton, the motion that the Tawa Community Board approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2011 having been circulated, be taken as an accurate record of that meeting.

The motion was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2011 having been circulated, be taken as an accurate record of that meeting.*

056/11TB **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/12/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

1. Councillors Best and Lester declared a conflict of interest in Report 7 – Tawa Community Board – Submission for the Draft Annual Plan and they advised that they would not take part in discussion or vote.
2. Malcolm Sparrow and Margaret Lucas declared a conflict of interest in Report 5 – Reimbursement of Costs and they advised that they would not take part in discussion or vote.
3. Malcolm Sparrow declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 10 - Report of the Tawa Community Board Grants Subcommittee. He advised that he would not take part in discussion or vote.

057/11TB PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(1215/12/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

058/11TB POLICING IN TAWA

(1215/12/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Inspector John Spence, Kapiti Mana Police Area and Sergeant Dean Silvester, Officer in Charge of the Porirua Police Community Section, briefed the Board on policing matters in Tawa. The appointment of a new Tawa Community Constable was in the final stages and it was hoped that the new appointment would attend the next meeting of the Board. One area of concern has been recent spike in burglaries in the area and the Police were investigating the matter closely. The Inspector agreed to provide an update on crime statistics in Tawa at the next meeting

059/11TB COMMUNITY SPEAKER

(1215/12/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Mike Farrand of the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade provided the Board with an update on the number and type of call out in the recent months. It had been a very uneventful period since the last update to the Board with only one significant event which the police also attended to. Officers were increasing the number of home safety visits in the forthcoming months along with the school fireworks programme, Mr. Farrand was also in the process of recruiting a new Deputy Chief Fire Officer in the forthcoming months.

**060/11TB MERVYN KEMP LIBRARY AND TAWA COMMUNITY CENTRE
QUARTERLY REPORT**

Rose Barker, Team Leader Wellington City Libraries and Jenny Rains,
Manager City Communities

(1215/12/IM)

(REPORT 4)

NOTED:

Brigid Brammer updated the Board on developments within the Library over the last quarter and also informed Members on future projects which include promotion of Ancestry.com.

Lynda Rigler, Recreation Manager Northern, updated Members on the 3rd quarter report for recreation facilities and programmes. Whilst attendance figures were down the levels were tracking as expected. A new programmer has been recruited and was visiting recreation centres with the intention of improving the service.

Melanie Lapalme informed Members that there had been an increase in the number of classes in the Community Centre and that there was the possibility of further classes being added to the programme. The carpet in Area 1 of the centre would be replaced at the end of the month and a wall in the main office would be brought down to increase the office space.

Moved Malcolm Sparrow, seconded Robert Tredger, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

061/11TB **RESOURCE CONSENT APPROVALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR 1 APRIL – 29 APRIL 2011**

Bill Stevens, Manager Development Planning and Compliance, North and West

(1215/12/IM)

(REPORT 3)

NOTED:

The Board requested further information in relation to application 230081 19 Collins Avenue which the Committee adviser agreed to follow up.

Moved Malcolm Sparrow seconded Graeme Hansen, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

062/11TB **APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**
(1215/12/IM)

(REPORT 5)

NOTED:

Malcolm Sparrow and Margaret Lucas declared a conflict of interest and advised that they would not take part in discussion or vote on the item. Graeme Hansen chaired the meeting in place of Malcolm Sparrow.

Moved Graeme Hansen seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Agree to the following reimbursements:*

<i>Invoice No.</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Member</i>
0410	<i>Print Tastic Ltd - two corflute signs promoting the TCB's ePetition</i>	<i>\$138.00</i>	<i>Margaret Lucas</i>
0452	<i>Print Tastic Ltd - two corflute signs promoting the TCB's "Meet the Community Board"</i>	<i>\$138.00</i>	<i>Malcolm Sparrow</i>

(Malcolm Sparrow and Margaret Lucas rejoined the meeting at 8.00pm)

063/11TB **TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD COMMUNITY PLAN**
Report of Malcolm Sparrow - Chair, Tawa Community Board.
(1215/12/IM)

(REPORT6)

Moved Malcolm Sparrow, seconded Alistair Sutton, the substantive motion.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Approve the Tawa Community Board Community Plan (attached as Appendix One of the report).*

064/11TB **NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS WORKSHOP**
 Report of Kirstin Harvey – Team Leader, Democratic Services.
 (1215/12/IM) (REPORT 8)

NOTED:

Members requested further information on the details of the workshop and noted that they had also been advised that there would also be an Emergency Planning Conference on the same day.

