

# Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board

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Minutes of the meeting of the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board held at the Lawrence Service Centre, Peel Street, Lawrence on Wednesday 24 January 2024, commencing at 3.00pm.

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**Present** Geoff Davidson, Lindy Chinnery, Roger Cotton, Councillor Jock Martin and Suzanne Stephenson.

**In Attendance** His Worship the Mayor Bryan Cadogan, Steve Hill (Chief Executive) and Julie Gardner (EA/Governance Advisor).

**Apologies** Tim Dickey, Matt Little

**Moved R Cotton/L Chinnery and Resolved:**

**“That the apologies be sustained.”**

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The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2024.

## LATE ITEMS

### PUBLIC FORUM

#### *Jean Goodlet – Lawrence Footpaths*

- Colonsay Street footpath (playground side to Catholic Church) – have put in several CSRs, drives a mobility scooter and would like something done about it urgently.
- Commented that Tuapeka Transport Ltd had new kerb and channel so why can't Colonsay Street get a new footpath?
- Queried why concrete and not asphalt – concrete is the most cost efficient.
- Irvine Street footpath also needs to be redone.
- Creek behind Police Station also needs to be cleaned out – advised to put in CSRs if there is anything she feels that needs to be attended to.
- LTCB advised to submit to LTP with any requests that they would like prioritised.
- Tidy up of old Lawrence Borough signs also requested.

#### *Jess Weichler – Storymapp update*

- Storymapp officially launched – soft launch was before Christmas.
- Available for sale at Tuapeka Goldfields Museum – cost is \$25.00.
- Encouraged LTCB to take the tour – takes approximately 2 hours but also able to do the tour from your own home – learning experience outside the classroom.
- Fact Sheet has been created to be included at the local I-sites and visitor centres around the district.

LTCB congratulated Jess on the completion of the project and commented that other parts of the district were looking to implement this as part of their heritage e.g. Waipori, Waitahuna.

#### *Jess Weichler - Gabriels Gully Walking Track Reserve*

- Highlighted issues with the walking track – lack of signage indicating which ways to go – approximately 6 signs would make all the difference and save people getting lost.
- Not currently recommending the walk to visitors at the Information Centre, would like to wait until there is more signage.
- Requires abit more maintenance while there is not so many using it – long grass, thistles etc. need to be managed better.

## **1 OUR PLACE COMMUNITY PLAN PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Project Manager – Community Plan Implementation provided an update on progress with community projects as outlined in the Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka Community Plan.

Mike Goldsmith (Project Manager – Community Plan Implementation) was in attendance for this item.

Discussion points –

#### *Dog Park update –*

- has been included as an Our Place Community Plan project as recommended by the LTCB at the 15 November 2023 meeting. Letter has been sent to the leaseholder with no response so far. This will be a community-led project. Mike to contact Lucy to start the process.

#### *Residential Development –*

- Harrington Street Reserve land status report has been received and is included in the agenda. Lengthy process to revoke the reserve status with Ngāi Tahu getting first right of refusal.
- No reason to revoke unless you are planning to do a residential development with individual freehold sections so not the same as using any spare land (council owned or otherwise) for house and land packages.
- Is there a market for a council residential development for freehold sections? This has yet to be determined.
- Requires clear direction from LTCB that this is what they want as council would carry the risk. Not easy in the current climate so LTCB need to make the call on where they are heading with this.
- There are more suitable sections around the town that lend themselves more to house and land packages rather than going through the process of revoking the reserve status on Harrington Street Reserve.
- Peel Street is more suitable to do the first house and land package, however no organisation in Lawrence has picked this up as not council but community doing it. Need a community lead to move this forward if LTCB wants it to progress.

- LTCB need to organise a community workshop with council assistance to kickstart this project.
- Item to be included in next agenda for meeting on 28 February 2024.

*Reducing Flood Risk –*

- Discussion about why flooding issues have not been more highly prioritised as part of the GHD report. Frustration from the LTCB at how long this has taken to get sorted.
- Wider flooding problem in Lawrence than just the Colonsay Street area which needs to be taken into consideration.
- Community input was given 12 months ago so disappointed that GHD have not taken this onboard in their report. All that has been received so far is an Inundation plan and map.
- Needs to be built into work programme with ORC and end up with a result like Milton 2060 e.g. Lawrence 2080.
- Assurance that this work will be pushed further with GHD to ensure the future modelling is progressed taking into account feedback from the LTCB.

