



Minutes

of the

Mercury Bay Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 14 October 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)
Len Whittaker (Area Manager Mercury Bay)	All Items
Glenn Leach	All Items
David Hammond	All Items
Peter French	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

1.1 Apologies

No apologies were noted.

1.2 Public Forum

Sam Harsant, Whitianga resident

Mr Harsant tabled a document (*Attachment A*) with an overview of a pending subdivision of the Harsant Family property in Cooks Beach. This property is subject to a proposed subdivision and Mr Harsant would like Council support in relation to naming rights.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the speakers in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: Hopkins/Kelly

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 Minutes for Confirmation - 9 September 2014 - Mercury Bay Community Board

Minutes of the Mercury Bay Community Board meeting held 14 October 2014 were presented for confirmation.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Confirms the minutes of Mercury Bay Community Board meeting held on 14 October 2014.

Moved/Seconded By: Connell/Fox

2 Governance

2.1 Non notified Resource Consents

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

Key Discussion Points

- Paul Hopkins raised concerns regarding Stormwater for the development, how will this affect the ponds in the Hardy Mason estate.
- Glenn Leach raised concern regarding access, how will the contractors enter the development while works in process and how long will it take for the roading to be formed. Staff to update.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Hopkins

3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

3.1 July 2014 - September 2014 District Libraries Quarterly Report - Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua Libraries

The Community Board was informed on the activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua) for July, August and September 2014.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report.

Moved/Seconded By: McLean/Kelly

3.2 New Lease - Destination Coromandel Trust

For consideration to recommend to Council to approve a new lease between the Thames-Coromandel District Council (Council) and Destination Coromandel Trust (DCT) for the purposes of an information centre on part of the land and including the building (premises), known as Soldiers' Memorial Park, described as DP 13245 comprised in computer freehold register SA377/27, located at 66 Albert Street, Whitianga.

Key Discussion Points

- Councillor Fox raised potential issues of what might happen long term with the Library and Civic Centre real estate. Advised the need for flexibility to the conditions of the lease. Suggested a term of four years broken into two plus two.
- Councillor Mclean agreed flexibility be included on the lease. He also noted there are further options to investigate down the track and which would require legal advice on drafting of lease.
- Mayor Leach advised that TCDC was the largest funder of Destination Coromandel.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Recommended to Council to approve a new lease between the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Destination Coromandel Trust for the purposes of an information centre on part of the land and including the building (premises), known as Soldiers' Memorial Park, described as DP 13245 comprised in computer freehold register SA377/27, located at 66 Albert Street, Whitianga on the following terms;

Term:	4 years
Commencement:	01 July 2014
Right of Renewal:	One - subject to the lessee securing a funding agreement contract with the lessor
Renewal Dates:	01 July 2018
Final Expiry:	30 June 2022
Rental:	\$350 + g.s.t plus outgoings + g.s.t
Rent Review:	Two yearly commencing 1 July 2016

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/BMcLean

4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

4.1 Accessibility Audit Report - Mercury Bay Community

The Community Board received the accessibility audit report for Whitianga which outlined access issues and recommendations on how these could be addressed, prioritised according to safety risk and with cost estimates. This report is to be used to inform forward work programmes related to the Local Transportation Activity.

Key Discussion Points

- Glenn Leach pointed out that priority should be given to safety items in the report.
- Peter French advised that the community in Thames identified areas that required urgent works.
- David Hammond advised the report should be used immediately to improve access on how the elderly get to and from town.
- Murray McLean would like to see current funding to be used for urgent works.
- Deli Connell requested that funds be directed to items that are deemed urgent by Staff and which leave Council vulnerable. Prioritise.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Received the accessibility audit report for Whitianga.

Moved/Seconded By: Connell/Hopkins

5 District Activities

5.1 WWI Living War Memorial forests for Thames-Coromandel

The Community Board was informed about the WWI Living War Memorial Forests proposal throughout the Coromandel and to ascertain support from this Board for a memorial forest to be established in its ward.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. That the Mercury Bay Community Board endorses a Living WWI War memorial forest to be established in its ward.
3. That the Mercury Bay Community Board supports a working group be formed and one member from the Mercury Bay Community Board be delegated to represent the Board on the development of a WWI Memorial for its ward.

4. That the Mercury Bay Community Board identifies areas within their ward that would be a suitable location to plant on or utilise existing planting.
5. Deli Connell will attend the meeting with Regional Council and Department of Conservation on the 6th November in Thames.
6. Deli Connell will also review sites and information available and will work on an Education Package to enable the local schools to become involved.
7. Deli will report back to the board at the next Community Board Meeting on the 25th November 2014

Moved/Seconded By: BMcLean/Hopkins

6 Reports

6.1 Work Programme 2014/2015/Mercury Bay Community Board

Staff provided an update to the Community Board on their 2014/2015 Work Programme.

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Connell/Hopkins

6.2 Members' Reports

Mayor Leach

- Mayor Glenn Leach provided an overview of expected rate increase. He noted that there needs to be prioritisation in the 10 year plan.
- Glenn has had discussions with Transit regarding amenity value of Brophy's Beach and the possibility of relocating the TCDC infrastructure to the other side of the road.
- Car parking for the Great Walks was overviewed. With three major projects underway there would be the need for Central Government funding.

Member Bill Mclean

- Received a letter from Ron Haycock in relation to foreshore erosion.
- Attended the Hahei Ratepayers Association meeting and reported back regarding the concerns of the Ratepayers in relation to lack of parking in Hahei over the summer period, they would like to see pay and display parking implemented.
- Advised that the Recreation Trust had had its annual AGM and Business meeting. They have twenty three items on their work list, there would be a focus on keeping the community informed, lighting, sponsorship model, signage specifications and lines of demarcation were the key discussion points.
- Also visited the Mercury Bay Area School to view prefab buildings.
- Paul Hopkins voiced concern regarding the subdivision size of Hahei sections, he has emailed TCDC planners regarding this.

Member Connell

- Deli communicated her support to Sue Costello with the Recreation Trust and will be standing down from the Museum Trust.
- Raised concerns over the slippery footpath outside Smitties Bar, staff will follow this up.

Murray McLean

- Raised concerns to the digger at Brophies Beach taking sand from the low tide mark, he believes beach push ups should be gradual push up of sand.

Chair Paul Kelly

- Chair Paul Kelly has had various meetings regarding the Walks project. He has visited with spit end of Matarangi Beach with Environment Waikato to view the trees which have been taken down.
- Paul has nominated Bill McLean to work with staff in relation to Concession fee waiver requests.

Recommendation

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the Members' Reports.

7 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Recommendation

That the public:

1. Be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Item	Business
7.1	Whitianga Harbour License

2. Also recommend that:

The following person(s) be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge in relation to the following. This knowledge, which will be of assistance and is relevant to the matter(s) discussed:

Name Fred Acke

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this Resolution in Relation to Each Matter	Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution
Whitianga Harbour Licence	7(2)(b)(ii) - Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	(48)(1)(a) - That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Hopkins

Resolved

That the public be re-admitted to the meeting and resolutions taken with the public excluded be confirmed in the public session except for the following items which are to remain in the Public Excluded Minute Book.

Item	Description
7.1	Whitianga Harbour License

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Hopkins

Meeting Closed at 15:17

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 14 October 2014

Chairperson _____ Date _____