



**I give notice that
a Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting will be held on:**

Date:	Tuesday, 14 March 2017
Time:	1.00pm
Location:	Boardroom Turangi Service Delivery Centre (Council Offices) Town Centre Turangi

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Mr Andy Hema
Deputy Chairperson	Mr Te Takinga New
Members	Cr Zane Cozens Cr Tangonui Kingi Mrs Karen Donlon Miss Sharlyn Holt Mrs Sally Nelson Mr Wally van der Aa

Quorum 4

**Gareth Green
Chief Executive Officer**

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3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 14 FEBRUARY 2017

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Authorised by: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting Minutes - 14 February 2017 

4.1 FLOOD HAZARD PLAN CHANGE UPDATE

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Authorised by: Alan Menhennet, Group Manager: Finance and Strategy

PURPOSE

To update the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board on the progress with the Flood Hazard Plan Change.

DISCUSSION

The Flood Hazard Plan Change project is progressing and will affect ratepayers in the Turangi Tongariro ward. Staff last updated the Board on progress with this project in September 2015.

CONCLUSION

Given the number of new members on the Board and the time passed since the last update, it is appropriate to update the Board on the progress of the Flood Hazard Plan Change.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the updated information on the Flood Hazard Plan Change.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan Change 34 - An enduring story [A1880575] 

4.2 DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW UPDATE

Author: Jane Budge, Senior Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Alan Menhennet, Group Manager: Finance and Strategy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress of the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw review and for the members to consider a submission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Freedom camping is an issue that requires managing. A Freedom Camping Bylaw can restrict and prohibit freedom camping within areas across the district.

Council agreed at its meeting on 7 February 2017 to adopt the draft freedom camping bylaw for public consultation. The Council has proposed one of the Turangi Town Centre carparks as a site for freedom camping for self-contained vehicles only. This was to ensure that at least one site was included at the southern end of the lake for the community to be engaged in the process.

This site was a compromise proposed by the working group as it:

- was in line with the agreed philosophy;
- was away from the lakeshore due to the environmental concerns of being close to the water;
- was away from the main carpark that serviced the Turtle Pool and businesses in the mall, due to conflicts with users;
- was close to the retail centre for the freedom campers to access; and
- ensured that at least one site was included and did not prohibit freedom camping outright from the area.

However, it was recognised that the site did not have a toilet and that it could lead to conflicts with the surrounding businesses.

This is the Board's opportunity to consider the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and if it wishes, make a submission. The Board may wish to support the proposed site, propose other sites, or recommend that there be no sites at all at the southern end of the lake.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Board note the information contained in this report on the proposed draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

BACKGROUND

Freedom camping is an accommodation option for both domestic and international tourists while travelling around New Zealand. New Zealand has a long history of freedom camping, and many New Zealanders freedom camp for a variety of reasons. Of those that freedom camp they do so in different types of vehicles and for different reasons. However, freedom camping can at peak times, place pressure on our communities.

Over the 2015-16 summer there was significant national media coverage on freedom camping around New Zealand. In the Taupō District, there was a noticeable increase in the presence of freedom campers, and this raised concerns about whether there is appropriate management in place.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act), permits freedom camping on Council controlled and managed land unless it is restricted through a bylaw or another enactment. A Freedom Camping Bylaw made under the Act can restrict or prohibit freedom camping from any area within the district. However, a Freedom Camping Bylaw must not completely prohibit freedom camping in all areas of the district.

Without a bylaw the presumption for freedom camping is that it is allowed everywhere. Currently at the southern end of the lake a popular spot is the Stump Bay car park. This site is an example of where the number of freedom campers is leading to infrastructure not coping. The public toilets at Stump Bay failed

over the 2015-16 summer and some portaloos were needed as a temporary replacement. Stump Bay has also seen some conflicts with day users as it is the closest lake access for Turangi residents.

Another site that was previously popular with freedom campers was the Tokaanu marina. However, this site was on private land owned by Genesis Energy. Continuing conflicts with day users led Genesis Energy to close the site down for overnight parking/freedom camping in November 2016. Signs went up and security was engaged to move people on who do not abide by the signage. They noted that if these initiatives failed to address the conflict, trespass notices would also be considered.

There is currently only one Department of Conservation (DOC) area where freedom camping is legitimately allowed, which is the Omori Scenic Reserve stream carpark. However, this area got overwhelmed when the Tokaanu marina site closed and DOC have since prohibited freedom camping from the carpark between 20 December and 7 February due to conflicts with day users and it being the busiest time of the year. DOC has also seen issues with the fishing trails where it is prohibited, and discussions are ongoing regarding sharing enforcement once the proposed bylaw is in place.

The presumption under the Reserves Act 1977 is that camping is prohibited on reserves unless specifically provided for through a reserve management plan. There are currently only four reserves where camping is allowed: Reid's Farm Recreation Reserve, Mangakino Recreation Reserve, Whakamaru Domain and Whakamaru Recreation Reserve. There is also currently off-street parking on Ferry Road, in Taupō, for the purpose of overnight stays, which is currently restricted to self-contained vehicles and a maximum of two nights.

There are a number of emerging issues associated with freedom camping, including:

- growing visitor numbers and freedom campers;
- pressure on places where freedom camping is allowed; and
- an increasing number of complaints.

At its May 2016 meeting, Council directed officers to establish a working group of stakeholders and Councillors, and to investigate the issues with freedom camping and consider potential solutions. The councillors on the working group included, Cr Williamson, Cr Stewart (representing the southern end of the lake) and Cr Chrustowski. This working group was established as a think tank to help officers with their analysis. The group suggested to Council that freedom camping does place pressure on our community and recommended various areas where freedom camping may be allowed. It was also generally recognised that the issues associated with freedom camping need to be managed; a key part of that management is an easy and effective enforcement regime which comes with a freedom camping bylaw.

At its meeting on 13 December 2016, the Council agreed to formally consult on the areas identified by the working group and officers. Council also directed officers to develop a draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and statement of proposal based on these areas.

The only area currently proposed for the southern end of the lake is one of the Turangi Town Centre carparks for self-contained vehicles only. There is also a maximum of two nights and three days which is proposed across the district unless further restrictions are in place.

Council adopted the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw for public consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) at its meeting on 7 February 2017.

DISCUSSION

Much of the engagement undertaken with members of the Turangi community prior to the adoption of the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw advised that they intended to participate in the process once a draft bylaw was available to comment on. However, some of the informal discussions with some community members have indicated that they do not want freedom camping in their area.

As the Act is very permissive a site has been proposed by the Council for Turangi to gauge the level of community support for enabling freedom camping. This site was a compromise proposed by the working group as it:

- was in line with the agreed philosophy;
- was away from the lakeshore due to the environmental concerns of being close to the water;
- was away from the main carpark that serviced the Turtle Pool and businesses in the mall, due to conflicts with users;
- was close to the retail centre for the freedom campers to access; and

- ensured that at least one site was included at the southern end of the lake for the community to be engaged in the process and did not prohibit freedom camping outright from the area.

However, it was recognised that the site did not have a toilet and that it could lead to conflicts with the surrounding businesses. As part of the review officers have noted that many of the sites proposed will require infrastructure upgrades to ensure they are adequate.

If the southern end of the lake chooses to have no site it is likely that freedom campers may choose to move on. Insufficient sites could lead to undesirable outcomes from overcrowding which has been seen in Christchurch. A lack of areas may also push campers on to less desirable areas within the district (such as the DOC fishing trails) or, make them move onto Taupō or other districts, where they are more welcoming.

This is the Board's opportunity to consider the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and if it wishes, make a submission. The Board may wish to either, support the proposed site, propose other sites, or recommend that there be no sites at all at the southern end of the lake.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial Considerations

There are costs associated with the development, consultation and enforcement of this proposal. The development of a potential Freedom Camping Bylaw has been included in the Annual Plan 2016-17 work programme and will be met through existing budgets.

Legal Considerations

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the LGA.

The Freedom Camping Act allows the development of a Freedom Camping Bylaw under section 11 of the Act. Under section 11(2) of the Act; a local authority must be satisfied that a Freedom Camping Bylaw is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:

- a. to protect an area;
- b. to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and
- c. to protect access to an area.

The Council considered that the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way to address the issues associated with freedom camping and is likely to encourage more appropriate behaviours. It is also likely to address the identified access issues to the lakefront by outlining the areas where freedom camping can be undertaken.

The ability to camp on public land is not a 'right' under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA). However, the limitations proposed by the Freedom Camping Bylaw only seek to impose justifiable and reasonable limits on people to ensure the safety of the community and minimise any incidences of public disturbance. The Freedom Camping Bylaw also seeks to protect access to areas within the district and is therefore not inconsistent with the NZBORA.

