



CONFIRMED Minutes

of the

Mercury Bay Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 6 May 2014
Venue Mercury Bay Community Board Room
10 Monk Street
Whitianga

Present

MP Kelly JP (Chairperson)	DJ Connell	LA Fox
	WD McLean	
	MK McLean JP	

In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Sam Marshall (Area Manager Mercury Bay)	All Items
Mayor Glenn Leach	All Items except 3.3, 4.2 and 6.1
David Hammond	All Items except 6.1
Gemma Osborne (Community Co-ordinator Mercury Bay)	All Items
Cathy Klouwens (Community Development Officer)	All Items
Katina Conomos	All Items
Ross Ashby	All Items
Christine Tye	All Items
Marion Smith	All Items
Jakki Handcock	All Items

Meeting Commenced	13:00		
Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairman Kelly	15:19	15:31	Afternoon tea

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Apology received from Member PW Hopkins for the meeting 6 May 2014.

Member McLean noted his absence for the month of June 2014.

Member Fox noted his absence for the period 1st – 17th June 2014.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the apology for Member PW Hopkins who has been on leave due to illness.
2. Noted the absence of Councillor McLean and Councillor Fox for the Community Board meeting in June.

Moved/Seconded By: WD McLean/Fox

1.2 Public Forum

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for the public to raise matters falling within the terms of reference of the meeting. Each speaker may speak for three minutes but time extensions may be allowed on a vote of not less than 75% of members present at the meeting. Questions from members for information or clarification may be permitted by the Chairperson (Standing Orders Appendix F).

1.2.1 Economic Development and Destination Coromandel

Deputy Chief Executive, Ben Day and Destination Coromandel manager, Hadley Dryden presented a short slide show regarding economic development in the Thames Coromandel District area and Destination Coromandel's vision for the next year.

1.2.1 Trevor Knight – Hot Water Beach Ratepayers

Trevor Knight of Hot Water Beach Ratepayers group spoke to the Board on a number of issues (**Attachment A**) including installing a streetlight at the boardwalk exit, existing parking issues on the blind corner into the village, inadequate rubbish transfer station hours in Whitianga.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the speakers in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Connell

1.3 Items not on the Agenda

Resolved

That:

1. The following matter(s) requiring urgent attention be added to the agenda.

Item	Description
4.4	Enforcement of Boat Trailer Registrations and Warrants of Fitness by Council Enforcement Officers

Reason Not on the Agenda

The report was not received by the report deadline date.

Reason Cannot be Delayed

The report is going to the Council meeting before the next Community Board meeting date.

Moved/Seconded By: WDMcLean/Fox

1.4 Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.5 18 March 2014 - Mercury Bay Community Board - Minutes For Confirmation

As per Council's Standing Orders, the Mercury Bay Community Board must confirm the Minutes of its previous meeting.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed the following Minutes:
Mercury Bay Community Board - 18 March 2014.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/WDMcLean

2 Governance

2.1 Summary of Submissions to the Draft 2014-2015 Annual Plan

A report was presented to seek Community Board recommendations, on submissions received, in advance of the Council's deliberations of the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Provided recommendations for each of the submission points for the Mercury Bay Community Board area, for Council's consideration as follows:

- 1) Provision of on-going facilities for younger residents of Mercury Bay.

Staff recommendation

That Council make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

Council is extremely supportive of younger persons activities in the Mercury Bay Area via funding, project support and the endorsement of the Youth Strategy outcomes. Council provides financial contributions and facilities for the youth of Mercury Bay including the Mercury Bay Multisport complex, community pool funding for upgrades and operational expenditure and support to community groups for activities such as Day Camp, Youth Space activities and the Christmas Parade via annual Community Board grants. Council also have contracts with Sport NZ to employ a local Recreation Coordinator who is working with sporting and recreational groups to encourage youth engagement. Council continues to support the Mercury Bay Area School and is funding approximately \$20,000 for the widening and new Mercury Bay Area School footpaths in 2013/2014 financial year.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and no change be made to the Annual Plan.

