



Minutes

of the

Mercury Bay Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date	14 November 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.

Apologies

Paul Kelly

In attendance

Allan Tiplady, Heather Bruce, Georgina Bond, Bruce Hinson and Jennifer Mahon

Meeting commenced 09:00

Adjournments and absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairperson	10:15	10:37	Morning tea

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

An apology was received for Board Chair Paul Kelly.

83/18
MBCB

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the apology from Board Chair Paul Kelly.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/WD McLean

1.2 Public forum

Kay McDonald spoke on behalf of the Mercury Bay Kauri Trust and thanked the Board for the community grant of \$1000 allocated to the running costs of the Mercury Bay Seaside Carnival. Ms McDonald also spoke in support of the Trust's request for Board approval to transfer the grant from portaloos hire to fencing costs which featured as a late item in the order paper. She explained the Trust had secured a grant from pub charities for portaloos and would otherwise have to return the funds.

Trevor Ammundsen spoke to his tabled submission to preserve the Whitianga vistas at Taputapuatea Spit. In his verbal report, Mr Ammundsen requested that Council stop planting anything larger than a tussock on the Spit to preserve foreshore views. He encouraged the Board to seek input from residents and requested that it take a more significant planning and supervisory role when it came to planting the area. The Board clarified that the foreshore development of Taputapuatea Spit was still under review.

Peter Grant spoke to order paper item 4.1 Rates on-charging for community groups leasing Council land. He urged Council to reconsider its previous resolution to on-charge rates to specific emergency services and community organisations. He noted specifically that the Mercury Bay Rugby & Sports Club Incorporated maintained the reserve which surrounded its building at no cost to Council and that the public had full access to the area at all times. He stated that it was unfair to target such a small club.

Brian Bowering, Chairperson of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust spoke to order paper item 2.2 Funding request – Concert in the vines. He clarified that the concert was a fundraiser for the local Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust despite the request featuring Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust details.

Stuart Brown spoke on behalf of the Whitianga Coastguard regarding its proposal to extend its existing shed. He confirmed that the Coastguard was actively engaging the community and invited the Board to visit the site. He noted his organisation was not requesting funding from Council but was instead looking for support prior to expending funds on the project.

Alison Henry spoke on several matters. She reported that the Community Grant funding received for a Kauri 2000 film was being well used and that it was expected that the film would be ready in the New Year.

Ms Henry also spoke to item 3.1 Pensioner Housing – 92 Cook Drive, Whitianga in the order paper. As Chairperson of the Mercury Bay Community Fund Incorporated, she noted the

Fund was engaging with the Board early in the proposal process to gauge support for using a portion of Council owned land to provide for pensioner housing.

Speaking on behalf of the Mercury Bay Art Escape, Ms Henry reported the organisation had secured a substantial Lotteries grant which would be used to support its Street Art Festival.

84/18 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives Kay McDonald, Peter Grant, Brian Bowering, Stuart Brown and Alison Henry as speakers in public forum.

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/Fox

1.3 Items not on the agenda

85/18 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board adds the following matter requiring urgent attention to the agenda:

Item	Description
Late item	Alteration to Community Grant

Reason not on the agenda

The request from Mercury Bay Kauri Trust had not been received prior to the order paper being distributed.

Reason cannot be delayed

The event associated with the request takes place prior to the next scheduled Community Board meeting.

Moved/seconded by: WD McLean/Fox

1.4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.5 3 October 2018 – Mercury Bay Community Board Minutes for confirmation

86/18 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board confirms its 3 October 2018 minutes as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/MK McLean

1.6 Mercury Bay Community Board Correspondence

The Board was asked to receive correspondence from the Mercury Bay community.

A list of community grant recipients who had sent the Board thank you letters was read out.

Representatives from the Grawhiti Fest had engaged the Community Board via acting Chair Rehka Giri-Percival. A concern was raised about the proposed mural walls noted in the Grawhiti documentation. Some walls were understood by the Board to have been secured by the Mercury Bay Art Escape's Street Art Festival. The Board requested that staff engage both groups and encourage collaboration where possible.

87/18 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board Correspondence' report, dated 5 November 2018

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Giri-Percival

2 Finance

2.1 Discretionary fund request - Mercury Bay Area School support for senior prize giving 2018

The Board was asked to approve a request from the Mercury Bay Area School to contribute to the senior prize giving event.

Councillor Fox noted his support for this funding request and explained he had attended the Mercury Bay Area School prize giving ceremonies for many years.

88/18 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the Discretionary fund request - Mercury Bay Area School support for senior prize giving 2018' report, dated 18 October 2018.
2. Approves the amount \$40.00 to support the Mercury Bay Area School senior prize giving and to be paid from Community Board discretionary budget.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

2.2 Funding Request - Concert in the vines

The Board was asked to consider a request for funding from the Auckland and Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trusts to assist with the costs associated with holding a fundraising concert.

The Board noted its preference to support the local Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust directly and not through an event. It was requested that staff engage with the Trust to learn more about its fundraising programme, investigate more direct ways of supporting it and report back to the Board.

89/18 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Funding Request – Concert in the Vines' report dated 7 November 2018.
2. Declines the request for funding toward the Concert in the Vines event and requests staff engage the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust and report back on ways of supporting the Trust directly.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/WD McLean

2.3 Late Item- Alteration to Community Grant

The Mercury Bay Community Board considered a request from Mercury Bay Kauri Trust to transfer the use of its allocated community grant of \$1,000 for the Mercury Bay Seaside Carnival, from portaloos hire to fencing costs.

90/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Late Item – Alteration of Community Grant' report dated 13 November 2018.
2. Approves the request from the Mercury Bay Kauri Trust to transfer the use of their allocated community grant of \$1,000 for the Mercury Bay Seaside Carnival, from portaloos hire to fencing costs.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/MK McLean

3 Property

3.1 Pensioner Housing – 92 Cook Drive Whitianga

The Board was asked to consider a proposal from the Mercury Bay Community Fund Incorporated to utilise a portion of Council owned land at 92 Cook Drive Whitianga for the purpose of providing pensioner housing.

It was noted the proposal was in its infancy and that the financial implications had not yet been fully determined.

The Board raised that accommodation concerns were not only for those of pensioner status but potentially those involved in supporting the expansion of the Mercury Bay area by way of construction. Many tradespeople were having an increasingly difficult time finding accommodation.

The Board questioned where the need for pensioner housing sat in relation to Council core business and requested further investigation be done in this area.

91/18 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Pensioner Housing – 92 Cook Drive Whitianga' report dated 24 October 2018.
2. Defers the decision pending the completion of the Reserve Management Plans which are currently underway.
3. Recommends to Council that a report be prepared on Council's role in supporting the provision of social housing in the district.

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/Giri-Percival

3.2 Proposed Deck Extension - Cooks Beach Community Hall

The Board was asked to consider a proposal by the Cooks Beach Community Centre Committee Incorporated to construct a deck extension on the Cooks Beach Community Hall at 882 Purangi Road, Cooks Beach.

92/18 **Resolved**

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Proposed Deck Extension - Cooks Beach Community Hall' report, dated 18 September 2018.
2. Approves the construction of the deck extension to the Cooks Beach Community Hall Located at 882 Purangi Road, Cooks Beach.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

4 Policy and Planning

4.1 Rates on-charging for community groups leasing Council land

The Board was asked to re-consider the decision to on-charge rates to the Whitianga Gun Club Incorporated, Mercury Bay Rugby & Sports Club Incorporated and the Mercury Bay Boating Club Incorporated.

It was suggested that in circumstances where Council pays the rates for organisations, the Community Grants Scheme might be the most appropriate and transparent avenue to do this. Under the scheme, it could be noted publicly that the Board supported the organisation by way of paying its rates.

93/18 **Resolved**

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Rates on-charging for community groups leasing Council land' report dated 18 October 2018.
2. Continues to pay Thames-Coromandel District Council and Waikato Regional Council rates for the Whitianga Gun Club Incorporated, Mercury Bay Rugby & Sports Club Incorporated and Mercury Bay Boating Club Incorporated for the years 2019/20 to 2020/21 and then re-evaluates.

Moved/seconded by: WD McLean/Giri-Percival

4.2 Poppy Places - Alf Simpson Drive, Whitianga

The Board was asked to support a request by the Mercury Bay Returned Services' Association (RSA) for Alf Simpson Drive to be featured as a 'Poppy Place'.

94/18
MBCB

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Poppy Places – Alf Simpson Drive, Whitianga' report, dated 9 October 2018.
2. Requests that Poppy Places include Alf Simpson Drive, Whitianga as a Poppy Place in recognition of Mr Simpson's service on the HMNZS Gambia during World War II.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Fox

4.3 Proposed Road Name - Stage 10 Whitianga Waterways Limited

The Board was asked to consider an application for the naming of the road for a new subdivision within the Mercury Bay ward.

95/18
MBCB

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Proposed Road Name - Stage 10 Whitianga Waterways Limited ' report, dated 1 October 2018.
2. Recommends that Council approve the road name **Rēwiti Drive** for the Stage 10 Road.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

5 Infrastructure

5.1 Whangapoua moloks

The Board was provided with an update on the 12 December 2017 Council decision to continue the interim molok facility for the summer (2018/19) at Whangapoua.

96/18
MBCB

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Whangapoua moloks' report dated 23 October 2018
2. Recommends to Council that the interim arrangement of the past two years for the provision of a molok waste service at Whangapoua continue for the 2018/19 year and be reviewed as part of the development of the recreation reserve concept plan.

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/Fox

6 Reports

6.1 Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/19 Work Programme - October Update

The Board received an update on the implementation and progress of its 2018/19 work programme.

In regards to the town centre upgrade, there was a noted discrepancy between the final texture of the hot mix used on the footpaths and the one used for the road. Group Manager Infrastructure Delivery, Bruce Hinson undertook to investigate this matter.

The Dalmeny Corner road and bridge improvement item was raised and Group Manager Infrastructure Delivery Bruce Hinson noted he would provide an update at the next meeting.

Water and waste water services for Hahei were reported to be progressed by a consultant. Hahei waste water would be first of the service extension projects to be reviewed followed by Wharekaho water and waste water.

The Taputaputea Spit toilets had received good feedback from residents.

The Board confirmed its management of the Taputaputea Spit noting it was important that residents were aware that guardianship remained with Council and not outside organisations.

97/18 Resolved

MBCB

Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/2019 Work Programme – October Update' report, dated 11 October 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Giri-Percival

6.2 Members' reports

Board Member Bill McLean tabled his report and noted his attendance at two Flaxmill Bay resident meetings where the unconsented groyne was discussed and a report by Council Coastal Engineer was well received. He attended the meetings about the Taputaputea Spit where the illegal felling of trees, signage and a Forest and Bird request to formalise a walking track and footpath were discussed. He also attended the Waikato Regional Council hosted workshop held in Thames covering harbour and catchment planning in the Coromandel and Mercury Bay wards.

Councillor Murray McLean noted his attendance with Councillor Tony Fox at the Tuia 250 planning meeting. He also noted his attendance at the Mercury Bay Medical Facility Trust meeting.

Deputy Board Chair Giri-Percival noted her attendance at the Waikato Regional Council harbour and catchment planning workshop and the Friends of Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve Committee meeting.

Councillor Fox raised a concern about cattle crossing at Whenuakite resulting in a mess on the roads, on cars and the subsequent impact of this on the waterways. The Board requested a letter be sent to New Zealand Transport Agency with a copy sent to the Waikato Regional Council regarding this issue.

Board Member Connell noted she had been approached by the Mercury Bay Cancer Society to discuss the installation of outdoor fitness equipment in Mercury Bay. Staff reported that investigations had begun and Ms Connell requested to be part of the process going forward so she could offer input.

- 98/18 **Resolved**
MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the Members' reports.
Moved/seconded by: WD McLean/Connell

7 Public excluded

Resolution to exclude the public

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

- 99/18 **Resolved**
MBCB That the public:
1. Be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Item Business

- 7.1 3 October 2018 – Mercury Bay Community Board minutes for confirmation
7.2 Whitianga Esplanade
7.3 Property Sale and Purchase

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	Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution
7.1 3 October 2018 – Mercury Bay Community Board minutes for confirmation	(7)(2)(i) - Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiation (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) (1) of this Act.

<p>7.2 Whitianga Esplanade</p>	<p>(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>(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.</p>
<p>7.3 Property Sale and Purchase</p>	<p>(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>(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.</p>

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/Fox

103/18
MBCB

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** 3 October 2018 – Mercury Bay Community Board minutes for confirmation
- 7.2** Whitianga Esplanade
- 7.3** Property sale and purchase

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/WD McLean

Meeting closed at 12:37

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

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____