Policy Implications

The proposal has been evaluated against other Council Policy. Any new bylaws, reserve management plans and policy form part of the Council's overall operating procedures and are consistent with existing policy.

Risks

There are risks associated with not meeting our legislative obligations under the Freedom Camping Act and the LGA if this work is hastily developed. A thorough review has been undertaken to minimise any of these concerns.

There is also a possible risk of judicial review if a bylaw is introduced and the correct processes are not followed. The NZMCA has previously sought a judicial review of the legality of the Thames-Coromandel District Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw and noted their intention to do so in other districts if they believe due process has not been followed correctly. This risk has been minimised by including the NZMCA as a member of the working group.

There is a risk that parts of the community could criticise the Council for not adequately taking into consideration their views. However, this has been mitigated by undertaking both a pre-engagement process seeking the community's views on the issues associated with freedom camping and a pre-consultation on

potential areas and sites. Further individual engagement has occurred with affected parties and at stakeholder meetings.

There is a continuing risk of insufficient areas to cater for the increasing number of freedom campers wanting to come to the district. Officers recognise that the Freedom Camping Bylaw is likely to require revision in the future.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies the following matters that are to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions:

- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;
- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

The matters covered in this paper affect a large portion of the community, and it is considered a significant decision in accordance with the Council's policy.

Formal consultation is currently being undertaken in accordance with section 83 of the LGA. A Statement of Proposal on freedom camping has been adopted (and attached) outlining the issues associated with the problem and the possible solutions. Hearings will be held between 8-10 May 2017 (morning 9 May in Turangi if required) and deliberations on 6 June (and 7 June if required).

CONSULTATION

Formal consultation started on 17 February and closes on 18 April 2017. It is intended to hold a number of consultation opportunities around the district to engage people in the conversation about freedom camping and encourage them to give feedback. The timeline for the engagement for the southern end of the lake follows and do not hesitate to attend either one or any of the events:

Date	Time	Location	Venue
27 March	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Turangi	Turangi Mall
27 March	5pm – 6pm	Omori	Omori Store
27 March	5pm – 7pm	Turangi After 5	Tongariro Trout Centre

COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

A press release was released following adoption of the proposed bylaw for consultation. There will be additional media coverage including in the council's weekly Connect page in the Taupō Times, on social media, radio, and on the council's website. Out-of-town ratepayers will be notified of this and a number of other upcoming consultation opportunities via a postcard or email if they have opted in to receive their correspondence digitally.

CONCLUSION

This is the Board's opportunity to consider the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and if it wishes make a submission. The Board may wish to either, support the proposed site, propose other sites, or recommend that there be no sites at all at the southern end of the lake.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw for consultation [A1867690] 
2. Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw Statement of Proposal [A1858032] 

4.3 KING COUNTRY ELECTRIC POWER TRUST SUBMISSION

Author: Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

Authorised by: Alan Menhennet, Group Manager: Finance and Strategy

PURPOSE

This report provides the Community Board with background to the Ownership Review being undertaken by the King Country Electric Power Trust and suggests a draft submission for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board:

1. Approves the proposed submission on the King Country Electric Power Trust review, and
2. Appoints _____ to represent the Boards views to the public meeting on 17 March 2017.

BACKGROUND TO THE TRUST

King Country Electric Power Trust (KCEPT) is an electricity trust, created under the Electricity Industry Reform Act. Beneficiaries are electricity consumers connected to the lines network within the area where the King Country Electric Power Board was licensed to supply. The beneficiaries elect the Trustees. Elections of Trustees take place every two years with two or three Trustees standing down for each election. A board of directors governs the electricity company and there is an interface between the Trustees and the directors. The electricity company pays dividends to its shareholders including the Trust. Those dividends support distributions for the benefit of consumer/beneficiaries.

The electricity company shares that the Trust holds form the base investment for the Trust. The Trust has changed its nature and shareholdings over time but they currently own 20% of King Country Energy Ltd (KCE). They also have a widespread share portfolio. Some of those shares are in energy companies such as Meridian and Mercury, and some are not energy companies. Money comes into the Trust from interest, term deposits, the portfolio and general shares, and dividends from the KCE shareholding.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Under the Trust Deed the Trustees of the Trust are required to carry out, at no more than five yearly intervals, a review of the available options for the future ownership of the Trust's Review Shares, which are the shares the Trust owns in King Country Energy Limited (KCE).