Moved Malcolm Sparrow, seconded Graeme Hansen, the Substantive.

Moved Councillor Lester, seconded Councillor Best, the following amendment to recommendation 3:

3. **Agree that authority be delegated to the Chair of the Board to nominate up to three members of the Tawa Community Board to attend the next New Zealand Community Boards Workshop.**

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that up to three members from the Tawa Community Board attend the next 'New Zealand Community Boards' Workshop to be held in Wellington on Monday 27 June 2011. Agree that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. ***Agree that authority be delegated to the Chair of the Board to nominate up to three members of the Tawa Community Board to attend the next New Zealand Community Boards Workshop.***
4. *Agree that the nominated Board member(s) will present a report back on the workshop in accordance with Council policy.*

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendations in the officer's report as follows:

The Community Board added the text in **bold**.

065/11TB **REPORT OF THE TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD GRANTS
SUBCOMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2011**
Report of Board Member – Chris Reading.
(1215/12/IM) (REPORT 9)

Moved Chris Reading, seconded Graeme Hansen, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agrees to allocate the grants to applicants incorporating the outcomes of the deliberations on the grant allocations for the Tawa Community Grants, as outlined in the report.*

066/11TB **REPORT OF THE TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD GRANTS
SUBCOMMITTEE – 14 APRIL 2011**
Report of Board Member – Chris Reading.
(1215/12/IM) (REPORT 10)

Malcolm Sparrow declared a conflict of interest and advised that he would not take part in discussion or vote on the item. Graeme Hansen replaced Malcolm Sparrow as Chair for the duration of this item.

Moved Chris Reading, seconded Graeme Hansen, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Agree to allocate funding to application 11 and 15 which were left to lie on the table at the meeting of Monday 14 March 2011 as set out in the report.*

(Malcolm Sparrow returned to the Chair at 8.20pm)

067/11TB **DRAFT HUTT CORRIDOR PLAN**

(1215/12/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

Moved Malcolm Sparrow, seconded Robert Tredger, the following motion.

That the Tawa Community Board:

1. Agree that Graeme Hansen prepare a response to the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan that will be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Agree that Graeme Hansen prepare a response to the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan that will be considered at the next meeting of the Board.*

068/11TB **REPORTS BACK COMMITTEES/PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES**

(1215/12/IM)

(ORAL REPORT)

NOTED:

Graeme Hansen advised the Board that the next piece of work he would look into was roading which he would provide an update on at the next meeting.

Councillor Best informed the Board that the Joint Water and Wastewater meeting had been cancelled. The Porirua Harbour Restoration Trust was seeking to appoint new Trustees. Councillor Best would also be involved with Spring into Tawa and progress around Tawa Railway Station.

Councillor Lester advised that he had been in discussions in relation to Willowbank Road cycleway and the possible branding of Tawa Village.

Robert Tredger informed Members that he had been dealing with erosion and other problems with Friends of Tawa Bush.

Chris Reading informed Members that there had been an additional meeting with Foodstuffs which was planned to open in November 2011.

Malcolm Sparrow informed Members that he had begun work on a Facebook page for the Community Board and would assist in the organisation of Spring into Tawa. A report on the Community Board Conference would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

069/11TB **FORWARD PROGRAMME**

Report of Fiona Dunlop – Committee Adviser.
(1215/12/IM)

(REPORT 14)

Moved Malcolm Sparrow, seconded Chris Reading, the substantive motion with the following additions:

Thursday 9 June 2011

- Draft Waste Minimisation Plan
- Discretionary Fund

Moved Graeme Hansen, seconded Robert Tredger, the following amendment:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

3. Agree that the Chair produce a submission to the consultation on the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan to be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion as amended was put and was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the work programme for the upcoming meetings as amended in bold.*

<i>Thursday 9 June 2011</i>
<i>Standing Items:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Policing in Tawa</i> • <i>Community Speaker</i> • <i>Resource Consents</i> • <i>Upcoming Areas of Consultation</i> • <i>Reports back</i> • <i>Forward Programme</i> • <i>Review Board's processes in drafting submissions</i>