***Moved R Cotton/L Chinnery and Resolved:***

***“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the ‘Our Place Community Plan Projects Update’ report dated 24 January 2024.***

**2 LAWRENCE/TUAPEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board held on 15 November 2023 were presented for the Board’s confirmation.

***Moved Councillor Martin/R Cotton and Resolved:***

***“That the minutes of the meeting of the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board held on 15 November 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.”***

**3 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.

**3.1 Gabriels Gully Walkway**

Signs were installed in December 2023.

A report from Jess Weichler and Seth Kenlon on the current state of the Gabriels Gully Track was circulated to the Board after publication of the agenda.

After discussion, it was agreed that the LTCB would arrange pegs with orange arrows to indicate the track and arrange with a local contractor to carry out regular maintenance (spraying, mowing etc) to ensure that the track was more easily defined.

***Moved R Cotton/Councillor Martin and Resolved:***

***“That the LTCB agrees to set aside \$500 from the Kate Leslie Fund for maintenance of the Gabriels Gully track.”***

**3.2 Zig Zag Track Maintenance**

No further updates as Tim Dickey was not at the meeting.

**3.3 Cemetery Kiosk Panels**

Confirmation of numbering system for cemetery panel to be advised. Listing of graves to be confirmed with council staff.

**3.4 Cemetery Maintenance**

Friends of Cemetery meeting hopefully end of February to progress a planting plan.

Chinese Section Memorial – Mayor to contact Peter Petchey to progress this. R Cotton would also like to attend this meeting.

**3.5 Peace Garden**

Fence painting work is due to start mid-February. Sandblasting of gates will happen after that.

After flying a drone over the cenotaph, it was discovered that the dome is in a bad state of disrepair, turns 100 in March 2025 so would like this repaired before then. There is funding in the Peace Garden fund which could be used to investigate what work needs to be done. Council staff will progress this.

**3.6 Lights in Lawrence**

Discussed at last Heritage Trust meeting but never progressed, will report back at the next LTCB meeting.

***Moved R Cotton/L Chinnery and Resolved:***

***“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Work in Progress Update report dated 24 January 2024.”***

**4 SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATE**

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

There was discussion on the following:

- Phoenix Dam – Councillor Martin advised that access and remedial work on the dam has progressed, important to remember that CDC don't own the dam and all parties involved are trying to work collaboratively to resolve the issues.
- Greenfield Rural Water Scheme – R Cotton advised that there is concern that there may be 'backtracking' of water for some consumers where the connection to the main may be further away from the property. Council staff will investigate this and report back.

*Suzanne Stephenson left the meeting at 4.33pm and rejoined at 4.35pm.*

***Moved L Chinnery/R Cotton and Resolved:***

***"That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Service Delivery Update Report dated 24 January 2024."***

## **5 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 2023 to 30 November 2023.

***Moved R Cotton/S Stephenson and Resolved:***

***"That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Revenue and Expenditure report dated 24 January 2024."***

## **6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

The Finance & Policy Administrator and Community Support & Development Advisor submitted a report that covered activities of the Corporate Services Department in the past period including funding schemes.

***Moved R Cotton/L Chinnery and Resolved:***

***"That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the Corporate Services report dated 24 January 2024."***

## **7 BUILDING REPORT**

The Regulatory Services Administrator submitted a report on building consents for October, November and December 2023.

It was noted that the report now contains building consent statistics from across the Clutha district.

***Moved L Chinnery/Councillor Martin and Resolved:***

***“That the Lawrence/Tuapeka Community Board receives the ‘Building Consent Statistics for October, November & December’ report.”***

## **8 MAYORAL UPDATE**

His Worship the Mayor Bryan Cadogan provided verbal updates on the following:

- LTP update – soapbox sessions and consultation due to start, encouraged the LTCB to attend the sessions as well as encouraging locals to also attend these.
- Highlighted a potential 20% increase in rates for future years – not just for CDC but councils NZ-wide.
- 3 Waters and how it has impacted on councils.

The LTCB discussed having Drop In Sessions – the intention is to hold these 2 weeks after LTCB meetings so that a more casual approach is adopted to encourage members of the community to feel able to discuss any issues that they may have. Anyone with CSRs will be encouraged to submit these through the staff at the Lawrence Service Centre.

The Mayor advised that ‘café conversations’ are also a useful tool.

The meeting closed at 4.50pm.

**Confirmed**

Geoff Davidson  
**Chairperson**