
MINUTES
of the
MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
4.00pm, Tuesday, 17 November 2020
at
Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

Present: B Maru (Chairperson), Board Members D Armstrong (Deputy Chairperson), R Horrell, J Tomsett and Councillors B Dowler, D Ogilvie and T Walker

In Attendance: Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Team Leader – Customer Services (V Simpson) and Youth Council Representatives (A Takahashi and C Davies)

1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Maru welcomed everybody to the meeting and invited Board Member Tomsett to present a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Ayling spoke on behalf of the Marahau Sandy Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association and requested a letter of support from the Board to accompany their application for funding from the Rata Foundation for the construction and commissioning of a sculpture at the entrance to Marahau. Mr Ayling presented a model of the sculpture and explained that it symbolises the relationship the Marahau community has with the sea and the land.

Mr Williamson spoke to and tabled a document and referred to the Motueka/Riwaka Groundwater Quality Survey item in the agenda. Mr Williamson suggested that corrosion, caused by the addition of chlorine to the water supply, causes damage to copper hot water cylinders and this has occurred in other parts of the county.

Mr Williamson informed the Board about the Government's initiative to revitalise New Zealand railways and asked the Board to support the restoration of a railway link between the West Coast, Nelson and Blenheim. This would provide better public transport and less vehicle emissions.

Mr Hughes reiterated to the Board there is a lack of provisions within the Tasman Resource Management Plan to provide affordable housing solutions for people who are on a lower income.

Ms Bartlett brought to the Boards attention, an application that has been made to the Council for a new “off-licence” on High Street, Motueka. The application is currently out for public consultation. Ms Bartlett said she did not support the application because there are enough liquor outlets in the community and because the community have problems with alcohol addiction and that further outlets will only perpetuate these problems. Ms Bartlett said low income and high risk members of the community are targeted and another outlet will not add any value to the community and would undermine established operators. Ms Bartlett urged the Board to protect the local community and object to the application.

Mr Fourie spoke on behalf of the Motueka Grey Power Committee and asked if there were any developments relating to their prior request to remove the Janie Seddon monument.

Mr Fourie asked for hand sanitiser to be provided at future meetings.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Ogilvie declared a conflict of interest in relation to the application for an “off licence” made by Sharma Holdings. Cr Walker declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Responsible Camping item in the agenda.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The unconfirmed minutes were amended to include a resolution that:

Funding of \$30,000 from the Special Project Funds is to be repurposed from the Innovative Streets project to the Motueka Skate Park development.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Cr Ogilvie

MCB20-11-1

That the minutes of the Motueka Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2020, be confirmed subject to inclusion of the amendment above.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Motueka/Riwaka Plains Groundwater Quality Survey 2019

Senior Resource Scientist, Joseph Thomas and Science Officer Melanie Westley presented a video to the Board explaining the purpose of the survey which was to identify any health risks to groundwater users, to describe the current groundwater quality status and to assess any changes from the previous survey.

Ms Westley said groundwater from 184 bores and 10 river/spring sites were sampled during October and November 2019. The results of the survey found the groundwater to be of a good quality and results were well within the acceptable guideline and there have been no significant changes.

Ms Westley explained to the Board that due to the unconfined/semiconfined leaky nature of the aquifer underlying the Motueka/Riwaka Plains it did not meet the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand definition for secure groundwater and the survey identified the following risks:

- Well/boreheads next to rubbish storage, stormwater drains and in low-lying areas

- Chemical storage in the vicinity of well/boreheads
- Old pipes not sealed at ground level or appropriately sealed
- Wells with unsealed well liners and inadequately fitting lids
- Lack of records on individual bore supplies

Ms Westley said public awareness of how to reduce risk is needed and this information will be provided on the Council's website and via Newsline.

The Board congratulated Ms Westley on her comprehensive and informative report and presentation.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Motueka Community Board Chair's Report

Freedom Camping Submission

Chair Maru highlighted the key points from the Board's submission included in the agenda. The Board members had nothing further to add.

Te Awhina Marae Representative

Board Member Armstrong said a representative from the Te Awhina Marae would like to attend a Motueka Community Board (MCB) meeting to develop a better understanding about the role of the MCB. Board Member Armstrong stated that a representative from all of the local iwi would not be possible and he thought it would be productive to have a representative from the Te Awhina Marae attend a MCB meeting to build a good relationship.

Motueka Beach Reserve toilet block upgrade

Cr Dowler enquired why the toilet block building did not have to be raised by 600mm and Mr Kirby suggested speaking to Building Assurance Manager, Ian McCauley, regarding building requirements. Chair Maru agreed to contact Mr McCauley and report back to the Board.

Letter of Support – Marahau Sandy Bay Ratepayer and Residents Association

The Board unanimously agreed to write a letter of support for the Marahau sculpture.

Motueka Skate Park

Cr Ogilvie requested more detailed design plans for the Motueka Skate Park and enquired whether the project is "on-track" and will be completed by June 2021. Board Member Tomsett said the initial design was more expensive than the allocated funding and this contributed to the delay as had time restrictions from the consultant engaged to undertake the planning.

Items from Board members

The Board had a lengthy and robust discussion regarding the application made to the Council for a new "off-licence" on High Street. Cr Dowler reminded the Board that the application will go to a Hearing Panel where all of the objections will be considered.

Board member Tomsett informed the Board that the applicant has previously made five "off-licence" applications in different locations where people are in high risk areas. Board Member Tomsett said it is proven that alcohol and harm are directly correlated and felt the Board has a responsibility to protect the community from harm. Board Member Tomsett noted that there are already seven "off-site" liquor stores in a 2.7km distance along High Street and the proposed application is only 300m from Parklands School which is the lowest decile school in the area.

Board Member Tomsett asked the Board to take a stand and object to more liquor stores in our community.

Board Member Tomsett, seconded by Board Member Armstrong moved an amendment to add a new part 2 to the resolution:

2. agrees to makes a submission to the Tasman District Council against the application for a new off-licence in High Street, Motueka.

LOST

The Chair asked for a show of hands and the vote was tied. The amendment to the motion was lost.

Youth Council Representative, Chris Davies said the Tasman Youth Councils perspective is that there are already an adequate amount of liquor stores in the area and there is no benefit in having one more.

Board Member Armstrong and Cr Walker agreed with Board Member Tomsett that one of the key roles of the Motueka Community Board is to encourage the growth and development of the community and support the communities health and wellbeing.

Board Member Horrell stated that he did not agree that increasing the number of liquor outlets would have a detrimental effect on the community.

Cr Dowler said there are currently less liquor outlets than there were in the area 30 years ago.

Chair Maru voiced his concern about opposing the application and asked the Board if they would prefer an Environmental Health Officer from the Council to come to a meeting to discuss the Local Alcohol Policy where the rules and regulations are derived from. The Board agreed that this it would be beneficial.

The Board were unable to reach a resolution and the item was left to lie on the table. Chair Maru thanked everyone for their contribution to the discussion.

Cr Ogilvie did not participate in the “off-licence” discussion.

Cr Walker shared her concerns about the community not being able to access public health services outside of normal hours, she referred to two separate cases that occurred recently and said that this is an ongoing challenge within the community.

Chair Maru agreed to arrange a meeting with Chief Executive of Nelson Bays Primary Health, Sara Shaughnessy to discuss these challenges.

Board member Horrell said the local road berms are not being mowed regularly enough, particularly the Moutere Highway. Board Member Horrell also enquired about when the repairs to the tarseal on High Street North are scheduled. He also noted his concerns about the build-up of logs beneath the Motueka Bridge. Mr Kirby agreed to follow these items up with their contact at Waka Kotahi.

Motueka Youth Council

Youth Council representative, Chris Davies thanked Board Member Tomsett for introducing the tradition to open and close the meetings with a Karakia.

Mr Davies said there is currently a Tasman Youth Council initiative to encourage the youth to become more engaged in the discussions regarding the Tasman Environment Plan.

Chair Maru acknowledged that this was Mr Davies last meeting with the Motueka Community Board, before leaving to attend law school. He thanked Mr Davies for the contribution he has

made to the Tasman Youth Council. Cr Walker and Board Member Armstrong also acknowledged Mr Davies on his involvement with the community.

Moved Cr Dowler/Horrell

MCB20-11-2

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Motueka Community Board Chairperson's report RMCB20-11-2.

CARRIED

7.2 Action List

The Board noted and updated the Action List. The Board Secretary agreed to circulate the updated list with the next meeting agenda.

Moved Deputy Chair Armstrong/Cr Walker

MCB20-11-3

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Action List report RMCB20-11-3.

CARRIED

7.3 Special Projects Action List

The Board Secretary updated the Board on the number of submissions received to date.

The Board noted and updated the Action List and the Board Secretary agreed to circulate the updated list with the next meeting agenda.

Moved Board member Tomsett/Cr Dowler

MCB20-11-4

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Special Projects Action List report RMCB20-11-4.

CARRIED

7.4 Financial Report

The report was taken as read.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Deputy Chair Armstrong

MCB20-11-5

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Financial Report RMCB20-11-5

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence

The report was taken as read.

Moved Cr Walker/Deputy Chair Armstrong

MCB20-11-6

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Correspondence report RMCB20-11-6.

CARRIED

9 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 6.20pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed