



Minutes

of the

Mercury Bay Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date	10 April 2019
Venue	Mercury Bay Community Board Room 10 Monk Street Whitianga

Present

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

In attendance

Jennifer Mahon, Allan Tiplady, Heather Bruce, Georgina Bond, Matt Busch, Andrew Scobie.

Meeting commenced 09:00

Adjournments and absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairperson	10:29am	10:45am	Morning tea

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1 Meeting conduct

At the opening of the meeting, the Mercury Bay Community Board stood for a minute of silence to honour the passing of Board Chair Paul Kelly.

1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

1.2 Public forum

Bernard Bowen tabled a proposal to install floodgates or a flood-flushing system on the seaward side of Whitianga's Carina Creek. He noted it would be best to position it at the mouth of the culvert pipe, on Esplanade or where the culvert enters the harbour. In his proposal he also noted that with minimal effort and spend, the area could become a recreational asset.

Brian Baker tabled a petition which showed support for the installation of a one-way bridge at Whenuakite (Dalmeny's Corner). In his presentation, Mr Baker explained that during the peak season, the wait times to cross the current bridge could be up to one hour.

The Board noted it understood the urgency of this matter and explained it had been raised at Council and was now being actioned as a priority project.

25/19
MBCB

Resolved

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives Bernard Bowen and Brian Baker as speakers in the public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/WD McLean

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 27 February 2019 – Mercury Bay Community Board Minutes for confirmation

26/19 Resolved

MCBC

That the Mercury Bay Community Board confirms the minutes of 27 February 2019 meeting, as a correct record of proceedings with the following amendment:

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:– Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard Inc

- 1. 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 144m²*
- 2. Recommends to Council to approve the proposed extension to the new building in general accordance with the site plan subject to resource consent being first approved.*

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Fox

The amendment above had been conveyed to the Council's April meeting when the recommendation was considered and adopted.

1.6 Mercury Bay Community Board Correspondence

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

27/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board correspondence' report, dated 18 March 2019.
2. Receives the correspondence noted in the table below:

Date Received	From	Subject	Update
17/03/2019	Mercury Bay RSA	Invitation to attend Poppy Place unveiling for Alf Simpson Drive	This email has been shared with the Board via the Extranet
20/03/2019	Alanna Kline The Lost Spring	Request support for implementing a Ngati Hei mural in Whitianga township	This letter has been shared with the Board via the Extranet

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Fox

2 Governance, Planning and Strategy

2.1 Board vacancy and appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Mercury Bay Community Board was asked to elect a new Chairperson and potentially a new Deputy Chairperson in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Deputy Board Chair Rekha Giri-Percival vacated the position of acting Chair and the District Manager North stepped in. Nominations were called for the position of Board Chair.

28/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Board vacancy and appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson' report, dated 18 March 2019.
2. Appoints Rekha Giri-Percival to the position of Chairperson of the Mercury Bay Community Board in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7 clause 17.

Moved/seconded by: MMcLean/Connell

Rekha Giri-Percival took the position of Chair.

29/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Determines not to appoint the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Mercury Bay Community Board in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7 clause 17.
2. Recommends to Council that the extraordinary vacancy arising from the passing of Paul Kelly is not filled.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/WD McLean

3 Community Management

3.1 Annual Community Grants - Priorities for funding

The Mercury Bay Community Board was provided with an opportunity to identify priorities for funding for the upcoming 2019/2020 Community Grant funding round.

It was noted that some applicants might be discouraged to submit an application if the idea did not clearly fit the priority and this could result in strong ideas losing support.

It was further noted that late applications to the Community Grant scheme would not be accepted.

30/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Annual Community Grants – Priorities for funding' report, dated 20 March 2019.
2. Confirms it does not wish to identify priorities for community grant funding in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

4 Infrastructure

4.1 Whitianga - Pedestrian Safety Upgrade

The Board was asked to support the Joan Gaskell Drive/Cook Drive intersection and the Lee Street pedestrian safety improvements. It was also asked to recommend to Council to amend Schedule 5 of Council's Traffic Control Bylaw 2017 and Schedule A of Council's Parking Control Bylaw 2014.

A safety concern was raised at the Lee Street service lane.

31/19 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Whitianga – Pedestrian Safety Update' report, dated 20 March 2019.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

32/19 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Recommends to Council that Schedule 5 of the Traffic Control Bylaw 2017 is amended to include pedestrian crossings on Campbell Street, located 393m from the start of the road.
2. Recommends to Council that Schedule 5 of the Traffic Control Bylaw 2017 is amended to include pedestrian crossings on Cook Drive, located 821m from the start of the road.
3. Recommends to Council that Schedule 5 of the Traffic Control Bylaw 2017 is amended to include pedestrian crossings on Lee Street, located 14m from the start of the road and that the first carpark on the right as you exit Lee Street service lane be removed to improve public safety.
4. Recommends to Council that Schedule A of the Parking Control Bylaw 2014 is amended to include no stopping lines on Lee Street starting at 80m from the Albert Street intersection for a distance of 25m on the right-hand side of the street.
5. Requests staff initiate road painting to promote safe usage of the Lee Street service lane for pedestrians.
6. Requests that the Roading Manager investigate further road safety matters including heavy vehicles in the CBD; scooter, skateboard and bicycle use in the CBD, speed limits, and the installation of CCTV cameras to monitor traffic at the South end of Lee Street service lane.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/WD McLean

4.2 Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade – Albert Street and Campbell Street Intersection

The Community Board was asked to consider the report by Stantec on the configuration of the Campbell Street and Albert Street intersection.

It was noted that much feedback had been received about the effectiveness and safety of the intersection after it was altered as part of the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade project. Three options for improvement were presented to the Board. The Board supported the preferred option which was to install a four legged intersection with a mini-roundabout that would provide clear priority control for all users.

Staff advised that the roundabout construction could be completed in 12 weeks.

33/19 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade – Albert Street and Campbell Street Intersection' report, dated 20 March 2019.
2. Recommends to Council to approve the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Albert Street and Campbell Street to be funded from existing budgets.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/WD McLean

4.3 Blacksmith Lane – Parking Improvements

The Community Board was asked to consider the report by Stantec on suggested improvements to Blacksmith Lane and potentially to develop improvements to the parking within Blacksmith Lane, Victoria and Isabella Streets.

The manoeuvrability of a 45 degree carpark vs a 90 degree carpark was mentioned.

34/19 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Blacksmith Lane – Parking Improvements' report, dated 22 March 2019.
2. Recommends to Council that car parking changes be made by realigning the angle car parks in Blacksmith Lane to 45 degrees and creating additional carparks in Victoria Street and Isabella Street as set out in the agenda report, to be funded from existing budgets.

Moved/seconded by: Fox /Connell

4.4 Mercury Bay Cycling Strategy

The Community Board was asked to review the Mercury Bay Cycling Strategy and recommend its adoption to Council.

Staff noted that an adopted cycling strategy was a requirement which would allow Mercury Bay to access more funding going forward.

The next stage for the strategy, if adopted, would be the implementation phase.

35/19 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Cycling Strategy' report, dated 21 March 2019.
2. Recommends to Council the adoption of the Mercury Bay Cycling Strategy 2019 as contained in the Mercury Bay Community Board agenda report.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/ WD McLean

5 Reports

5.1 Action Schedule for Mercury Bay Community Board

The Community Board was provided an update on actions from and since, the last Board meeting held on 27 February 2019.

36/19 Resolved

MBCB

1. That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Actions Schedule for Mercury Bay Community Board', report dated 21 March 2019.
2. Recommends to Council that a letter be sent on the District's behalf to the New Zealand Transport Agency with a copy to the Waikato Regional Council on the matter of the cattle crossing on the State Highway at Whenuakite, resulting in a mess on the roads and subsequent impact on the waterways.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/WD McLean

5.2 Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/2019 Work Programme update

The District Manager North spoke to this report and provided the following detail:

Whangapoua boat ramp renewal and pontoon

The plan, design and consent for the redevelopment, including installation of a pontoon was still subject to consultation with the community and iwi. Staff were progressing the design for consultation.

Whangapoua drainage improvements (on the main street, Tangiora Avenue, Whangapoua)

Tenders for this project had been completed and works were due to start in May 2019.

Whangapoua Meri Te Tai Managakahia Reserve

A community survey was being carried out on the redevelopment of the reserve, which included relocating and upgrading the toilets, upgrading the playground, relocating the carpark, improving pedestrian access and the community's views on the moloks. The survey was set to close on 12 May 2019 after which a review of all the responses would take place.

Carina Creek Development

The project was confirmed to be on the agenda for the Community Board's 1 May 2019 workshop where the issues of stormwater management and development of the creek environment would be discussed.

Whitianga Boat Ramp provision

Out of budget funding had now been approved by Council to complete the consenting and the construction of the Robinsons Road boat ramp facility.

Whitianga Sports Ground

Concept plans for the future of the sports ground had been developed and would be presented at the Board's 1 May workshop.

Hahei Tourism Infrastructure Project – toilet replacement and walkways

An update would be provided to the Board at its 1 May 2019 workshop.

Whitianga Wharf and Ferry Landing Wharf

Meetings and negotiations were continuing with commercial users of the wharf.

Dalmeny's Corner road and bridge improvement

Staff were progressing development of a plan for future solutions to roading and bridging issues on Hot Water Beach Rd near the intersection with SH25 (Dalmeny's Corner).

37/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/2019 Work Programme update' report, dated 19 March 2019.

Moved/seconded by: M McLean/Fox

5.3 Members' reports

Several members' noted their attendance at the celebration of Paul Kelly's life.

Councillor McLean provided an update on the Mercury Bay medical facility explaining that a consultant had been engaged. He also requested that encroachment issues on reserves specifically on the Matarangi waterfront be investigated by staff.

Councillor Fox tabled email correspondence from Mr Rod Crawford which noted a need for permanent boat parking parallel to Rimu Street. Councillor Fox requested that he be included in the response.

Several members voiced concern about solid waste bins not being collected.

Board Chair Giri-Percival noted her attendance at the Poppy Places unveiling, positive comments on the sports grounds and a continued issue with skateboarders riding on the main street.

38/19 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the Members' reports.
2. Requests staff prepare a report on the Matarangi Waterfront encroachment

Moved/seconded by: M McLean/Fox

6 Public excluded

39/19 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>
6.1 Public excluded minutes for confirming	<p>(7)(2)(i) - Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiation (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>(7)(2)(j) – 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>(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> <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>

<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>
6.2 Public excluded Action Schedule for Mercury Bay Community Board	(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.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/Fox

42/19
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

- 6.1 Public Excluded minutes for confirmation
- 6.2 Public excluded Action Schedule for Mercury Bay Community Board

Moved/seconded by: M McLean/Fox

Meeting closed at: 11:00am

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 10 April 2019.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____