



# UNCONFIRMED Minutes

of the

## Mercury Bay Community Board

### Ordinary Meeting

Date 16 August 2017  
Venue Mercury Bay Community Board Room  
10 Monk Street  
Whitianga

#### In attendance

MP Kelly JP (Chairperson)	MK McLean JP	LA Fox
	R Giri-Percival	DJ Connell
	WD McLean	

#### Staff

Rob Williams, Angela Jane, Ariana Wickliffe, Andrew Scobie, Heather Bruce, Jan McNeil, Ross Ashby, Heather Bruce

**Meeting commenced** 09:00

#### Adjournments and absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairperson	10:20	10:35	Morning Tea

Absences	Start	Finish	Item
DJ Connell	09:00	11:10	1.1 to 4.4

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# 1 Meeting conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

## 1.2 Public forum

### **Vinnie Russell - Kuaotunu Half Pipe**

Mr Russell presented a petition of 383 signatures to the Board for the allocation of land and construction of a Skate Half Pipe at Kuaotunu. Mr Russell noted that skating and scooter riding was an affordable, family friendly activity that was enjoyed by all ages and promoted healthy physical fitness. A number of local tradesmen had offered their services to build the half pipe. A copy of the presentation and petition were tabled.

### **Allan Anderson - The Ice Cream Team**

Mr Anderson spoke in support of waiving the 60 day only requirement on commercial concessions at Te Puia Reserve. The presence of a commercial concession operator such as the Ice Cream Team mobile shop not only provided refreshments, but supported people who are having issues such as keys locked in cars and charging mobile phones. It also acted as a deterrent to any criminal activity.

### **John Skelton - Mercury Bay Seaside Carnival**

Mr Skelton updated the Board on the plans for the Mercury Bay Seaside Carnival to be held on 8 January 2017 on Buffalo Beach Reserve.

### **Gary Fitzsimons - Mercury Bay Business Association**

Mr Fitzsimons requested, on behalf of the Mercury Bay Business Association, that the Board reconsider the proposed start date of March for the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade. The Association requested that the start date be moved to April 2018. Mr Fitzsimons tabled a copy of his presentation.

### **Linda Bird - Dive Zone Whitianga**

Ms Bird requested further information on the Board's decision to decline the request for timed parking in front of their business on Campbell Street.

Ms Bird also spoke in support of extending the start date of the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade to April 2018.

### **Fleur Blackie - Surf Coromandel**

Ms Blackie spoke in support of the request for a commercial concession to run a surf school at Matarangi, using Bluff Road reserve, Matarangi Village Green and The Pines, Matarangi West Reserve.

### **Rachel Clow - Te Puia Surf Company**

Ms Clow spoke on behalf of the Te Puia Surf Company, in support of the request to waive the 60 day only requirement on commercial concessions at Te Puia Reserve. Ms Clow noted that their operating season was longer than 60 days and the ability to use the reserve for a longer period would allow the business to grow and diversify.

### **Gary Hinds - Hot Water Beach Surf Lifesaving**

### **Chris Emmett - Regional Surf Lifesaving NZ**

Mr Emmett and Mr Hinds requested Board assistance of \$25,000 to enable paid lifeguards to be employed for additional time. Financial assistance had been sought from Waikato

Regional Council and other sources. They noted that tourism was growing and with no lifeguards in place pre and post season, there could be accidents. Twelve rescues were undertaken in the eight days after the paid lifeguard period finished this year.

#### **Sergeant Andrew Morrison**

Mr Morrison updated the Board on the investigation into the recent tree vandalism and provided comment on negative feedback of Police handling of the matter.

Sergeant Morrison was confident that that all steps that could be taken under law have been done. It was noted that there needs to be improved communication between the Police and Community Board.

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MBCB

#### **Resolved**

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives Vinnie Russell, Allan Anderson, John Skelton, Gary Fitzsimons, Linda Bird, Fleur Blackie, Rachel Clow, Gary Hinds and Chris Emmett as speakers in the public forum.

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/WD McLean

### **1.3 Items not on the agenda**

No further items were added to the agenda.

### **1.4 Conflict of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### **1.5 5 July 2017 - Mercury Bay Community Board Minutes for Confirmation**

78/17  
MBCB

#### **Resolved**

That the Mercury Bay Community Board confirms the minutes of the Mercury Bay Community Board meeting held on 5 July 2017 as a correct record of proceedings.

**Moved/seconded by:** MK McLean/Fox

### **1.6 Mercury Bay Community Board Correspondence**

No correspondence was tabled.

## **2 Governance**

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### **2.1 Rates on-charging for community organisations leasing Council land**

The Community Board was asked to give a direction on the on-charging of rates to emergency services organisations and community organisations leasing Council property in the Community Board area.

**Key discussion points**

- It was noted that there was no definition of what constitutes a club and no consistency with clubs who were based on private land.
- Concerns were raised that the information in Attachment B was incorrect.
- It was noted that Attachment B only covered those clubs that had current leases.

**Resolved**79/17  
MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Rates on-charging for community organisations leasing Council land' report, dated 27 July 2017.

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/Giri-Percival

**Resolved**80/17  
MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board notes that the 'Rates on-charging for community organisations leasing Council land' report, dated 27 July 2017 be left to lie on the table.

**Moved/seconded by:** MK McLean/Fox

### **3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of service operational**

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#### **3.1 Mercury Bay Medical Facility - Appointments Panel**

The Community Board was asked to appoint the Appointments Panel with responsibility to appoint the Trustees to the Mercury Bay Medical Facility Trust.

**Resolved**81/17  
MBCB

Mercury Bay Community Board noted that the 'Mercury Bay medical facility - Appointments Panel' report, dated 16 August 2017 be left to lie on the table.

**Moved/seconded by:** Kelly/MK McLean

#### **3.2 Mercury Bay Community Board - 2017/2018 Capex Work Programme**

The Community Board was asked to approve the 2017/18 work programme for Mercury Bay.

**Key discussion points**

- Further consultation was required for Buffalo Beach Toilet.
- Matarangi Pontoon expected completion was prior to Christmas 2017.
- All factors need to be weighed up before any decision was made to change the proposed start date for the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade.
- A list of applications for tourism infrastructure would be circulated to the Community Board for input.

**Resolved**

82/17  
MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board - 2017/18 Capex Work Programme report, dated 16 August 2017.

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/WD McLean

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

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### **4.1 Te Puia Reserve - 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018 - Commercial Concessions**

The Community Board was asked to consider a request for a waiver of the requirement for approved commercial concessions to operate for no more than 60 days on Te Puia Reserve, Hot Water Beach for the 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 concession period. The Community Board noted that the Reserve Management Plans needed to be updated.

**Resolved**

83/17  
MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Te Puia Reserve - 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018 - Commercial Concessions' report, dated 16 August 2017.

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/Kelly

**Resolved**

84/17  
MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board recommends to Council approval of the waiver of the 60 day requirement and approval to issue licences for the Te Puia Surf School and The Ice Cream Team to operate at Te Puia Reserve within a one year term from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/MK McLean

### **4.2 Surf Coromandel - Commercial Reserve Concessions 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018**

The Community Board was asked to review and recommend to Council a decision on a request for a commercial concession to operate a Surf School at Matarangi. The Community Board requested that the applicants speak with all affected neighbours adjoining Bluff Road reserve.

**Resolved**

85/17  
MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Surf Coromandel - Commercial Reserve Concessions July 2017 - 30 June 2018' report, dated 16 August 2017.

**Moved/seconded by:** MK McLean/Kelly

**Resolved**

86/17  
MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board recommends to Council approval of the issue of a licence for Surf Coromandel to operate commercial activities from Bluff Road Reserve and The Village Green for a one year term from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

**Moved/seconded by:** Kelly/MK McLean

### 4.3 Proposed road name for Right of Way off Tarapatiki Drive

The Community Board was asked to consider an application for the naming of an existing private right of way.

#### Resolved

87/17  
MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Proposed road name for Right of Way off Tarapatiki Drive' report, dated 26 July 2017.
2. Recommends that Council approve the road name Spikes Way for the existing right of way off Tarapatiki Drive.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Giri-Percival

### 4.4 Supplementary item - Parking Control Bylaw Schedule A Amendments

The Community Board was asked to consider supporting in principle, amendments to local parking controls for Pa Road and Lees Road Hahei as set out in Schedule A of Council's Parking Control Bylaw 2014. The Community requested that additional community consultation be undertaken.

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MBCB

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Parking Control Bylaw Schedule A Amendments' report, dated 10 August 2017.
2. Supports in principle the proposed changes to Schedule A of Council's Parking Control Bylaw 2014 for Mercury Bay as set out in Table 2 and Diagrams 1, 1a and 2 of this report dated 10 August 2017,
3. Recommends that Council approves consulting on the proposed amendments to the Council's Parking Control Bylaw Schedule A with Pa Road and Lees Road residents.
4. Recommends to Council that the results of the consultation on parking restrictions on Pa Road and Lees Road be included in any planning application should Council decide to lodge consent for the Te Ara o Hei Walkway and Lees Road Car Park noting that additional community consultation would be undertaken as deemed appropriate under the Resource Management Act.
5. Recommends that Council approves annual monitoring of the Council Parking Control Bylaw amendments to ensure they are resolving issues it deems appropriate to address.

Moved/seconded by: Kelly/Fox

## 5 District Activities

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No items received.

## 6 Reports

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### 6.1 Mercury Bay Community Board 2017/2018 Work Programme - August 2017 update

The Community Board was provided with an update on the 2017/2018 work programme.

#### Key discussion points

- The Mercury Bay Medical Facility Trust has held two meetings, work commenced on a feasibility study and a bank account has been established.
- Mercury Bay Museum building report has been distributed to the Community Board and the Museum Trust Board.
- It was suggested that heritage buildings in Whitianga could be moved to a heritage park as a tourist attraction.

89/17  
MBCB

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board 2017/2018 Work Programme - August 2017 update' report, dated 16 August 2017.

**Moved/seconded by:** Kelly/Giri-Percival

### 6.2 Members' reports

Councillors Fox and MK McLean and Board Member WD McLean had nothing to report.

#### Board Member Giri-Percival

- Requested that the Board has a consistent approach to vandalised trees by putting up signage and planting a new tree, where trees have been damaged or removed.
- Received a number of communications from the community about the impact of sea level rise.

#### Board Member Connell

- Received a request from community members for a designated carriageway through the Whitianga CBD for safe cycling, scootering and skate boarding.

#### Board Chair Kelly

- Updated the Board on a proposal to bid for the right to scuttle the HMNZS Manawanui in Mercury Bay as a diving attraction.

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MBCB

#### Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the Members' reports.

**Moved/seconded by:** MK McLean/Connell



## 7 Public excluded

**91/17 Resolved**

**MBCB**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) Under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution</i>
7.1 Unconfirmed public excluded Mercury Bay Community Board minutes 5 July 2017	(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	48)(1)(a)(i) – 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.
7.2 Proposed Property Disposal		
7.3 New Lease - Peninsula Civil Limited		

**Moved/seconded by:** MK McLean/Fox

**96/17 Resolved**

**MBCB**

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.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
7.1	<b>Public excluded minutes for receiving and confirmation</b>
7.2	<b>Proposed property disposals</b>
7.3	<b>New Lease - Peninsula Civil Limited</b>

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/Giri-Percival

**Meeting closed at 12:45**

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 16 August 2017.

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