

Minutes

of the

Mercury Bay Community Board

Special Meeting

Date 7 May 2018
Venue Mercury Bay Community Board Room
10 Monk Street
Whitianga

Present

MP Kelly JP(Chairperson)

LA Fox
WD McLean
R Giri-Percival

In attendance

Staff

Donna Blick, Scott Summerfield, Michelle Clive, Bruce Hinson, Richard Elgie, Derek Thompson, Allan Tiplady, Brian Taylor

Meeting commenced

9:02am

Adjournments and absences

Adjournment

Chairperson

Start

10:41am

Finish

10:57am

Reason

Morning Tea

1. Meeting conduct

A minutes silence was taken in memory of Lorna Price.

1.1. Apologies

Resolved

That the apologies from Murray McLean and Deli Connell be received.

Moved/seconded by: Kelly/McLean

1.2. Public forum

There were no speakers on the public forum.

1.3. Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4. Conflict of interest

Community Board member Bill McLean declared a conflict of interest to the local grants for the Long Term Plan deliberations as the Chairman of the Mercury Bay Community Patrol. He did not participate in the discussion or voting.

2. Long Term Plan 2018-28 deliberations

Parks and Reserves

Servicing public facilities - The Board requested the additional servicing of:

- Hot Water Beach Main toilet - service four times a day during 23 December to 7 February;
- Hot Water Beach Bull Paddock, Hahei Visitor Carpark, Hahei Grange Rd - service four times a day during 23 December to 7 February and;
- Hahei Beachfront, Hahei Central, Whangapoua (Mangakahia Drive) - service four times a day during 23 December to 7 February.

Cooks Beach Hoggin Path - The Community Board took the community feedback, that this path was not something they considered important, and recommend that the path does not proceed as planned.

The Board considered there were other areas requiring footpaths such as Flaxmill Bay and Front Beach. Staff advised that there was no proposed additional budget as all funding was currently allocated to the Whitianga town centre upgrade.

Mercury Bay skate park - The Board wanted the skatepark recommendation to include the contingency that 1/3 of the funding be external.

Public conveniences - The Board discussed user pay needs to be considered for the future of public conveniences. Staff also confirmed there were proposals being put together for Tourism Infrastructure Funding currently.

Taputapuatea Footpath - The Board noted that Ngati Hei and Forest and Bird want to be consulted before this project goes ahead.

Robinson Road Footpath - The Board considered it is too early to be considering this happening until the erosion issues there are dealt with.

Arlingham House - The Board discussed that the goal is to eventually sell and shift the building and that there were other building priorities in the area.

Whitianga Boat Ramp reclamation - The Board requests a change in title of this project as they do not believe it reflects what the project actually is.

Flaxmill Bay & Otama Toilets - The Board requests that staff check ownership of land at Flaxmill Bay, Otama and Blackjack where the toilets are.

The Board considers that the Otama toilet was not been a priority for this board, however were aware freedom camping issues there. The Board will consider as part of the Annual Plan.

Mercury Bay Swimming Pool - The Board suggests that the Wanaka model be considered for Mercury Bay for next Annual Plan with costs to be consulted on. The consider until the wider investigation is undertaken that they defer making decision regarding any additional funding to current pool until we know what we are going to do about pool facilities in Whitianga.

Surf Life Saving NZ - Their funding now comes from the Waikato Regional Council and any additional funding requests should be directed to the Regional Council.

Purangi Road path - The Board will be considered the Purangi Road path when footpath priorities are being considered

Harbour facilities fees - the Board would like the wider harbour concession issues considered at a later stage.

Road Maintenance - The Board considered different pros and cons of each option including the cost to ratepayer, doing it right once versus lots of ongoing maintenance needs, staff advise, and the other priorities, Rangihau and Dalmeny's corner.

Previous money put aside for Dalmeny's corner was used for Bluff Road when that became unstable. Dalmeny is still considered a priority to the Board over and above Wentworth Valley Road.

Economic Development Rate - The Board still consider the majority of benefit is sitting with the commercial industry.