- 2) Youth Alcohol and Drug issues.

Staff recommendation

Staff note the submission and make no further changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council's Youth Strategy (within the justice and crime section) acknowledges that Thames Coromandel experiences low levels of crime (particularly around violent crime) than most other Council's in New Zealand, however it also acknowledges that at peak periods and in certain locations there are higher incidence levels. One of the responses to this has been the introduction of liquor bans. The strategy also acknowledges that only 30% of crime is reported to police. Therefore there may be a greater issue than is reflected officially. Therefore one option is for the youth forum to escalate their experiences through the Peninsula wide youth network to see if young people in other parts of the Coromandel have similar experiences. Each theme of the youth strategy will develop an action plan to address issues raised by young people - the implementation of this action plan will be likely require a multi-agency response.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

3) Footpaths from Kuaotunu

Staff recommendation

That the Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council have already invested \$30,000 towards safety improvements and thresholds treatment in the Kuaotunu village.

In 2013/2014 Council investigated the design, costing and staging of a footpath from Kuaotunu east to Kuaotunu west. The estimated cost was \$1.2m.

Staff are working with NZTA to look at funding options, which may include a subsidy towards construction.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and will consider a staged construction of a footpath through their annual footpath programme in June 2014.

4) 309 Road Dust Seal

Staff recommendation

That the Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

Three dust seal sites totalling 1.4km are included in Council's dust sealing programme for completion in 2015/16. In accordance with TCDC dust sealing policy the residents or the Mercury Bay Community Board have the option of advancing the timing of this work to 2014/15 on receipt of a 50% cost contribution (total estimated cost = \$42k), noting that the Mercury Bay Community Board can only advance the priority of one site.

Should the 50% contribution be received, the effect of advancing one or more of these dust seal sites is that Council will have insufficient budget to complete all the dust seal sites currently programmed for 2014/15 (based on the dust sealing prioritisation procedure adopted in 2009) at the Coromandel end of The 309 Road.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and requests that the sealing of the 309 road be reviewed as part of the Economic Development Strategy. The Community Board notes that improved roading networks and access are key economic drivers, and improvement to the 309 will be of benefit for the community. The Community Board also notes that the Ten Year Plan review should be a mechanism to review how Council approaches road sealing.

5) Drinking fountains at Buffalo Beach Road Reserve

Staff recommendation

That a drinking fountain be constructed at the Buffalo Beach reserve in the 2014/2015 financial year.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

A drinking fountain can be installed using funds from the existing Minor Reserves budget in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan. An appropriate place for the drinking fountain to be installed would be by the existing BBQ area which already has a water supply.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

6) Mercury Bay Destination Boat Ramp

Staff recommendation

That Council support the change being made to the draft Annual Plan and carry forward \$55,000 of unspent money.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

Staff support the carry forward of \$55,000 in unspent money for the Mercury Bay Destination Boat Ramp project as upgrades to boat ramps in the Mercury Bay area is an important priority.

The project is progressing well with a stakeholder working group formed and meetings held.

This is a three year project and the remaining 2013/2014 budget will be required to progress the project in 2014/2015.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

7) Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade

Staff recommendation

That the Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The Whitianga Town Centre upgrade has been deferred due to funding constraints and priority being given to other projects in the Mercury Bay area such as coastal erosion protection.

An approximate saving of \$3.059m is made by deferring the budget forecasted in the Ten Year Plan.

It is acknowledged that the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade remains a priority project for Whitianga and the timing and funding of the project will be reviewed during the Ten Year Plan process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and emphasises the \$3.059 million rating impact saving made by deferring the CBD upgrade budget in the coming year.