<i>Draft Waste Minimisation Plan Discretionary Fund Draft Hutt Corridor Plan</i>
<i>Quarterly Updates</i>
<i>Thursday 11 August 2011</i>
<i>Standing Items:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Policing in Tawa</i> • <i>Community Speaker</i> • <i>Resource Consents</i> • <i>Upcoming Areas of Consultation</i> • <i>Reports back</i> • <i>Forward Programme</i>
<i>Quarterly Updates</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recreation Wellington</i> • <i>Mervyn Kemp Library and Tawa Community Centre</i>
<i>Review of the Tawa Community Board process in drafting submissions</i>
<i>Thursday 9 September 2011</i>
<i>Standing Items:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Policing in Tawa</i> • <i>Community Speaker</i> • <i>Resource Consents</i> • <i>Upcoming Areas of Consultation</i> • <i>Reports back</i> • <i>Forward Programme</i>
<i>Quarterly Updates</i>
<i>Tawa Borough Scholarship</i>

3. ***Agree that the Chair produced a submission to the consultation on the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan to be considered at the next meeting of the Board***

NOTED:

The resolution differs from the recommendation in the officer's report as follows:

The Community Board added the text in bold.

070/11TB **TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD – SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN**
(1215/12/IM) (REPORT 7)

Councillors Best and Lester declared a conflict of interest and advised that they would not take part in discussion or vote on the item.

(The Board adjourned at 9.24pm)
(The Board reconvened at 9.31pm)

Moved Malcolm Sparrow, seconded Graeme Hansen, the substantive motion with the following additions to Appendix 1.

Environment (Water)

The TCB believes that the Council should do more to encourage the re-use of grey water to residents. A supply to householders of storage bins that could be connected to drainpipes could potentially save significant water useage if residents were able to use this for watering plants, etc.

Dog Control

The Tawa Community Board feels more user-pays could be introduced in fees for dog control, particularly in impound fees. This aspect could have more significant increases that would only affect owners who do not have adequate control of their dogs causing public disruption and costs to Council.

The amended substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Agree to the submission of the Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 1 of the minutes.*

The meeting concluded at 9:39pm.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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Draft Annual Plan Submission

Tawa Community Board

The Tawa Community Board wishes to make the following submissions to the 2011-2012 Draft Annual Plan.

Proposed Rates Increase

The Tawa Community Board (TCB) notes with concern that the residential sector will face a 6.2% rates increase. This is even more than last year's increase. This means that over the past two years rates have increased by around 12% which is way ahead of the rate of inflation. In view of the fact that the economic situation has not improved and that residents face increased fiscal pressures, we believe the increase is too high and is more than many householders can afford. It may be that Council needs to look at streamlining its own internal operation in an effort to cut costs.

We do agree with the following proposals which are designed to produce savings:

- A reduction in opening hours of the Begonia tea shop over winter
- A targeted approach to dog control that focuses primarily on problem areas

Areas that could be further explored in terms of cost cutting:

- 1.5 pages in the DominionPost every week
- Pushing for more joint ventures with other Councils
- Reduced art work/sculpture purchases
- Keeping a tight rein on funds being spent on Zealandia and the Zoo.

Artificial Turf

The Tawa Community Board is pleased to see that artificial sportsfields will be in operation at three sites in 2011/12, and that an artificial turf has been approved for Tawa or Grenada North for 2014/15. The Board gives its full support to the establishment of an artificial turf in Tawa or Grenada North and would like to see it in place at an earlier date if at all possible.

Re-roofing of Tawa Pool

The Board is supportive of the plan to renew the roof of the Tawa Pool as part of its five yearly maintenance closure, with this 6-month project scheduled to commence in October 2011. We anticipate that the water filtration system will be upgraded at the same time (as part of general maintenance).

The Tawa Pool is widely used as a training pool, not only for Learn to Swim, but also for competitive swimming, duathlon, triathlon, iron man, etc training, as well as for general fitness training for residents of all ages, not only from Tawa but also nearby towns and suburbs.

Tawa Shared Walkway

The Tawa Shared Walkway project has the full support of the Tawa Community Board. It is heartening to see the progress already made. The completed walkway

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will provide a safer cycling route and will undoubtedly encourage more people to get about on foot or by bike. This is a valuable asset to the Tawa community, and it is pleasing to see Council officers working closely with both the local community and the Board on this project. We trust that progress on future sections of the project will be as much on target as they have been to date.

Public Toilet in Linden

The Board believes there is a need for a public toilet block to be situated in Linden. Duncan Park has attracted many families, especially those with younger children to the playground, and it is unfortunate, and probably unhygienic, that their time at the Park is cut short, by the children being ‘caught short’. As this area currently has no such facility, this needs to be addressed.

