



UNCONFIRMED Minutes

of the

Mercury Bay Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date	3 October 2018
Venue	Mercury Bay Community Board Room 10 Monk Street Whitianga

Present

Rekha Giri-Percival (Acting Chair), Deli Connell, Tony Fox, Murray McLean, Bill McLean

Apology

Paul Kelly (Leave of absence)

In attendance

Allan Tiplady, Heather Bruce, Nicole Miell, Jennifer Mahon, Georgina Bond, Donna Blick, Mohamed Imtiaz, Andrew Scobie

Meeting commenced 9:00am

Adjournments and absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
	10.20am	10.30am	Tea adjournment

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

A leave of absence was requested for Board Chair Paul Kelly.

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MBCB

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Leave of absence request - Paul Kelly' report, dated 25 September 2018.
2. Approves a leave of absence for Paul Kelly for the period ending 31 October 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

1.2 Public forum

Ian Marshall – President, Whitianga Gun Club

Mr Marshall addressed the Board in objection to the on-charging of rates and the effect it would have on the Club. He tabled a document in support of their letter to the Board dated 4 September 2018.

Al Gould – Mercury Bay Boat Club

Mr Gould addressed the Board and tabled a letter from the Commodore urging the Board to reconsider its decision to on-charge rates.

Peter Grant – Mercury Bay Tennis Club

Mr Grant addressed the Board requesting the reconsideration of its 7 March 2018 decision to on-charge rates to the Rugby, Boating and Gun Clubs.

He commented that the Board would still have to maintain these properties if the Clubs were not there. He felt the Clubs were proactive and it was unfair to on-charge especially since Council had a choice.

Dave Fowell – Flaxmill Bay resident

Mr Fowell introduced himself as the maker of the unconsented groyne, which featured in the Mercury Bay Informer of 26 September 2018, and illustrated to the Board the effect on the waves on Flaxmill Bay.

He urged Board members to visit Flaxmill Bay before the groyne was removed and look at the positive effects. In two months, nothing had been taken away and the high tide mark had been pushed back out two metres.

Trevor and Jocelyn Ammundsen

Mr Ammundsen addressed the meeting to convey his concern over the self-seeded trees and weeds growing on Taputapuatea Spit and urged the Board to “get on with the job” and remove them.

Meg Graeme / Augusta Macassey-Pickard – Mercury Bay Forest and Bird

Ms Graeme addressed the Board seeking a strong Council reaction in response to the vandalism of pohutukawa trees at the Taputapuatea Spit.

Ms Graeme and Macassey-Pickard requested the Board replace the three previously vandalised Pohutukawa trees and remove the branches of the more recently vandalised trees from the new dune plantings. They also requested signage be erected.

66/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives Ian Marshall, Al Gould, Peter Grant, Dave Fowell, Trevor and Jocelyn Ammundsen, Meg Graeme and Augusta Macassey-Pickard as speakers in the public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/B McLean

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

67/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board confirms its 22 August 2018 minutes as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

2 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

2.1 Mercury Bay Community Board Grants 2018/2019

The Community Board considered the allocation of Community Grant funding for those who had applied for assistance through the 2018/2019 Community Grants round.

68/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board Grants 2018/2019' report, dated 4 September 2018.
2. Approves the following allocation of community grant funding from the 2018/2019 Community Grants budget.

Organisation	Project	Grant approved
Mercury Bay Big Band Incorporated	To purchase two wireless microphones and two microphone stands	\$1,500.00
Parenting Place – Attitude Youth Division	Delivery of Youth Development programme	\$500.00
Kuaotunu Hall Committee	Replacement cladding and new window – Kuaotunu Hall	\$3,000.00
Mercury Bay Museum Trust Board	Installation of sound and animation – agricultural display	\$1,000.00
Whenuakiwi Trust T/A Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group	Purchase 15 DOC replacement traps	\$1,350.00
Kuaotunu Skateboard Ramp Group	Building Consent Fees for Kuaotunu Ramp	\$3,100.00 *
Whitianga Lions Project – Menzshed Whitianga	Purchase equipment for Menzshed setup	\$3,500.00
Stage Art 2018	Support performers representing the Mercury Bay Area School with transport, shirts, music and hair accessories	\$1,500.00

**Subject to receiving the building consent*

3. Declines the following applications for community grant funding from the 2018/2019 Community Grants budget:

Organisation	Project	Grant declined
Whitianga Community Services Trust	Assistance for purchasing food for food parcels for families in need	\$2,000.00
Coromandel Independent Living Trust – Artists in the Making	Screen printing training for group coordinator	\$240.00
Nga Uri A Maata Ngapo Charitable Trust	Restoration of carving (Pou-ihu) – Harataunga Te Paea Marae	\$3,500.00
Mercury Bay Community Choir	Professional fees for guest director	\$2,375.00

4. Approves the following allocation of community event funding from the 2018/2019 Community Grants budget.

Applicant	Events	Grant approved
Matarangi Ratepayers Association Incorporated	Support for the annual summer carnival	\$1,000.00
Mercury Bay Kauri Trust	Portaloo hire for Mercury Bay Seaside Carnival	\$1,000.00
The Mercury Bay Community Support Trust	Funding to assist with Mercury Bay Day Camp	\$6,000.00
Mercury Bay Home Coming Weekend	Printing and publicity costs for Mercury Bay Homecoming Weekend event	\$500.00
Mercury Bay Art Escape	Advertising, promotion, administration and Art Guide production for Mercury Bay Art Escape,	\$2,500.00

5. Declines the following applications for community event funding from the 2018/2019 Community Grants budget:

Applicant	Events	Grant approved
A Taste of Matarangi	Marketing of A Taste of Matarangi event	\$5,000.00
Goodwill Community Event	Promotion, hall hire and archival purposes for Saturday Night Live Storytelling event	\$1550.00

Moved/seconded by: M McLean/Connell

3 Local activities: Local input policy/Levels of service

3.1 Taputapuatea Spit

The Board noted their dismay at the wilful damage to the Pohutukawas and discussed measures to deter this sort of action in future. Photos of the vandalism were tabled.

Councillor McLean requested his personal discontent be recorded and relayed his appreciation to those working towards a solution.

Member Connell noted that the project had been set back many times, which was very discouraging, as it had involved the community and volunteers. In addition, the Pohutukawas had been crown lifted with resident approval.

69/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Removal of Trees - Taputapuatea Spit' report, dated 26 July 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Fox

70/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Defers a decision on the request of Mr Ammundsen for a number of trees identified in his request to be removed.
2. Approves the planting of three new Pohutukawa trees along with appropriate signage.
3. Notes that the Reserve Management Plan for the spit is currently under review.
4. Requests staff investigate and report back on reserve surveillance.
5. Requests that a meeting be arranged with all parties on the future development of the reserve.
6. Notes that the Mercury Bay Forest and Bird Taputapuatea Spit restoration plan (approved by the Board) implementation will continue and that this does not involve the planting of additional trees.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Giri-Percival

3.2 Purangi Boat Ramp Report

The Board considered the future of the Purangi Boat Ramp Pontoon and the associated parking fee. The District Manager, Allan Tiplady, advised that paying the parking fee has been accepted by ramp users.

71/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Purangi Boat Ramp Pontoon' report, dated 11 September 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/M McLean

72/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Supports the retention of the Purangi pontoon and in line with Council policy continues to implement the boat trailer parking permit requirements.
2. Requests the Mercury Bay South Ratepayers Association assist in promoting the acceptance of the improved level of service and the associated fee for parking boat trailers to the community in the area.

Moved/seconded by: M McLean/B McLean

3.3 Soldiers Memorial Toilets and Artwork

The Board was informed of progress on the proposed toilet upgrade.

73/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Soldiers Memorial Toilet and Artwork' Report dated 11 September 2018.
2. Approves the proposed toilet upgrade concept and associated artwork subject to the cost being met from the approved budget for the Soldiers Memorial Toilet Upgrade project of \$190,729.

Moved/seconded by: M McLean/B McLean

10.20am – 10.30am – Tea adjournment

3.4 Blacksmith Lane One Way

The Board considered the proposed Blacksmith lane one-way project.

74/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Blacksmith Lane One Way' report, dated 13 September 2018.
2. Approves in principle the proposed one-way system for Blacksmith Lane and Lee Street and report back to the Board on further traffic counts and consultation with a view to including the project in the 2019/20 budget.

Moved/seconded by: B McLean/Connell

4 Reports

4.1 Mercury Bay Community Board 2018-19 Work Programme

The Board discussed the coastal erosion protection programmes at Flaxmill Bay and Cooks Beach.

The Infrastructure Manager, Mr Mohamed Imtiaz, updated the Board on Emma Place, Hahei regarding the installation of wastewater and water services to eight properties advising that the pipeline work could be completed in January 2019.

75/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/2019 Work Programme Update' report, dated 3 October 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/M McLean

76/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board recommends to council that an investigation into the Flaxmill Bay erosion remediation and a suitable budget for remediation works be requested under urgency.

Moved/seconded by: M McLean/Giri-Percival

4.2 Mercury Bay Community Board Correspondence

77/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board correspondence' report, dated 18 September 2018.
2. Requests a report to the next Mercury Bay Community Board meeting to reconsider the on-charging of rates to the Mercury Bay Rugby, Boating and the Whitianga Gun Clubs.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Fox

4.3 Members' reports

Member Connell

Advised that she attended a Tourism Coromandel meeting on 1 October noting interesting guest speakers and interesting statistics on visitor numbers and natural resources.

Noted that there was less offensive behaviour in the town centre, however felt that communication was needed regarding cycle ways and cycle stands.

Suggested an adult playground on the waterfront be considered and asked the Board to consider having workshops following Board meetings.

Councillor Fox

Advised that research be undertaken into what was happening regarding aquaculture/fin fish in our area with respect to the Marine Spatial Plan and the Hauraki Gulf Forum. He noted he would like something on record and to know more about the process about the decision and what will happen. Also noted this needed to be done this week as the co governance model was sitting with government now.

Chair Giri-Percival

Commented on the Te Whanganui A-Hei Department of Conservation initiative developing a “share with care” code/visitor management strategy scoping project.

Advised that she had attended the Taputapuatea Forest and Bird planting day and had received various calls regarding the vandalism on the spit.

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MBCB

Resolved

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

Moved/seconded by: Connell/B McLean

5 Public Excluded

79/18 **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</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution</i>
5.1 -Public Excluded Minutes for confirmation	(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. Where the local authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i) of this Act.
5.2 - Proposal - Sherriff Block, Whitianga	(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) – 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.

82/18 **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, which are to remain in public excluded minute book.

Item Business

5.1 Minutes for confirmation

5.2 Proposal - Sherriff Block - Whitianga

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

Meeting closed at 12.35pm

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 14 August 2018.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____