8) Hahei Ferry Shuttle - Performance Measures

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission point and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council supports the service being available but notes that the shuttle term and operation will be reviewed in the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Community Board asks staff to investigate any contractual obligations that may exist with other involved parties and the possibility of stopping the service completely for the following reasons:

1. A commercial operator exists that that provides the same service.
2. The allocated funding of the shuttle operation (\$15,000) could be used towards funding extended duration of the Park and Ride service, which has been requested by the community.

9) Bus service in Whitianga

Staff recommendation

That the Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff agree that Council promote alternate transport modes where possible to improve public accessibility. Staff also note a number of community transport services operate in the Whitianga area (primarily for health services) and although demand for public transport services within Whitianga township is unlikely to sustain the need for a bus service, staff (in conjunction Waikato Regional Council) will investigate public transport criteria to check the viability of any new Public Transport service(s) options to inform Public Transportation requirements as part of the 2015-25 Long Term Plan development.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

10) All Weather Parking at Cathedral Cove, Hahei

Staff recommendation

That the draft Annual Plan is amended to include \$15,000 for construction of all-weather parking at the current Cathedral Cove park and ride car park as submitted, subject to a project definition and project prioritisation being approved by the Community Board and assessment by staff regarding work capacity.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

Initial improvements to Council land allocated for Park and Ride parking were made in the 2013/2014 year. Further improvements will be made in the 2014/2015 year to make the car parking area all weather usable with improved signage.

Staff support improvement to allow all weather parking at the current Cathedral Cove park and ride service car park on paper road at the approach to Hahei village, although not sure if this site is the same as the 'Jackson paper road' site being referred to. Staff agree that consideration of longer term plans for the management and development of the Cathedral Cove experience is a key consideration ahead of any additional investment in the current park and ride facility.

Staff need to work with DoC to address the Grange Road congestion issue in the visitor shoulder season. Car park improvements should not be considered in isolation of the park and ride service.

Options for amending the scope of these summer transport services are reviewed annually to maximise value by reducing congestion on Grange Road and enhancing visitor experience through provision of alternate transport options in the Mercury Bay south area. The complimentary nature of these two services is also a key consideration as part of annual service reviews. Staff suggest that an extension of the park and ride service would help address congestion in Grange Road which typically extends well into March and that DoC need to be more involved with providing solutions to address this issue.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

11) Cathedral Cove Park and Ride Facility

Staff recommendation

Council note the submission point and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council supports the service being available but notes that the term and operation for the Park and Ride will be reviewed in the Long Term Plan process. Reconsideration of the funding model at this point in time may impact continuity of service.

Staff also note that removing the summer shuttle service would free up approx. \$15,000, but is likely to be damaging in terms of visitor experience, based on the very positive feedback received from the 2013/14 patronage surveys.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Board also notes that should Council cease the Hahei Ferry Shuttle service, the operational budget of \$15,000 could be re-allocated to extending the duration of the Park and Ride service.

12) Dalmeny Corner Flood Mitigation Update

Staff recommendation

Council note the update.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and notes the flooding risks that exist.

13) Dalmeny Corner Bridge Widening (Hot Water Beach Road)

Staff recommendation

That Council amend the Annual Plan to include minor works required to mitigate both road flooding and safety hazards at Dalmeny Bridge are prioritised against other district priorities and programmed/funded from the existing minor improvement (district transportation) budget.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff have reviewed options to improve road safety and reduce flood risk on this section of Hot Water Beach Road. Based on the relatively minor effects of flooding road crashes associated with driver inattention, the preferred option to address these issues is to install interactive driver warning devices (warning of both the single lane bridge and flood risk at both approaches to the site) and complete culvert capacity improvements adjacent Newton Road, north of the single lane bridge. These minor improvement works could be prioritised against other district priorities and programmed/funded from the existing minor improvement (district transportation) budget.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Community Board notes the safety hazard that exists at the Hot Water beach bridge and suggests that at a minimum there is funding allocated in the Ten Year Plan for a two way bridge at this location.

