



Minutes

of the

Mercury Bay Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date	17 July 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

Allan Tiplady, Sam Edlin, Andrew Scobie, Georgina Bond and Jennifer Mahon

Meeting commenced 09:00

Adjournments and absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairperson	10:10	10:17	Morning tea

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

1.2 Public forum

Ms Janet Mitchell raised a concern about a perceived lack of transparency for ratepayers when it came to the Mercury Bay Medical Trust. Speaking to her tabled item she queried the \$250,000 grant given to the Trust by the Mercury Bay Community Board. She specifically wanted to know how the funds had been expended and what consultation had been carried out with local health professionals so far.

Mr Paul Hopkins spoke to his letter about a signage plan for the community leading up to the Tuia 250 Commemorations which featured in the correspondence report of the order paper. He offered himself to be available should the Board have questions or need any support to implement it. .

Ms Chrissy Baird requested that the Board consider supporting a new playground in Cooks Beach at the river end of the Cooks stream where traffic was minimal and there were fewer boats to contend with. She noted the area had exceptional recreational value and could become a real asset for the community if the Board supported investment into playground equipment and a pump track.

Mr Charlie Adams and Phyll Pascoe spoke to item 2.2 Te Ara o Hei Walkway on the order paper and raised potential health and safety concerns with the Lees Road section should the project progress without substantial consultation.

Mr Garry Bell praised the new playground at the Esplanade and queried the plans for its general maintenance and ongoing servicing. Staff advised that the maintenance contract would soon be in place. Smart Environmental would be responsible for the daily maintenance and there would be a possibility of increasing the service frequency to twice daily over peak periods.

Mr Chris Devenoges provided an update on the progress of the skate park project. He noted the recent Trust status provided to his organisation which could entitle it to further potential funding avenues. He spoke about the planned increase of social media marketing and more community engagement. There was also a discussion about selling the naming rights and the use of sponsorship plaques to acknowledge community support.

59/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives Janet Mitchell, Paul Hopkins, Charlie Adams, Phyll Pascoe, Garry Bell and Chris Devenoges as speakers in the public forum.

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/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 12 June 2019 – Mercury Bay Community Board Minutes for confirmation

60/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board confirms the minutes of the 12 June 2019 meeting, as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Connell

1.6 Mercury Bay Community Board Correspondence

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

In regards to the Mercury Bay Medical Trust, a memorandum of understanding between the Trust and a local medical practice was to be considered next week and following that further engagement would occur with the community.

In regards to the historical signage proposal, the District Manager agreed to follow-up with the Group Manager of Infrastructure Delivery.

The Board queried whether there was any stored play equipment which could be installed at Cooks Beach and requested that a report come back to the Board with options.

61/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board correspondence' report dated 25 June 2019.
2. Receives the attached and/or tabled documents.

Date Received	From	Subject	Type	Update
20/6/2019	Janet Mitchell and other local Ratepayers	Expressed concerns regarding the lack of public information on the progress of the proposed new Mercury Bay Medical Facility.	Email	District Manager North to draft a response from the Community Board and pass the letter on to the Mercury Bay Medical Facility Trust to consider.
28/06/2019	Lioness Club of Mercury Bay	Advice of donation	Email	Acknowledgment email sent
01/07/2019	Mercury Bay South Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc	Historical signage proposal	Email	Acknowledgment email sent

Date Received	From	Subject	Type	Update
06/07/2019	Graeme Lomas on behalf of Mercury Bay South (Combined) Ratepayers Associations	Request for urgent action on green waste facility for Mercury Bay South area	Email	Acknowledgment email sent

Moved/seconded by: WD McLean/Fox

2 Community Management

2.1 Te Ara o Hei Walkway

The Mercury Bay Community Board received an update on the current status of Te Ara o Hei Walkway and was asked to provide guidance on future progress of the project.

62/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the Te Ara o Hei - Walkway report, dated 26 June 2019.
2. Recommends to Council that it approve in principle, the continuation of the Purangi to Cathedral Cove / Hahei walkway section from Stella Evered Memorial Park to the Lees Road car park and request a detailed report for final consideration.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/MK McLean

3 Infrastructure

3.1 Footpath Construction and Streetlight Priorities

The Mercury Bay Community Board was asked to confirm the footpath construction and streetlight installation priority for the 2019/2020 financial year.

A concern was raised about the lack of street light on Eyre Street and the Board queried how to raise its standing on the priority list.

The Mercury Bay Community Board discussed the merits of prioritising the funds available to ensure that the Town upgrade area was completed.

63/19 Resolved

MBCB

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the Footpath Construction and Street Lighting Priorities report, dated 26 June 2019.
2. Approves the 2019/20 footpath construction budget of \$285,000 be utilised for street light improvements and undergrounding of power works in addition to footpath construction works.
3. Confirms the following work, in priority order, for the footpath construction \$285,000 and street light improvements \$42,000 programmes for the 2019/20 year to a maximum total cost of \$327,000.

Item	Description
Hahei Beach Road	New footpath from the Visitor Car Park entrance to Pa Road
Joan Gaskell Drive, Cook Drive, Campbell Street	Intersection footpath and pedestrian safety improvements
Mill Road	Two new street lights
Esplanade (Blacksmith Lane to the Whitianga Wharf)	5 new street lights
Esplanade (Mill Street to Albert Street)	Underground power and 3 new street lights)
Blacksmith Lane (outside public conveniences)	Renew footpath
Monk Street (Esplanade to Mill Road)	Renew footpath on north side
Albert Street (Hannan Road to Esplanade)	Renew street lights
Albert Street (Area in front of shops 1-5)	Renew footpath

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/Connell

4 Reports

4.1 Mercury Bay Community Board 2018-2019 Work Programme update

The Mercury Bay Community Board was provided a final update on the 2018/2019 Work Programme and the District Manager North specifically highlighted the following items:

Hahei Village car park extension

The work to build a 250 car park extension to the Hahei visitor car park was noted to have been largely completed. Asphaltting was now scheduled to be done when the weather conditions were more suitable, likely in August or September.

Archaeology assessments were now underway for the following projects:

- Robinson Rd boat ramp construction
- Whangapoua drainage improvements at Tangiora Ave
- Whangapoua Meri Te Tai Mangakahia toilet renewals - effluent disposal aspect

The three projects were progressing well and each had now reached a stage where archaeology assessments were being carried out. Council was seeking approval from Heritage NZ before further progress could be made. All projects remain on track for completion well before summer and the peak visitor season.

Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade

The work was about to start on the roundabout for the Campbell St and Albert St intersection.

Esplanade playground improvement

The official opening ceremony of the new playground was held last weekend and was well-attended. Board members noted they had all received positive feedback from the community about the new playground.

Whitianga Transfer Station replacement

Expressions of interest were being sought for the design and build of the new transfer station.

Taputapuatea walkway and footbridge and Mother Browns Bridge footpath

Consultation had begun with neighbouring properties on the proposed walkway from Buffalo Beach Rd under Taputapuatea Bridge and joining up with Pacific Estates footpath.

Carina Creek development

The work was let to Dempsey Wood and the company was about to start on the replanting at Carina Creek, adjacent to Taylors Mistake.

Commercial use of the Whitianga Wharf and concerns around use of the Ferry Landing Wharf by commercial operators have been addressed following positive discussions with all parties, who are due to sign an agreement by the end of the week.

64/19 Resolved

MBCB Receives the 'Mercury Bay Community Board 2018/2019 Work Programme – June update' report, dated 25 June 2019.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/WD McLean

4.2 Action Schedule from 12 June 2019 Mercury Bay Community Board Meeting

The Mercury Bay Community Board was provided an update on the actions arising from, and since, the last Board meeting held 12 June 2019.

The Board requested that staff investigate penalties for infringing the no biking, skating or scooting on footpaths rules in the town centre.

The Board requested that the Police be invited to the next meeting to provide an update on safety matters in the community and provide input into whether or not there was a need for CCTV cameras in the town centre.

65/19 Resolved

MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board receives the 'Action Schedule for the Mercury Bay Board' report, dated 25 June 2019.

Moved/seconded by: Connell/WD McLean

4.3 Members' reports

Board member Deli Connell noted that she would like to be part of the waste management discussions going forward. She raised whether pooling resources with nearby districts could make significant progress in this space more viable. She noted her interest in the development of a seagull type centre for solid waste recycling. She raised community concerns about the lighting on Eyre Street and skating/biking issues on town centre

footpaths. She also raised the feasibility of developing a second pontoon on Ferry Landing in the future. And she expressed her interest in visiting Lees Road in regards to its potential walkway.

Councillor Tony Fox raised the Mercury Bay Cycling Strategy and noted the project would be of a large scale and likely to involve a variety of Council departments including Rooding. He requested that staff raise awareness through various media channels to communicate how the vehicle calming strategies in the town centre worked. He also noted his support of investigations into CCTV camera installation in town.

Councillor Murray McLean noted positive feedback on the new Esplanade playground.

Board member Bill McLean noted a community concern about parking on berms and how this practice had negatively impacted some areas.

Chairperson Rekha Giri-Percival attended the opening of the new Esplanade playground and she shared her fellow members' interest in progressing the investigation into the CCTV camera installation in the town centre. She also requested that the Police be invited to provide the Board with input into the project.

- 66/19 **Resolved**
MBCB That the Mercury Bay Community Board:
1. Receives the Member's reports.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/MK McLean

5 Public excluded

- 67/19 **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>
5.1 Public excluded 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) – 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.

Moved/seconded by: WD McLean/Connell

- 69/19 **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 items which are to remain in the public excluded minute book.

Item	Description
5.1	Minutes

Moved/seconded by: MK McLean/WD McLean

Meeting closed at: 11:18

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Mercury Bay Community Board held on 17 July 2019.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____