As part of the review process, the Trust is considering an offer by Trustpower to explore a set of transactions whereby the Trust would be able to own 100% of KCE. At present, Trustpower is the major shareholder in KCE with a 64.6% shareholding.

The Trust has sought independent advice from Pricewaterhouse Coopers (attached). While noting the reasonable performance of KCE, Pricewaterhouse Coopers recognised that there are some emerging risks in the New Zealand electricity sector that suggest it may be challenging to maintain KCE's current level of performance. These include:

- Modest demand growth and the impact of excess capacity on wholesale prices;
- regulatory changes to the transmission pricing methodology (TPM) and pricing rules for distributed;
- generation that are likely to reduce revenues for distributed generators like KCE;
- the potential for rapid technology change (ie solar PV, energy efficiency); and,
- retail margins that are under pressure from the competitive retail market, which continues to experience a high degree of switching and entry of retailers with innovative offerings.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers have suggested that the options of the status quo and the transaction with Trustpower are the most viable. They note that the decision on which option to prefer rests on the relative risks and opportunities between the status quo (with a well-performing company and growing investment portfolio but facing some potential headwinds), and the opportunity for transacting with Trustpower (which gives the Trust full control over post-transaction KCE, lessens the risk to KCE in respect of its retail operations, but reduces the diversity of KCEPT's investments).

In response to that independent advice the Trustees have formed preliminary conclusions:

- A. The Trustees have a preliminary unanimous view on the best way forward which is that the Review Shares should be retained by the Trust.
- B. Based on the view expressed above, no distribution of Review Shares is recommended at this stage for the purposes of clause 4.1(e) of the Trust Deed.

The Trust now wishes to take into account the views of the public through a public consultation process. This enables persons interested in the proposals to make submissions to the Trustees. Any person who makes a submission will have an opportunity to be heard with a public meeting planned for Turangi at the Senior Citizens Hall on Tuesday 21 March, at 7pm.

AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION

Brian Gurney, a former trustee and chairman has raised an alternative option. He has suggested that further investigations be made into the potential to modify the Trust's status from a 'consumer' to a 'community' trust. This would eliminate the current need for the Trust to own shares in KCE. As a community Trust they could sell the shares in KCE and expand the investment portfolio. He suggests that this would significantly reduce the considerable investment risk that the trustees are proposing to accept under the option of restructuring KCE. This option would require an application to the court to amend the Trust Deed.

Sandra Greenslade of the Turangi-Tongariro Residents and Ratepayers Association has previously presented her views to the Community Board. She has expressed considerable concern about the proposed restructuring of KCE as proposed by Trustpower, and has encouraged the Community Board to present a submission rejecting the proposal.

PROPOSED SUBMISSION

Public submissions on the review process close on 17 March 2017. A draft submission (attached) has been prepared for consideration by the Community Board. In short, it expresses concerns about the long term viability of a restructured KCE as proposed by Trustpower and instead encourages the Trust to investigate the alternative option suggested by Mr Brian Gurney, to change the status of the Trust.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

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- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the review process may be of significant community interest in the wider Turangi area.

ENGAGEMENT

Officers do not believe that the Community Board needs to undertake any engagement with the wider community before lodging the proposed submission.

COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

No further communication on the decision to lodge the submission is required.

CONCLUSION

King Country Electric Power Trust is undertaking a review of their Review Shares as required by the Trust Deed. As part of that review process, they are seeking the community views on a proposal by Trustpower to enter into a set of transactions to restructure King Country Energy. There is a concern by some in the community that such a restructure would be risky and place the ongoing ability of the Trust to make a return for beneficiaries. A proposed submission on the proposal has been prepared for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. King Country Electric Power Trust Ownership Review Consultation Document and advice from Pricewaterhouse Coopers [A1881751] 

4.4 OMORI ROAD, TE PUKE ROAD AND PIHANGA ROAD INTERSECTION

Author: Claire Sharland, Asset Manager Transportation

Authorised by: Kevin Strongman, Group Manager, Operational Services

PURPOSE

To provide an update to the Community Board on the consultation in relation to improvements on the Omori, Te Puke & Pihanga Road's intersection and to seek approval to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2014 the community asked for a meeting on site with Council staff to discuss their issues. After viewing and driving through the intersection, we advised that we would review the existing plan as there was an issue with sight visibility of vehicles turning right from Pihanga Road, into Te Puke Road. While there has been no reported crash history over the last five years at this intersection, we were advised by a number of the community at the meeting that there had been a number of near misses. The sight visibility is also well below the recommended sight distance guidelines therefore we decided to review the existing plan.