14) Airfield buffer zoning

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council support the ongoing continuation of the airfield, however it is noted that the Mercury Bay airfield is a privately owned establishment. Staff also note that there are improved height restrictions in the airfield area provided for in the new draft District Plan.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

15) Mercury Bay Swimming Pool

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submissions and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council is supportive of the development of the Community Pool and provides a funding contribution via a Contract for Community Service with the Pool Trust. Council previously provided a \$100,000 grant towards the upgrade of the Mercury Bay Community pool in the 2012/2013 year.

A grant of \$35,000 per annum is provided by Council for the operation of the pool.

Any change to funding amount for the Mercury Bay Community Pool will be considered during the Long Term Plan process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and agrees that a meeting is needed with the Pool Trust and Mercury Bay Area School representatives to discuss future funding of the pool in relation to the economic development of the school.

16) Mercury Bay Area School Footpaths & Car Parks

Staff recommendation

That the Community Board confirm its intent and timeframe for these works.

Staff reason for recommendation

In 2012, staff considered these requests and noted that whilst the requested scope of the works regarding footpaths was unclear staff estimated the cost of the request was approximately \$180,000.

Similarly, for the angle car parks, whilst the requested scope of works was unclear the estimated cost of the project for 30 car parks would be approximately \$100,000.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and notes that \$18,500 has been recently approved by the Community Board from their discretionary fund for the widening and construction of footpath outside the school. This will be completed before July 2014.

17) Mercury Bay Green Waste service

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

This concept has been previously considered as part of waste management and minimisation measures, however is not financially viable at this time. The level of investment and on-going operational costs that would be passed on to the ratepayer currently outweighs the benefits.

The Solid Waste Services team is currently working on presenting an alternative package of work that focuses on education on food waste minimisation, access to useful home based tools and exploring the potential for a community based initiative centred on the recovery and reuse of materials and household objects. Similar to the Seagull Centre in Thames and the work that the Coromandel Independent Living Trust do in partnership with Smart Environmental limited.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

18) Mercury Bay Transfer Station

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The current budget set for 2014-2015 is adequate to incorporate the planning for a re-use centre into a new transfer station operation on site at Mowai Road. No actual construction is planned for in the 2014-2015 year. All investigations and planning for the new RTS site will be completed thoroughly and presented to Council before any construction work will take place.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Community Board also requests that opening hours of the Matarangi and Whitianga transfer station are changed to 9.30am - 5.30pm during the winter period on weekends and public holidays.

19) Use of Mercury Bay Multi Sport Complex

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

This facility has been purpose built to cater for sports, recreation and events. The location of the Multisport Park does not reflect an ideal location for a campground given the expenditure on the site for sporting and recreational facilities.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

20) Mercury Bay Multi Sport Complex

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council notes that this is the initial year that multiple codes will be engaged at the Sports Park and the immediate priority is to get the Multi Sport Park facility operating. Once this is completed additional needs for all codes will be considered in the on-going development of the Multi Sport Park, and prioritised.

Staff also note that some of the facilities and amenities requested in the submission may need to be externally funded.

The total cost of the Mercury Bay Multisport Park is approximately \$15 million and any further expenditure will require careful consideration.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

21) Fees and Charges - Mercury Bay Multi Sport Complex and Mercury Bay Hall

Staff recommendation

That the council note the submission and support the change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff support the change being made to Annual Plan to clarify additional fees and charges for the Multi Sport Park facility and other changes as noted.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

22) Hot Water Beach Parking Management - Pay and Display

Staff recommendation

That the Council support the submission and allocate \$7,000 as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

A budget is needed for the on-going operation and maintenance of the pay and display machine at Hot Water beach.

The pay and display system has generated over \$20,000 in revenue since its introduction in December 2013.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

23) Whitianga Coastal Erosion - Buffalo Beach

Staff recommendation

That the Council note the submission point and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The rock wall was designed by engineers experienced in the design of coastal defensive structures and subjected to an open tender process to ensure the best possible outcome for ratepayers was achieved.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

24) Whitianga Coastal Erosion - Increase in budget

Staff recommendation

That the Council support the submission and allocate the funds as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council notes the on-going issues with coastal erosion in the Brophys and Buffalo Beach areas.

Council notes the recommendation by engineers that the project is more practical to be staged this way - i.e./ providing more of the estimated \$1.3 million total cost in the stage one construction will result in a more effective wall.

Council also notes there is exposed waste water pipe work and infrastructure that needs protecting from on-going erosion.

A comprehensive process by Council has been carried out to develop a coastal erosion action plan. This work is a priority in the Annual Plan.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

25) Coroglen Upgrade

Staff recommendation

That the Council support the submission and include the Coroglen Village Upgrade project funding of \$95,000 in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council is working in partnership with the Coroglen community, to jointly improve the Coroglen village area. Volunteer labour has been committed by the community, a draft plan has been developed and cost estimate is in place to support this project

The project will be funded locally by the Mercury Bay area. This funding is associated with the project to acquire and develop the Coroglen sale yard land as a public reserve area as the yards were closed in late 2013.

The area has a significant role in the rural village of Coroglen as a meeting and social space. It also provides a key access point to the Waiwawa River.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

26) Whitianga Cemetery

Staff recommendation

That Council support the submission, amend the wording as submitted and include \$40,000 in 2014/2015 for works as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

In the 2013/2014 Annual Plan process Council requested the design and concept plan be reinvestigated. The design requires finalisation in this financial year. Capital budget is required to complete Stage 1, trees need to be in place and maturing and road plans complete for the opening of the cemetery in 3-4 years time.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

27) Ferry Landing Historic Wharf

Staff recommendation

That the Council support the submission to the draft Annual Plan, and amend the text as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

Further clarification regarding the project is needed. Staff also advise that NZTA has indicated a component of this project may be eligible for subsidy on the basis that some of the project is associated with restoring a structure required to enable effective public transport. Staff will need to further investigate NZTA funding criteria and prepare a funding request.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

28) Toilet and Rubbish Facilities at Wainuiototo (New Chums Beach)

Staff recommendation

That the Council note the submission make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff suggest that the submission be considered during the Long Term Plan process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

The Community Board note an existing subdivision application for this area.

The Community Board requests that:

1. Public access be provided for in perpetuity at New Chums beach through the provision of a 20m public reserve along the foreshore of New Chums beach (with a width of 20m from the mean high water mark), and a walkway be constructed via the subdivision process, and that this be vested in Council.
2. The native bush on the cliff face above the beach esplanade be maintained by QE2.
3. That public toilet facilities be built and vested in TCDC by the subdivider as part of the subdivision process.
4. The developer also be responsible for a water source and supply to the area.
5. The Board also delegated the Board Chair and Area Manager to work on any final arrangements in regard to the subdivision and land at New Chums.

29) Whitianga Wharf Interpretive Signage

Staff recommendation

That the Council support the submission to the draft Annual Plan as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

Project clarification is needed.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

30) Matarangi Wastewater Treatment Plant

Staff recommendation

That the Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

TCDC were recently granted a short term, seven year, discharge consent by Waikato Regional Council. The purpose of the short term consent is to obtain a greater level of data relating to the effect of the activity on the receiving environment. As the resource consent reaches the seven year expiry date, decisions will be made, based on the data collected, as to any upgrades or mitigation measures that may be required. In the interim, as a means to be financially prudent and reduce the rates burden, we are not rating for any future potential works and as such, removed the \$600,000 allocation for plant upgrades during the 2013/2014 year.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and also queries the practicality of deferring this budget every year.

31) Ohuka Park Water Supply

Staff recommendation

That the Council

- Note the submission
- Maintain the Okuka Park Area of Benefit extension project in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan

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- Contact and inform all property owners affected by the proposed area of benefit extension.
 - Continue with its commitment to undertake a special consultative procedure with all property owners within the extended area of benefit.
 - Acknowledge the submitters concern regarding the onus on the Ohuka Park Water Scheme Association to acquire written agreements from individual scheme members due to the fact that the extended area of benefit is proposed to include properties that are currently not associated with the Ohuka Park Water Scheme Association Incorporated.
 - Resolves that it will allow/or not allow the development contributions of \$2,659, and the \$140,000 connection costs for the two systems together with legal costs incurred by Council in the construction of any agreements are to be paid via lump sum/targeted rate for a maximum period of five years and, in doing so, acknowledges that this is different to the resolution made on 30 October 2013.

Staff reason for recommendation

The Council should discuss and consider the request for the 'targeted rate' option for the \$140,000 connection costs plus legal costs as this is different to its previous decision on 30 October 2013.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and supports the inclusion of the Ohuka Park water supply into Council scheme subject to all property owners agreeing and development contributions paid.

Moved/Seconded By: Connell/WDMcLean

3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

3.1 January 2014- March 2014 District Libraries Quarterly Report

A report was tabled on the activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua) and the community library Whangamata for January, February and March 2014.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: WDMcLean/Fox

3.2 Community Board Discretionary Fund - Mercury Bay Area School Footpath Improvements

A report was presented by staff to confirm the use of the Mercury Bay Community Board Discretionary Fund to allow the construction of footpath improvements on Council roads in the vicinity of Mercury Bay Area School (MBAS).

Key Discussion Points

- Principal John Wright was thanked for his work for improving safety at the school

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Allocated \$18,500 from its 2013/14 discretionary fund for footpath improvements adjacent to the Mercury Bay Area School that will provide for approximately 44 meters of new footpath on the corner of South Highway and Cook Drive at up to 2 meters wide and widening by 0.7 meters of 154 meters of existing footpath along Cook Drive to from South Highway to White Street, Whitianga.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Connell

3.3 Additional Footpath Construction funding

A report was presented to the Board to provide an update on the funding of footpath projects in Mercury Bay. To allow access to NZTA subsidy it was proposed that the budget for Local Transportation - Footpath Construction, is overspent by \$57,010.40 and that the budget for Parks and Reserves - Minor Reserves Projects is underspent by a corresponding amount.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Noted the funding of approximately 270 metres of new footpath by over expenditure of Local Transportation - Footpath Construction by \$57,010.40 and the under expenditure of Parks and Reserves: Minor Reserves Projects by Council's 47% share (\$26,794.89) in the 2013/14 financial year.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Connell

4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

4.1 Bylaws Review

A report was presented seeking Community Board input and recommendations to a review of three Council bylaws: Parking Control; Control of Advertising; and Dog Control.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Recommended that the following changes be made in regard to the revised bylaws:

Dog Control Policy and Bylaw:

Page 4, Item 3 - Definitions and Interpretation: Change word "proceeds" to "follows".Page 4

Page 4, Item 5 - Prohibition of Dogs in Certain Places: The Community Board note that there are Department of Conservation (DoC) areas that are adjacent or near Council land with conflicting rules for dogs, specifically in regard to dotterel bird protection areas.

The Community Board request that DoC identify the dotterel protection areas and amend their bylaws from banned to restricted access for dogs, so dog owners are allowed to pass these areas as long as the dog is leashed.

The Community Board ask that the access of horses on Mercury Bay beaches is managed and the impact on dunes and collection of waste is monitored.

Consolidated Bylaw 2004 Part 8 Control Of Advertising 2014:

Page 5, Sandwich Board Signs: The Board notes that some of these signs are better suited leaning against a building rather than on a footpath. The Board also notes that a licence is needed to have a sign on the street.

Page 6 and 7, Signs for specific activities: The Board notes the inconsistency of sign size allowances and ask that this is amended.

Page 9, Election or Referendum Signs: The Board requests that a specific bylaw is added to prohibit the placement of election or referendum signs on Council land.

The Board also requested that the word "Area Manager" is changed to "Authorising Officer" in the document to allow for more efficient processing and wider delegation.

It was also noted that dispensations should come through the Regulatory team at a district level in order to provide consistency across the district.

Moved/Seconded By: MKMclean/Connell

4.2 2015 Long Term Plan - Growth Projections

A report was presented by Christine Tye, Strategic Planner, detailing work undertaken to develop growth projections for the District's resident population, dwellings and rating units, which will inform the Council's 2015 Long Term Plan processes.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: WDMcLean/Fox

4.3 Freedom Camping Bylaw

A report was presented for the Mercury Bay Community Board to provide input into the development of the new Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Key Discussion Points

- Final details of the bylaw had not been confirmed so the Board was asked for representation to work with staff on the bylaw at a later date.
- Egan's Park on the 309 Road, was identified as a possible Freedom Camping site for Mercury Bay.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Board members Deli Connell and Bill McLean were delegated as Board representation for the Freedom Camping bylaw.

Moved/Seconded By: WDMcLean/Connell

4.4 LATE ITEM: Enforcement of boat trailer registrations and warrants of fitness by Council Enforcement Officers.

A report was presented as a request from the New Zealand Police, for Council Enforcement Officers to undertake enforcement of boat trailer registrations and warrants of fitness in all Community Board areas.

Key Discussion Points

- The report had not been received until this day and the information in it required robust discussion that the Mercury Bay Community Board could not commit to this meeting.
- The Mercury Bay Community Board agreed that Regulatory manager Marion Smith note their concerns and feedback for referral at the Council meeting.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Rejected the report but noted the following feedback to the Regulatory Manager:
 - The Community Board have numerous times in the past, stated their opposition against Council Officers having delegation and authority to issue tickets for an overdue vehicle registration and/or warrant of fitness.
 - The increase of enforcement requested is not a Council obligation to uphold and better sits with the Police force.
 - There have been previous cases in the past where the proposed enforcement was adopted and trialled and was unpopular and unsuccessful.

Moved/Seconded By: MKMcLean/Fox

5 District Activities

5.1 Sport Waikato Update

To provide the Community Board with an update regarding the Sport Waikato work in the Thames-Coromandel District, and in particular the Mercury Bay Community Board area.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/MKMclean

6 Reports

6.1 Mercury Bay Community Board 2013-2014 Work Programme - May Update

The Community Board was updated on their 2013-2014 Work Programme.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/MKMcLean

6.2 Members' Reports

The Chairperson invites members to provide a brief verbal report on activities undertaken and meetings attended in the period since the last meeting.

Written reports and Minutes of meetings attended are presented below.

Member Fox

- Member Fox presented an email from Member Hopkins which outlined the following points:
- Water issues of the Long Reach Development in Cooks Beach need addressing
- Asked staff to clarify status regarding the old fire stations at 22 Monk Street.

Member MK McLean

- Highlighted a reserve issue in Cooks Beach in regard to alleged dune destroying.

Member Connell

- Noted her concern regarding the lack of Iwi and youth representation on the Museum Trust Board.
- Is receiving communications regarding Civil Defence and is the Community Board representative.
- Is involved in discussion regarding the promotion of theatre and performing art in the community.

Member WD McLean

- Attended several meetings with the Hahei Ratepayers group

Chair Kelly

- Attended various meetings and AGMs in the area
- Cook 250 Celebration committee was seeking funding from the TCDC Economic Development fund for approximately \$20,000.

Recommendation

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the Members' Reports.

Meeting Closed at 16:50

The meeting was reopened at 16:53 for the Community Board to consider a request for a funding for the newly established Mercury 250 Cooks Celebrations Trust.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Approved a funding amount of \$3,000 for the Mercury 250 Cooks Celebrations Committee, conditional on the Trust becoming a formal not for profit entity and opening a bank account.

Moved/Seconded By: WDMcLean/Connell

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 6 May 2014.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____