Hazardous Trees Removal

Although the Board understands the Council’s desire to reduce overall expenses, a reduction in the budget for the removal of hazardous trees may be cause for concern. Tawa has a number of “hazardous trees” on the western side of the Main Road near McLellan St. These will need to be dealt with appropriately as they are near to houses and a well-used walkway.

Supply of Plants from WCC

The TCB confirms its desire to see the continuation of the supply of plants to volunteer groups for localised planting. The Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves group and Tawa Rotary have both recently used the opportunity of plant availability to beautify reserves in Tawa. This adds value to WCC reserves.

Graffiti Vandalism

The Tawa Community Board supports the continuing emphasis upon the early eradication of graffiti. This is straight-out vandalism from which Tawa is not exempt. The Board applauds WCC attempts to stem graffiti by the ongoing funding of the flying squad.

Grenada to Petone Road

The TCB sees this road as a significant road for the area we represent. Its construction will:

- strengthen Tawa/Grenada North as an important logistic hubs for Wellington. Grenada North is already a significant area housing large quantities of food and materials and employing a large number of people. The road will assist its growth.
- reduce the travel times for people who need to use their vehicles. This includes Tawa people working in the Hutt Valley and people working in Wellington City.

While we are highly supportive of public transport we must also be mindful of people who must use their vehicles for work.

Middleton Road Cycle and Walkway

Tawa residents are high users of public transport but are also high users of roads as vehicle drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The only route for cyclists and pedestrians

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to areas south of Tawa is Willowbank/Middleton Road. This route is narrow and was never designed for non-motorised use. It is thus dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians as there is insufficient room on either side of the road to safely accommodate both them and vehicles.

The Council appears to have made no progress in enabling Tawa residents and those from further north a safe cycling and walking route from Tawa to Wellington. If “cost benefits” in upgrading Willowbank/ Middleton Road are a concern, it should be noted that these are improved when the above proposal is linked in with the proposed Grenada-Petone connection (mentioned above).

The TCB requests that funding for the Middleton Road Cycle and Walkway should be a high priority for the Council.

Inner City Parking

Central Wellington is the entertainment hub for greater Wellington. However existing parking fees are already, by international standards, at the top end.

- Increasing the fees payable from \$4 per hour to \$5 an hour will have a significant impact on the number of people who will want to come into Wellington. Whilst the intent may be to drive people onto public transport, it is more likely to drive Tawa people to suburban malls where parking is free.
- The TCB is totally opposed to increasing the hours of payment by two hours each evening. Additional parking costs would invariably provide a strong deterrent to Tawa people and others from travelling to the CBD for dining purposes or to other venues at which they might spend their hard-earned dollars.

The TCB supports the continuation of free on-street parking during the weekends. Any move away from this would affect the vibrancy of central Wellington by discouraging people from the city centre.

Commuter Traffic

The increasing traffic congestion from Tawa to Wellington City and the Hutt Valley is of concern to the Board. We acknowledge that some of this could be exacerbated by the current higher use of road transport against rail. However traffic on SH1 is slow and frequently stopped from 7.00am through 8.30am and in the evening from 4.00pm through to 6.00pm. We look forward to a positive resolution from the various transport studies over recent years.

Park and Ride

Increased bus and train usage is being promulgated to reduce the number of cars using State Highway 1 and reduce congestion in the city. Whilst not a direct responsibility

of WCC there is concern that there are insufficient Park and Ride facilities in Tawa, in particular at Takapu Road station. This car park is full before 8.00am most weekdays, and hence adds to road congestion, as people drive on through to the city. More space needs to be allowed for Park and Ride, and included in any new developments. WCC must work with Greater Wellington to ensure that this happens.

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In the short term we suggest that car parking spaces are marked along the length of Boscobel Lane to maximise what room is currently available.

Deep Water Pool complex

In the current economic climate the Board does not agree with proposed expenditure of up to \$20m on a deep water pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, and the associated cost of \$650,000 for a feasibility study. It is our view that by spending \$650,000 the decision on proceeding will be all but made. Any costs associated with this project should not further increase swimming pool charges across the city.

In the current economic climate we recommend that the feasibility study be deferred for several years.

Swimming Pool Fees for Children

The TCB would like the Council to reconsider increasing child swimming fees for the coming year. An increase in child drownings over recent times may be due in part to (parents of) children being unable to afford swimming lessons. The Council should at least contain any fees for younger children learning to swim.

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