A new plan was proposed and budget allocated within the 2016/2017 financial year minor improvement programme. The plan would proceed depending on the results from the consultation.

Following further consultation of this project, it appears some of the community are not in full support of the proposed improvements for the intersection therefore it will be necessary for Council to make a final decision.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board recommends to Council that the implementation of the proposed changes to the intersection at Omori be approved/be declined.

BACKGROUND

The proposal has not been presented previously:

This issue was raised by a concerned community group over four years ago, in particular the number of near misses involving vehicles travelling along Pihanga Road into Te Puke Road, the main access road to the Omori transfer station.

Consultation for the improvement was undertaken in late 2012, with all Omori and Kuratau residences receiving a letter. The majority of responses received were from the Omori community and they were not in support of the proposal, so it was withdrawn from the programme.

The project was given a low priority status and filed in the deficiency database, which is used to prioritise our minor improvement projects. However due to a number of public requests further along, we decided to review the project.

In 2014 a number of residents from the community asked for a meeting on site with Council staff to discuss their issues. After viewing and driving through the intersection we advised we would review the existing plan as there was an issue with the sight visibility of vehicles turning right from Pihanga Road into Te Puke Road. While there has been no reported crash history over the last five years at this intersection, we were advised by a number of the community at the meeting there had been a number of near misses. The sight visibility is also well below the recommended sight distance guidelines, therefore we decided to review the existing plan.

A new plan was proposed and budget was allocated within the 2016/2017 financial year minor improvement programme. The plan would proceed depending on the results from the consultation.

DISCUSSION

A letter was sent out to all affected property owners on Te Puke Road and some letters were distributed by those residents from the community attending the meeting in 2014 during the months of August and

September 2016. There were a number of mixed comments regarding the proposed plan and improvements.

Thirty four (34) letters were sent out to directly affected property owners; a further 30 proposed plans were given to a concerned resident to distribute to the Omori community. Thirteen responses were received with 9 in support of the proposal.

The timing of the project was initially planned to begin in December 2016 to avoid the summer months with holidaymakers, however with the small response and the community not in full support a decision is required by Council as to whether to proceed or not with this project. If the project was to proceed, by the time we finalise plan and tender the work, the construction period is likely to be prior to the 2018 holiday summer period.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Status quo

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No crashes reported to date. No cost to ratepayers. Budget can be re-prioritised for other minor improvements. Community may be more in support of the project if either growth in traffic or crash history occurs in the future. Consideration can be given to more signage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near misses will continue to occur or no longer be near misses and become injury crashes. Parts of the community will continue to request improvements, as has been the case over the last four years. Cost of improvements may increase over time if project is deferred.

Option 2 – Proceed with improvements

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will improve sight distances for right turning vehicles into Te Puke Road from Pihanga Road. The right turn bay will allow for at least two vehicles with trailers to queue and through traffic to continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not all of the community is in full support of the improvements and would rather have the budget spent on other projects such as erosion protection. No reported crash history over last 5 years. Cost estimate of \$100K. Tree will need to be removed as part of the project.

Analysis of above option

If Council choose Option 1, officers can consider further signage prior to the intersection as a more cost effective measure.

Option 2 will improve the visibility of the intersection for right turning vehicles but comes at a high cost.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial Considerations

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$100,000, 51% subsidised by the New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA).

Long Term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently budgeted for under Minor Improvement Programme. There is \$170,000 available for District wide improvements.

Contracts and Tenders

The costs of the works will require a tender process.

The procurement of this work will be required to be done as per Council/NZTA procurement policy.

Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and

future needs of communities for good quality (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

The matter assists Council in providing local infrastructure.

Policy Implications

There are no known policy implications.

Risks

There will be some members of the community who are not in support of the decision which is made.

The cost of the project is a cost estimate, not a quote or actual tender price so this could increase due to unforeseen circumstances (such as the cost we may need to relocate any services).

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- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
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- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to the Board making a recommendation to Council.

COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

Communication will be provided to those who commented on the proposal and/or the community if the project is to proceed.

