



# Minutes

of the

## Mercury Bay Community Board

### Ordinary Meeting

<b>Date</b>	<b>27 February 2019</b>
<b>Venue</b>	Mercury Bay Community Board Room 10 Monk Street Whitianga

#### **Present**

Paul Kelly, Rekha Giri-Percival, Deli Connell, Tony Fox, Murray McLean, Bill McLean

#### **In attendance**

Allan Tiplady, Heather Bruce, Georgina Bond, Jon Muston, Paula Carr, Andrew Scobie, Ross Ashby and Jennifer Mahon

**Meeting commenced** 09:00

#### **Adjournments and absences**

<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Chairperson	10:02	10:16	Morning tea

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## 1 Meeting conduct

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### 1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

### 1.2 Public forum

Mr Ron Morgan congratulated the Board on its fitness trail initiative. He tabled a series of proposed Tuia 250 commemoration marketing material including a replica Tuia 250 dollar bill and a postcard. He asked the Board if it would consider including a fireworks or a boat light display as part of the Tuia 250 commemoration. He raised concern that the Coromandel visitors' guide had publicised November as the date for the Tuia commemoration activity in Mercury Bay, when the official powhiri was scheduled for October. As a consequence, he was aware overseas visitors had booked to be in Mercury Bay to experience the commemoration in November, and he hoped there would be sufficient activity and entertainment for them to enjoy. He suggested that any future communication about the commemoration should clearly note dates of the scheduled activities.

1/19 **Resolved**

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives Mr Ron Morgan as a speaker in the public forum.

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

### 1.3 Items not on the agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

### 1.4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### 1.5 14 November 2018 – Mercury Bay Community Board Minutes for confirmation

2/19 **Resolved**

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board confirms its 14 November 2018 minutes as a true and correct record of proceedings.

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

### 1.6 Mercury Bay Community Board Correspondence

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

The Mercury Bay Area School received praise for the effort and consideration shown in its correspondence about determining an official icon for Mercury Bay. Staff noted this item

would be considered in more detail at the 13 March 2019 Mercury Bay Community Board workshop.

A road safety concern at the junction of Albert and Campbell Street in Whitianga, raised by Kevin McDermott was responded to by staff in writing. The findings from the investigation of this matter would be shared with the Board in advance of a press release being published for the public.

**3/19 Resolved**

**MBCB**

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

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

**Moved/seconded by:** WDMcLean/Kelly

## **2 Governance, Planning and Strategy**

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### **2.1 Proposed road names – Stage 10 Whitianga Waterways Limited**

The Board was asked to consider and recommend to Council the approval of four road names and the altered spelling of a road name previously approved by the Community Board.

**4/19 Resolved**

**MBCB**

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Proposed Road Names - Stage 10 Whitianga Waterways Limited ' report, dated 27 February 2019.
2. Recommends that Council approve the road names Raumati Lane, Onerere Drive, Puawai Street and Awatea Drive for the Stage 10 roads indicated within Attachment A of the agenda report.
3. Rescinds the 14 November 2018 Mercury Bay Community Board resolution below:

*Resolved*

*That the Mercury Bay Community Board:*

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

*Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell*

4. Recommends that Council approve the road name **Reweti Drive** as indicated within Attachment B of the agenda report.

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/Connell

## 3 Infrastructure

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### 3.1 Mercury Bay Community Board TIF March funding request

The Board endorsed the application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) for various proposed projects; noting that the March funding round would include the following projects:

- Hot Water Beach Domain Toilets
- Hot Water Beach Carpark Sealing
- Hot Water Beach Taiwawe Bridge Construction

The following projects would be included in the August funding round:

- Bull Paddock Carpark
- Kuaotunu Toilet
- Kuaotunu Carpark

5/19 **Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report 'Mercury Bay Community Board TIF March Funding Report' dated 8 February 2019.
2. Endorses the application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the proposed projects.
3. Determines further consultation with community groups following decisions on the funding applications in March and August 2019.

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

### 3.2 Kaimarama Cemetery – revised Cemetery Concept Plan

The Board was asked to consider and approve a revised concept plan for the development of the plot areas at the new cemetery at Kaimarama prior to detailed design plans being commissioned.

It was confirmed that the current location of the RSA would remain unchanged.

6/19 **Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Kaimarama Cemetery – Revised Cemetery Concept Plan' report dated 1 February 2019.

**Moved/seconded by:** WDMcLean/Fox

7/19 **Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Approves the revised Cemetery Concept Plan Stage 1 as contained the agenda report which will be implemented operationally from the indicated starting point, noting however, that the RSA will remain in its current location.
2. Approves development of a revised detailed plot design.

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

### 3.3 Transfer of commercial concession – The Office

The Board was asked to consider and recommend to Council a transfer of The Office's commercial concession held by Brad Rolls and Erin Coats for Ohuka (Brophy's) Beach and the Mercury Bay Sports Park, to Trent Hill and Rhiannon French.

8/19 **Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report 'Transfer of Commercial Concession' dated 1 February 2019.
2. Recommends to Council to transfer the concession for 'The Office' operating on Ohuka(Brophy's) Beach and the Mercury Bay Sports Park to Trent Hill and Rhiannon French.

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

## 4 Finance

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### 4.1 Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust – request for funding

The Board was asked to consider a request from Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust to assist with funding for the modifications to the hangar doors to accommodate the larger helicopter.

9/19 **Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust Request for funding' report dated 15 January 2019.
2. Approves \$10,000 of funding to the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust for the purpose of assisting with modifications to the hangar doors at the Whitianga Base from the Community Board's Discretionary Fund.

**Moved/seconded by:** Kelly/WDMcLean

The Mercury Bay Community Board requested its disappointment be recorded that this issue, which was raised at Council, received no support from any of the other Community Boards.

### 4.2 Whitianga Town Centre Pou Art Design Work

The Board was asked to approve the proposed Pou design artwork and support staff in determining Pou site locations within the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade area.

It was noted that the Pou design and locations along the Taylors Mistake historical walk had been approved by Ngati Hei. It was also clarified for the Board that the \$68,000 allocated to the 14 Pou was already included in the town centre upgrade stage two budget.

**10/19 Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Whitianga Town Centre Pou Art Design Work' report, dated 8 February 2019
2. Agrees to the Pou art design concept, as approved by Ngati Hei and the \$68,000 cost from the approved Whitianga Town Centre artwork budget.
3. Delegates staff to determine site locations for the Pou with Ngati Hei, the artist and designer.

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

### 4.3 Buffalo Beach - Outdoor fitness development

The Board was asked to consider and approve in principle, the concept plan and preferred location for the development of a new outdoor fitness facility on Buffalo Beach Reserve.

A discussion was had which supported the findings that positioning the equipment in a cluster as opposed to a trail formation allowed for improved social interaction and better usage of the equipment for all ages.

As there were two proposed sites for the equipment in the report, the District Manager clarified the confirmed chosen site was at Buffalo Beach.

**11/19 Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Buffalo Beach Outdoor Fitness Development' report dated 5 February 2019.
2. Approves in principle the installation of a five piece fitness station to be located on Buffalo Beach Reserve opposite Bruce Street.
3. Notes that staff will consult with potentially affected property owners and residents from 41 – 51b Buffalo Beach Road, prior to commencing any work.
4. Approves the allocation of up to \$35,000 from the 2019/2020 and \$35,000 from the 2020/2021 Parks Minor Projects capital budget, to allow the project to proceed.

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

## 5 Property

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### 5.1 Right of renewal and rent review – St John Northern Regional Trust Board

The Board was asked to consider and recommend to Council that it approves a right of renewal and rent review between the Thames-Coromandel District Council (Council) and St John Northern Regional Trust Board (St John) for the land located at 2 Cook Drive, Whitianga.

**12/19 Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report 'Right of Renewal and Rent Review – St John Northern Regional Trust Board' report, dated 14 January 2019
2. Recommends to Council to approve the right of renewal of 20 years, effective from 19 January 2019, between the Thames-Coromandel District Council and St John Northern Regional Trust Board. For the part of the premises located at 2 Cook Drive, Whitianga, and the community rental fee of \$100 (plus GST) per annum

**Moved/seconded by:** Connell/Fox

## 5.2 Variation of lease – Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard Inc

The Board was asked to consider and to recommend to Council that it approves a variation of lease between the Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard Inc and the Thames-Coromandel District Council to increase the leased area over part of the Recreation Reserve (land) located at 86D Albert Street, Whitianga.

The potential need to consider further requests to accommodate growth for the Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard Inc as the population increases was noted. Staff explained that this matter would be considered as part of the Reserve Management Plan process.

**13/19 Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report Variation of Lease – Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard Inc
2. Recommends to Council to approve a variation to the lease to increase the footprint of the land leased to the Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard Inc, as per the plan titled 'Leased Area' having an approximate area of 144m<sup>2</sup>
3. Recommends to Council to approve the proposed extension to the building in general accordance with the site plan subject to resource consent being first approved.

**Moved/seconded by:** WDMcLean/Connell

## 5.3 Licence Fee Review - D J Cooper - 1680 Whangapoua Road, Whangapoua

The Board was asked to consider and to recommend to Council to approve a licence to occupy fee review between the Thames-Coromandel District Council and David John Cooper (Cooper) for the non-exclusive use of part of the local purpose Esplanade Reserve located at 1680 Whangapoua Road, Whangapoua.

**14/19 Resolved**

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the report Licence Fee Review – D J Cooper – 1680 Whangapoua Road, Whangapoua.
2. Recommends to Council that the new licence fee chargeable to D J Cooper under their Licence to Occupy be set at \$452.18 (Plus GST) per jetty, per annum for the period of 1 July 2018 to 1 July 2023.

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



## 6 Reports

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### 6.1 Action Schedule for Mercury Bay Community Board

15/19  
MBCB

#### **Resolved**

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the Actions Schedule for the Mercury Bay Community Board report, dated 1 February 2019.

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

### 6.2 Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/2019 Work Programme - January 2019 Update

The Community Board was updated on the implementation and progress of the 2018/2019 Work Programme that was approved by Council as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.

The District Manager North, Allan Tiplady spoke to the following items:

#### **Hahei Village carpark extension**

Issues with neighbouring properties had been resolved with minor modifications to the plans and construction was set to begin after Easter 2019.

#### **Whangapoua boat ramp renewal and pontoon and Meri Te Tai Reserve development**

Staff reported that the planning and design to redevelop the Whangapoua boat ramp was on track and was currently awaiting design. It was noted the community had expressed some concerns about plans for the Meri Te Tai Reserve, and staff had been working with the local Residents and Ratepayers Association as part of the consultation process.

#### **Blacksmith Lane one-way traffic management**

A traffic design report had been commissioned to review traffic management and car parking in Blacksmith Lane. An update on this matter would be provided at an upcoming meeting.

#### **Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade**

Stage two of the town centre update would begin after Easter. Staff noted that safety concerns had been raised and were investigated at the junction of Albert Street and Campbell Street.

#### **Tuia 250**

Board Chair Kelly provided an update on the Tuia 250 commemoration.

16/19  
MBCB

#### **Resolved**

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/2019 Work Programme Update' report dated 29 January 2019.

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

## 6.3 Members reports

Board Member Bill McLean raised a proposal from residents to replace the non-operational Town Hall clock with a digital alternative which could feature a temperature gauge and advertising.

Councillor Tony Fox provided an update on the Mercury Bay Museum. He noted the importance of highlighting Council's joint work with Ngati Hei. He queried the outcome of recent road vandalism. Councillor Fox also offered a suggested speed of 30km/h as a way to improve safety in and around the Esplanade crossing – this suggestion was supported by several other members of the Board.

Councillor Murray McLean provided a progress update on the Mercury Bay Facility Trust and voiced resident concerns regarding rubbish collection.

Board Member Rekha Giri-Percival attended the Mercury Bay Central Focus Group session. She raised items of concern such as rubbish and freedom camping. She also noted the tree vandalism sign had been removed at Buffalo Beach. Mrs Giri-Percival explained she would be attending the opening of the Street Art Festival next week.

Board Member Deli Connell noted her attendance at various ratepayer group meetings. She also attended community focus group meetings where she was disappointed in how little the demographic diversity of Mercury Bay was represented. Staff responded that both Iwi and youth would be consulted separately to ensure contribution from a variety of people.

Board Chair Paul Kelly noted that the cinema bollards along Lee Street hindered those with mobility issues and should be addressed.

17/19  
MBCB

### **Resolved**

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

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/WDMclean

## 7 Public excluded

### Resolution to exclude the public

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

18/19 **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>
<p>7.1 Public excluded minutes for receiving and confirming</p>	<p><b>(7)(2)(i)</b> - Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiation (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p><b>(7)(2)(c)(i)</b> – Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.</p>	<p><b>(48)(1)(a)</b> - 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>7.2 Buildings – Monk Street, Whitianga</p>	<p><b>(7)(2)(i)</b> – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p><b>(48)(1)(a)(i)</b> – 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>

<p><b>7.3</b> Monk Street Properties</p>	<p><b>(7)(2)(j)</b> – Prevent disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage. Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution.</p>	<p><b>(48)(1)(a)</b> – 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><b>7.4</b> Robinson Road Boat Ramp</p>	<p><b>7(2)(b)(i)</b> – Protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret.</p>	<p><b>(48)(1)(b)(i)</b> - 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 the public disclosure of which would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment.</p>
<p><b>7.5</b> Review of Freehold Property – Mercury</p>	<p><b>(7)(2)(i)</b> – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p><b>(48)(1)(a)(i)</b> – 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:** Connell/Giri-Percival

24/19  
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 14 November 2018 – Mercury Bay Community Board minutes for confirmation
- 7.2 Buildings – Monk Street, Whitianga
- 7.3 Monk Street Properties
- 7.4 Robinson road boat ramp
- 7.5 Review of freehold land – Mercury Bay Ward

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

**Meeting closed at:** 12:35

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 27 February 2019.

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