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MBCB

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board Long Term Plan 2018-28 Deliberations' report, dated 7 May 2018.
2. Approves the following recommendations to Council:

Parks and Reserves	
Servicing public facilities	That there be the following increases to services provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Water Beach Main toilet - service four times a day during 23 December to 7 February • Hot Water Beach Bull Paddock, Hahei Visitor Carpark, Hahei Grange Rd - service four times a day during 23 December to 7 February • Hahei Beachfront, Hahei Central, Whangapoua (Mangakahia Drive) - service four times a day during 23 December to 7 February.
Cooks Beach Hoggin Path	That the Cooks Beach Hoggin Path project does not proceed as proposed.
Minor Reserves Projects	That Mercury Bay Parks and Reserves minor works budgets are increased to \$140,000 for each year of the Long Term Plan, inflated annually.
Mercury Bay Skatepark	That the Mercury Bay Skate Park funding be retained as proposed in the LTP with a split in the feasibility budget bringing forward \$10,000 to 2018/19 and retaining \$13,000 in 2019/20 and \$433,000 in 2020/21. On the basis that 1/3 is external funding.
Whitianga Town Centre Security Plan	That the Security Plan for Whitianga Town Centre project be reinstated, with \$10,000 in 2019/20 and \$150,000 in 2020/21 with a rating impact of \$0.13 in 2019/20 and \$1.88 in 2020/21.
Purangi Harbour Walkway	Recommend that a reduced construction budget of \$1.1 million for the Purangi Upper Walkway be included in 2026/27 and that a feasibility budget of \$51,000 be included in 2023/24.
Taputapuatea Walkway and Footbridge	That the feasibility study on the proposed Taputapuatea Walkway and Footbridge project proceed in 2018/19 including consultation with submitters, stakeholders and interested parties. That the Board confirm whether to proceed with the Taputapuatea project as part of the 2019/20 Annual Plan process.
Mercury Bay Sports Park	That the Mercury Bay Sports Park total budget be Increased budget to \$40k per year opex. Rating impact of \$5 per year.
Robinson Road to South Highway Hoggin Path	Recommend that a \$10,000 feasibility budget be included in the 2020/21 year to determine route and consult with affected and interested parties for the proposed Robinson Rd to SH Hoggin Path. Recommend that there is a corresponding reduction in the construction budget in 2021/22 from \$108,000 to \$98,000 to accommodate this.
Maramaratotara wilding pine removal	Recommend that an operational budget of \$30,000 for all of Mercury Bay Area be provided on an annual basis for the removal of wilding pines.

Hot Water Beach reserve toilets	That the staff work with the Hot Water Beach Ratepayers Association and community and input into the Reserve Management Plan review to determine the need, location and cost of an additional play area and two community barbecues at Hot Water Beach; and that the outcome of this be considered by the Mercury Bay Community Board as part of the Annual Plan 2019/20 process.
Wigmore Stream	That the timeline and budget for the proposed Wigmore Stream Walkway and Bridge (\$235,000 in 2023/24) be retained for this project in line with MBCB recommendations.
Harbour Facilities	
Whitianga Boat Ramp Reclamation	That the Whitianga Boat Ramp reclamation budget be retained and that Council direct staff to undertake early engagement with interested parties on the project.
Public Conveniences	
Flaxmill Bay Toilets	That the budget for the proposed Flaxmill Bay Toilets Water Bore project (\$62,000 in 2025/26) be brought forward to Year 2 of the LTP (\$62,000 in 2019/20).
Otama Beach Toilets	To be considered ahead of the 2018/19 annual Plan as part of board priorities.
Local Grants	
Hahei and Ferry Landing Libraries	That the budget for the Hahei Community Library and Ferry Landing Library be retained at current levels, adjusted for inflation for a further three years.
Mercury Bay Community Patrol	That funding of the Mercury Bay Community Patrol be granted at \$7,200 for the next three years of the plan.
Footpaths and Streetlights	
Purangi Road Path	Defer to consider as part of footpath priorities.
Kuaotunu Footpath Greys to Quarry	That \$198,000 is removed from the Kuaotunu Footpath Greys to Quarry project as included in error.
District Proposals	
Sub-regional Pool Proposal	That Council undertake investigation of Council pool facilities across the district.
Harbour Fees proposal	Recommends Council proceeds with setting harbour facility fees as proposed.
Road Maintenance	The community board recommends Option C
Wentworth Valley Rd	The community board recommends Option B
Pottery Lane Extension	The community board recommends Option A
Totara Valley	The community board recommends Option B
Economic Development Rate	The community board recommends Option B
Uniform Annual General Rate (UAGC)	The community board recommends Option A
Rates remission for second dwellings	The community board recommends Option B

Large bed and breakfasts	The community board recommends Option B
Resource Consenting fees	The community board recommends Option A

Moved/seconded by: Kelly/Fox

Meeting closed 11:50am

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a correct record of the proceedings of the Mercury Bay Community Board meeting held on 7 May 2018.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____