CONCLUSION

While there have been no reported crash history over the last five years at this intersection, there have been near misses witnessed by some residents and the sight visibility is well below the recommended sight distance guidelines,

However based on the cost estimate of the project to the community versus the benefits, we consider this project is not the most cost effective solution for this intersection and suggest additional signage should be considered in the first instance.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed plan of Omori Rd and Te Puke Rd intersection changes (A1782433) 

4.5 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2017

Author: Greg Hadley, Districts Parks Operations Manager

Authorised by: John Ridd, Group Manager: Business and Technology

[PURPOSE

This item is for the District Parks Operations Manager to provide an update to the Board on Turangi operations for January 2017.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Turangi Operations Report for January 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Turangi Operations Update - January 2017 (A1883775) 

4.6 ADOPTION OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO 2016-19 COMMUNITY PLAN

Author: Raeleen Rihari, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer

Authorised by: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

PURPOSE

To review and adopt the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board's 2016-19 Community Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Board previously has undertaken an annual review of its Community Plan to update and set new objectives, and remove completed tasks.

The Strategic Relationships Advisor has been formulating the current Community Plan in accordance with the member's feedback and this is now ready to adopt.

CONCLUSION

As the majority of Board members are relatively new and to align with previous years, it is timely to adopt the Turangi/Tongariro Community Plan 2016–19.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board adopts the Turangi/Tongariro 2016–19 Community Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Turangi/Tongariro 2016-19 Community Plan [A1884101] 

4.7 CODE OF CONDUCT

Author: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

Authorised by: Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

PURPOSE

For the Turangi-Tongariro Community Board to note the adopted Taupō District Council 2017 Code of Conduct.

DISCUSSION

Each triennium the new Council is required to adopt a Code of Conduct.

The Code provides guidance on the standard of behaviour expected of elected members, and appointed or co-opted members. It applies when members have dealings with individuals, groups, agencies, entities or authorities in their role as members. It also highlights the importance of achieving 'good local government', effective and inclusive decision-making, strengthened community credibility, and a culture of trust and mutual respect within the local authority.

The new Code includes a range of new features:

- refinement of the principles including a new principle that highlights the importance of elected members 'pulling their weight';
- simplification of the roles and responsibilities;
- encouragement for members to participate in activities to build and maintain collaborative and cooperative cultures within the council;
- a new process for investigating and assessing complaints, including a 'materiality' test;
- additional guidance on penalties or sanctions;
- clarification that complaints can only be made by members and chief executives providing a more empowering and less prescriptive approach; and.
- roles and responsibilities of members.

It should be read in conjunction with, and does not replace, the obligations set out in the Local Government Act, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and any other relevant Acts and Council Standing Orders.

CONCLUSION

The Taupō District Council adopted an amended Code of Conduct on 28 February 2017. The Code helps to set out how the board will work as a team and relate to other members of the board, the community, and staff.

All members will need to sign the declaration on page 21 of the Code.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board notes the adopted Code of Conduct 2017 as attached and each member to sign the declaration on page 21 of the Code (A1816595)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Code of Conduct 2016-2019 (A1816595) 

4.8 COMMUNITY ISSUES

Author: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

Authorised by: Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

PURPOSE

This item allows for discussion on community issues within the Turangi/Tongariro area.

DISCUSSION

Matters that are of an operational and maintenance nature [e.g. road potholes, leaking water valves, trees, etc.] should be reported to staff for investigation and action in the first instance.

No debate and/or resolution is permitted on any of the issues raised.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information relating to community issues

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

4.9 MEMBERS' REPORTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUEST

Author: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

Authorised by: Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

PURPOSE

This item permits members to provide feedback on any items of interest arising from meetings/conferences/seminars they have attended over the past month, and for the Board to approve either prior or retrospectively, member attendance at conferences and professional development opportunities.

The Chair has indicated his interest in attending an Advanced Reading Skills course for newly elected members. The ARS programme is a one-day course being held on 12 of April at Rotorua-Lakes Council and the cost is \$450.00 per person.

The course is designed to help to:

- Absorb and digest critical readings in less time
- Reduce reading fatigue
- Confidence in processing large volumes of reading material

No debate and/or resolution is permitted on any of the member's reports.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board

1. Receives the members' reports.
2. Approves the attendance of Andy Hema at the Advanced Reading Skills course to be held on 12 April at Rotorua-Lakes Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil