



# UNCONFIRMED Minutes

of the

## Mercury Bay Community Board

### Ordinary Meeting

Date 9 September 2014  
Venue Mercury Bay Community Board Room  
10 Monk Street  
Whitianga

#### Present

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

#### In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Sam Marshall (Area Manager Mercury Bay)	All Items
Glenn Leach	All Items
David Hammond	All Items
Gemma Osborne (Community Co-ordinator Mercury Bay)	All Items
Cathy Klouwens (Community Development Officer)	All Items
Len Whittaker (Project Engineer)	All Items
Kirstin Richmond (Community Coordinator Support)	All Items

Meeting Commenced 13:00

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# 1 Meeting Conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

No apologies were noted.

## 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 Mercury Bay Area School students

John Wright, Principal of Mercury Bay Area School attended the Community Board public forum with a number of students from the school. The students thanked the Community Board for the recent safety improvements around the area of the school using the discretionary fund, including the construction of the new footpath and installation of a crossing median.

### 1.2.2 Owen Lloyd, Whitianga resident

Mr Lloyd tabled a letter (*Attachment A*) with his solutions to the continuing erosion in the Mercury Bay area. Mr Lloyd called for action to investigate sand pumping of the beach.

### 1.2.3 Bill Muir, Whitianga resident

Mr Muir approached the Board in regard to the Mercury Bay Multisport Park. Mr Muir noted he had requested the contracts for the Mercury Bay Multi Sportpark for a number of years and this request had been refused on the basis of commercial sensitivity, which Mr Muir felt was not valid. Mr Muir asked for details regarding the Mercury Bay Multi Sportpark contracts to be available to the public. Mr Muir requested the Community Board to consider not paying for any more expenses relating to the Mercury Bay Multisport Park as these should be obligations of the employed contractors to complete the job successfully.

### 1.2.1 Jim Scott, Matarangi Ratepayers

Mr Scott, Matarangi Ratepayers, thanked the Board and staff for their effort of clean up during the recent storm events in the wider Mercury Bay area, and also noted that he had also attended the meeting in support of the report on the order paper regarding the vesting of three Matarangi tennis courts to Council.

## Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the speakers in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: Connell/BMcLean

### **1.3 Items not on the Agenda**

No items were added to the agenda

### **1.4 Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 1.5 22 July 2014 - 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 - 22 July 2014

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connell/BMcLean



## 2 Governance

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### 2.1 Non-Notified Resource Consents - Mercury Bay Community Board Comments

The Community Board was informed of resource consent applications referred to it by the Environmental Services department of Council and comments made by its delegated members.

#### Key Discussion Points

- It was noted that a lease needs to be progressed for the Mercury Bay Museum building.

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connell/BMcLean

## 3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

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### 3.1 2014-2015 Community Board Grants

Cathy Klouwens, Community Development Officer presented a report to the Community Board to consider the allocation of Community Grant funding to organisations who had applied for funding assistance through the 2014-2015 Community Grant round, to the amount specified in the 2014-2015 Annual Plan.

#### Key Discussion Points

- Murray McLean noted his concern that the Community Board Grant funding allocation was essentially made up of ratepayers money that was being re-distributed to community groups.

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
  2. Confirmed the allocation of community grant funding from the 2014/2015 Community Grant budget to organisations who have applied for financial assistance as below:
- Whenuakite Country Kids - For art supplies for art projects \$500
  - Creative Mercury Bay Trust - To contribute towards marketing and publicity costs \$1,278
  - Mercury Bay Recreation Trust - For trestle tables and chairs for Mercury Bay Multiport Park users \$4,951
  - Mercury Bay Museum - For updating and reprinting museum brochures \$1,645
  - Mercury Bay Community Swimming Pool Trust - Contribution to replace and repair the old cobblestones that have become a trip hazard at the community pool \$2,000
  - Te Rerenga School - Contribution development of a playground \$3,000
  - Whitianga Bike Club Inc - Contribution to the maintenance of the bike park \$3,000
  - Mercury Bay Netball - For the purchase of netball post protectors \$2,226
  - Spirit of Coromandel Trust - To fund one student to attend a five day course at the Sir Edmond Hilary Outdoor Pursuit Centre Course \$886
  - Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard - For two wet weather sets of jackets and trousers \$1,600



- The Parenting Place - Attitude Youth Division - For 90 hardwired books for year 10 students to support the positive life skills programme \$140
  - Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Inc - Contribution to jackets for life guards \$3,200
  - Order of St John Mercury bay - Automatic External Defibrillator for the Kuaotunu First Response St John Group \$3,492
  - Project Kiwi Trust - Contribution to cost of kiwi programme machinery maintenance and establishment of the kiwi crèche facility \$2,000
  - Mercury Bay Gymnastics Club - For gymnastic coaching courses for volunteers \$1,400
  - Whitianga Sea Scouts - Purchase of 10 uniforms and contribution for name tape and investiture packs \$1,500
  - Kuaotunu Environmental Action Plan - Purchase of traps, bait and maintenance costs of equipment and trap lines \$1,000
  - Mercury Bay Community Support Trust - Scaffolding charges, transportation and erection for day camp 2015 \$2,000
  - St Andrews Community Church, Mercury Bay Cooperating Parish - Contribution to community programmes \$3,000
  - Mercury Bay Boars Rugby League Club Inc - Purchase of 17 Rugby league jerseys \$1,230
  - Kuaotunu Hall Committee - Contribution to the development of the hall website \$800
  - Mercury Bay Historical Society Inc - Arrange a programme of activities and functions commemorating the 175th anniversary of the wreck of HMS Buffalo \$2,000
  - Whitianga Fun Tri Feb 2015 - T-shirts for each participant, trophies male/female and medals 1st 2nd 3rd in each age group \$2,480
  - Whitianga Junior Tennis Open - Two day tennis coaching course for kids aged 8-18 \$990.30
  - A Taste of Matarangi - Marketing of the event via radio, publications and signage \$2,000
  - Matarangi Ratepayers Association - Support for the annual summer carnival \$2,000
  - Mercury Bay Art Escape Trust - Contribution to the design and printing of the Mercury Bay Art Escape 2014/15 guide \$3,500
  - Whitianga Community Services Trust - Contribution to a youth space and the set-up of and alcohol free youth event March 2014 \$2,000
3. Confirmed that the local social development grant of \$7,500 for the fireworks display would not be uplifted this year and confirmed the reallocation of the funds as follows;
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- \$5,000 of the funds be reallocated to the Mercury Bay Community Pool Trust for the operations of the community pool.
  - \$2,500 be reallocated as a budget for the Community Development Officer to use for community development activities.
4. Requested that the unspent funds from the Whitianga Lions Club (\$3,000) and Mercury Bay Museum (\$1,188) in the 2013/2014 Community Board grant funding round be returned to the Mercury Bay Community Board, as per conditions of the Community Board grant process.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connell/Hopkins

## **3.2 Vesting of Matarangi Tennis Courts to Thames Coromandel District Council**

A report was presented by Sam Marshall, Area Manager Mercury Bay, to seek a decision on whether the Mercury Bay Community Board and Thames Coromandel District Council wish to acquire ownership of three of the five Matarangi tennis courts sites. This was based on discussions and a subsequent offer to transfer made by the current owners Burfoot Limited.

### **Resolved**

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed that it supports the acquisition and ownership of the land and all associated facilities within or upon the land legally described as Lot 12 DPS 79697 (624 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi), Lot 524 DPS 39800 (105 Matai Place, Matarangi), Lot 516 DPS 36944 (100 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi) and recommends to Council that it complete the transfer of ownership.
3. Recommended to Council that if not already completed, Council provides notice of intention to declare the land parcels land described as Lot 12 DPS 79697 (624 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi), Lot 524 DPS 39800 (105 Matai Place, Matarangi) and Lot 516 DPS 36944 (100 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi) respectively, to be recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977, and delegated the Chief Executive authority to give the necessary public notice in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977.
4. Recommended that Council instruct the Chief Executive that in the event that there are no objections to the classification of the land as reserve to attend to the gazettal and any other outstanding items associated with the completion of the transfer and land status of the land described as Lot 12 DPS 79697 (624 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi), Lot 524 DPS 39800 (105 Matai Place, Matarangi) and Lot 516 DPS 36944 (100 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi).
5. Noted that the transfer is on a zero payment basis and that development or reserve contribution credits will not be given in association with this transfer.
6. Requested that a letter of thanks be sent on behalf of the Mercury Bay Community Board to the current owners of the land (Burfoot Limited) acknowledging the offer and transfer of land.
7. Delegated Chair Paul Kelly to finalise any remaining matters on behalf of the Mercury Bay Community Board.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/Hopkins



## 4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

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### 4.1 Draft Parking Control Bylaw - Community Board Submission - Mercury Bay Community Board

The purpose of the report was to inform the Mercury Bay Community Board of the opportunity to make a submission to the Council's draft Parking Control Bylaw 2014 that was out for public consultation.

#### Key Discussion Points

- Councillors Fox and McLean noted that they were members of the Regulatory Committee and could not discuss the report nor participate in any formal decision of the Board.
- Board Chair Paul Kelly noted the following submission points:
  - Requested TCDC staff and Opus complete an audit or check of what is on the ground (for example; road marking associated with parking controls), is consistent with what is in the bylaw.
  - Consider the extension of pay and display in the Mercury Bay area, as there is potential for pay and display systems to be introduced for the Hot Water beach, Hahei and general trailer boat parking, park and ride operation and at boat ramp sites in the area.

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Determined it would make a submission to the Council's draft Parking Control Bylaw 2014.
3. Delegated responsibility to Board Chair Paul Kelly for confirming its submission(s) to the draft Parking Control Bylaw 2014, noting the following submission points:
  - a) Requested TCDC staff and Opus complete an audit or check of what is on the ground (for example; road marking associated with parking controls), is consistent with what is in the bylaw.
  - b) Consider the extension of pay and display in the Mercury Bay area, as there is potential for pay and display systems to be introduced for the Hot Water beach, Hahei and general trailer boat parking, park and ride operation and at boat ramp sites in the area.
4. Requested that the Department of Conservation Integrated Management Plan be circulated to community board members, Mayor Glenn Leach, Garry Towler and David Hammond for their information and feedback, particularly in relation to the Great Walk project.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Hopkins/BMcLean

## 5 District Activities

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No items received.

## 6 Reports

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### 6.1 2013/2014 Sport Waikato Annual Report

Justine Baverstock spoke to the Community Board regarding the Sport Waikato's 2013/2014 Annual Report on Thames-Coromandel programmes for the Board's information.

#### Key Discussion Points

- Justine gave an overview of upcoming events to the Community Board.

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/Hopkins

### 6.2 Work Programme 2014/2015 Mercury Bay Community Board

A report was presented which outlined the 2014/2015 Community Board Work Programme for the year, and asked the Mercury Bay Community Board for their endorsement.

#### Key Discussion Points

- Cooks Beach wall will be a rock design
- A suggestion was made by staff that an independent person could be employed to act as caretaker for the Mercury Bay Multisport Park, as one option for the future management of the facility. The role would include the management and direction of caretaker duties/activities for the facility, such as grass mowing and cleaning the ablutions block.

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Endorsed the Mercury Bay Community Board 2014/2015 Work Programme.
3. Recommended that Council endorse the Mercury Bay Community Board 2014/2015 Work Programme.
4. Recommended staff continue to investigate the potential to employ a caretaker for the Mercury Bay Multisport Park.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/Hopkins

## 6.3 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 Connell

- Noted that she would not be attending meetings of the Mercury Bay Museum Trust, until there was permission for her to actively participate and speak as a delegated member on the committee.

### Councillor McLean

- Inquired if a letter had been received from the Whitianga Lions regarding a "Welcome to Whitianga" sign.
- Requested that a radio repeater be investigated for the area to increase bandwidth.

### Mayor Glenn Leach

- Thanked area office staff for their recent effort and engagement for the NZ Rally event.
- Also noted the great response from the area office team in the recent emergency events.
- His Worship also thanked the community board for all their positive work so far in their term for local communities in the Mercury Bay area.

### Member Hopkins

- Noted he would be attending the annual homeshow in Auckland with Member Connell on the weekend as a representative of Council. They would be promoting the Coromandel as a place to live, work and play.

### Chair Kelly

- Attended a meeting with Michael Fay, where current and future events in the Mercury Bay area were discussed.
- Attended a number of erosion meetings with staff and in local communities.
- Attended other community meetings in Mercury Bay and noted a positive response from Coroglen community members in support of the Coroglen Village Upgrade project.

### Member Bill McLean

- Updated the Board on the recent activities of the Mercury Bay Recreation Trust, which covered recent restructuring of the committee, distribution of meeting minutes and a new focus on transparency and solutions for the future.

### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the Members' Reports.

Meeting Closed at 15:32

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 9 September 2014.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_