
MINUTES
of the
MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
4.00pm, Tuesday, 21 July 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 Representative (C Davis)
- Part Attendance:** Regulatory Services Manager (A Humphries) and Reserves and Facilities Manager (R Hollier)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair Maru welcomed everybody to the meeting and acknowledged the level of interest that item 7.2 regarding the dog control bylaw has generated in the community. Chair Maru advised that the decision to ban dogs from council controlled beaches from Marahau to Tapu Bay will not be made today at the meeting but the proposal on whether to pursue a Special Consultative procedure to propose amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw will be discussed.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nick Hughes said that he still does not believe Council staff are not following protocols and he is attending a protest in Wellington in relation to the affordable housing/homeless issues.

Mary Lafrentz spoke on behalf of the Nelson Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) who would like to see Motueka become a Motorhome Friendly town now that the Motueka Dump Station facility is operational. Mrs Lafrentz said that the Council's freedom camping bylaws and policies need to work alongside NZMCA. A friendly town sign is needed and Cr Ogilvie agreed to liaise with Mrs Lafrentz on this.

David Hawkins said he is a regular visitor to Kaiteriteri with his dog and there are already too many restricted areas for dogs. Mr Hawkins said local businesses, as a result of international

travel restrictions, are relying on New Zealand citizens to travel within the country and now is not the time to put up any barriers stopping people who may want to visit this region. Mr Hawkins said most dog owners are responsible and dogs play an important role in benefiting society.

Mike Steed believes that a ban on dogs on the beaches from Marahau to Tapu Bay could not be policed efficiently due to the size of the area. Mr Steed said it would be short-sighted to ban dogs from this area and does not want it to go to the next stage of public consultation, he would like it to stop here.

Carol Gowan who lives in Tapu Bay supported the two previous speakers. She said it is a ridiculous idea, in her opinion, to ban dogs from our beaches as it could not be enforced. Kaiteriteri does not have many areas where dogs can be walked safely and banning dogs from beaches would force residents to walk on the narrow windy roads where there are limited footpaths.

Gerald Beattie said that if dogs are banned from beaches, residents would have to drive outside the area to walk their dogs. Mr Beattie said the rivers are dangerous to dogs in the summer due to algal bloom and this proposal does not make sense.

Trevor Norriss spoke about the proposed amendments to the Dog Control bylaw and said he supports Chair Maru's recommendation to not progress this matter any further. Mr Norriss said many residents enjoy the Marahau and Tapu Bay beaches where they exercise their family pets and the majority of these people are responsible dog owners. Mr Norriss has checked with the Department of Conservation who confirmed they have had no real issues under the current Dog Control Bylaw. Mr Norriss said that any costs accumulated from this proposed review will increase dog registration fees and we currently have some of the lowest dog registration fees in the country.

Kathy Lloyd who is a former veterinarian said animals are a huge part of our family life and provide stress relief. Ms Lloyd asked to find out what the actual problem is and then work on a solution together. She said that most dog owners are responsible and are prepared to listen to any issues.

Liz Thompson said she lives in Tapu Bay and is a responsible dog owner. She also does tracking of penguins in the area allowing her to see both sides of the argument. Ms Thomson asked the Board to stop the proposal now. Beaches are the only place where dogs can run freely. Ms Thompson said that approximately 10 years ago the Department of Conservation offered desensitisation programmes and has requested they offer this programme again.

Robbie Thompson said that both dogs and penguins on beaches can be accommodated and catered for.

Patricia McCartney who is the convener of a dog walking group in the area said Tapu Bay is one of their favourite places and this proposal would be a great loss of this precious resource. Ms McCartney said the local economy is being supported by dog owners and walking groups.

Yvonne Neville supports dogs having the freedom to run at Tapu Bay and thinks a compromise can be reached between families with and families without dogs.

Chris Roberts said that it is the dog owners responsibility to control their dogs in public spaces and she would be devastated to lose the opportunity to walk her dog in these areas.

Susan Pickett who came to New Zealand from the United Kingdom (UK) said that the UK have banned dogs from a lot of beaches and this has caused other problems including a down turn in the economy.

Bec Lucas has lived in Tapu bay since she was 10 and said we live in paradise. Their dog is a part of their family and she wants to be able to take the whole family to the beach and asked the Board not to continue with this proposal.

Chris Gladstone's granddaughter spoke and said that everybody loves dogs and her dog is most happy when he is at the beach, she said her family would be devastated if the option of visiting the beach was taken away from dogs. She mentioned that she and has never seen a penguin at the beach and thinks they would be smart enough to stay away from dogs. She said there are lots of responsible dog owners and everyone should not get the blame for the few that are not.

Marian Stevenson visits this area from Auckland and lives full time in a mobile home. She noted that Auckland has had similar problems with dogs and by restricting areas it has forced elderly people to walk on busy roads and footpaths with their dogs which has created more fouling on the footpaths and the dog attacks have not reduced either. Ms Stevenson said if dogs were banned some people would reconsider relocating here and this would have a negative effect on the local economy.

Mary Nicholls spoke as chairperson of the Motueka Arts Council who advocate for art in public places and for the local community. Ms Nicholls spoke to the Board about the Motueka Hive of Activity project which had previously been presented to the Board. Ms Nicholls believes this project provides an opportunity for Motueka to have a wow factor and to promote and advertise our region and our town. This project also presents an opportunity to refurbish our clock tower and by using bees we are acknowledging bees as a most important agent in our district that help by supporting our local economy and generate income. Ms Nicholls extended an invitation to the Board to support the project and asked if they would nominate a representative from the Board to support the project and push it forward.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Walker expressed a declaration of interest in item 7.3 relating to the Discretionary Fund application by Random Acts of Kindness.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Horrell/Deputy Chair Armstrong

MCB20-07-1

That the minutes of the Motueka Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 23 June 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reserve Financial Contributions

The report was taken as read and Reserves and Facilities Manager, Richard Hollier joined the Board at the table to answer questions. Item 2.4 in the resolution was corrected to read Motueka and Riwaka Memorial Halls.

Board Member Armstrong asked Mr Hollier several questions of clarification on items in the report.

Board member Horrell asked if a heated pool in Motueka could be funded partially by the Reserves Financial Contributions (RFC). In response Mr Hollier said that the community facilities including pools can be funded by RFC's. The pool is classified as capital works and is subject to consideration through the Long Term Plan.

Cr Ogilvie queried the combined figure of \$415,000 allocated to toilets at Motueka Beach Camp and Goodman Park. Mr Hollier said the Motueka Beach Camp project involves a replacement of the toilets and upgrade to the existing facility and the Goodman Park funds would be used to develop parking and provide a two pan toilet block.

Mr Hollier agreed with Cr Ogilvie that funding of \$80,000 required to upgrade a green at the Motueka Bowling Club could be considered as a candidate for RFC's. The Board confirmed their support for the Motueka Bowling Club upgrade as a project for 2021/22..

The Board agreed to include the Motueka Skate Park in Table 3 under the budget for Playgrounds General.

Cr Ogilvie requested a three monthly finance report on RFC's be provided to the Board.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Horrell

MCB20-07-2

That the Motueka Community Board

- 1. receives the Reserve Financial Contributions report; and**
- 2. recommends to the Council the proposed Reserve Financial Contributions carry forward from the 2019/2020 financial year into the 2020/2021 financial year, for the following projects:**
 - \$10,000 from the Coastcare budget;**
 - \$2,000 from the Keep Motueka Beautiful budget;**
 - \$35,000 from the walkways general budget;**
 - \$50,000 from the Motueka Quay Stage 2 carpark area landscaping budget;**
 - \$52,000 from the sportsfields general budget;**
 - \$185,000 from the playgrounds general budget; and**

3. approves the Reserve Financial Contributions capital projects to be undertaken in the 2020/2021 financial year; and

Account	Total Budget Revised AP 2020/21	Proposed Carry Forward	Total Budget 2020/2021
Income			
RFC Income - Motueka	-650,000		-650,000
Total Income	-650,000		-650,000
Expense			
Valuation fees	7,392		7,392
Keep Motueka Beautiful	10,000	2,000	12,000
Coastcare		10,000	10,000
Motueka Clock Tower	7,000		7,000
Transfer to District Wide	10,736		10,736
Interest earned	-16,783		-16,783
Total Expense	18,345	12,000	30,345
Non Current Assets			
Land Purchases	0		
Walkways General Little Kaiteriteri to Stephens Bay w/w path upgrade (Now TDC land)	10,000	35,000	45,000
Stephens Bay/Tapu Bay	25,000		25,000
Cemeteries New beams	10,000		10,000
Coastcare	10,000		10,000
Toilets General Motueka Beach Camp toilet	165,000		165,000
Motueka Quay Landscaping stage 2 of project		50,000	50,000
Sportsfields General Goodman Rec Park development & toilets	250,000	52,000	302,000
Picnic Area/Gardens General	5,115		5,115
Playgrounds General Ngapiko Place Tana Pukekohatu Motueka Skate Park	30,690	185,000	215,690
Total Capital	505,805	322,000	827,805

4. approves the Special Purpose Committee project spend of \$35,000 for minor works at the Motueka and Riwaka Memorial Halls, as outlined in the “Amount Requested” column in the following table:

Project	Scope	Amount Requested
Motueka Memorial Hall	Replace fire doors/paint supper room,	\$10,000
Riwaka Memorial Hall	Car park upgrade	25,000

CARRIED

The Board also confirmed future (2021/22) support for the Motueka Swimming Pool and Motueka Bowling Green upgrade from Motueka RFC's to be noted by staff.

7.2 Proposed Amendment to the Dog Control Bylaw 2014 and Policy on Dogs

The report was taken as read and Regulatory Service Manager, Adrian Humphries joined the Board at the table to answer questions. Chair Maru recommended that the Board should not progress with the proposed amendment to the bylaw for the following reasons:

- the unbudgeted expense of the Special Consultative Procedure;
- that a full review of the Dog Control Bylaw would be undertaken in 2024;
- there is no evidence of increased attacks on sea-birds;
- significant responses had been received from responsible dog owners, many of whom had taken their dogs for desensitisation training; and
- banning responsible dog owners from taking their dogs to beaches would not resolve the irresponsible actions of a few.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Councillor Dowler

MCB20-07-3

That the Motueka Community Board

- 1) receives the Proposed Amendment to the Dog Control Bylaw 2014 and Policy on Dogs report RMCB20-07-2; and
- 2) following considerable feedback to the Board from the community against an amendment to the Dog Control Bylaw controlling dogs on beaches, recommends to Tasman District Council that the Dog Control Bylaw 2014 amendment process for the Motueka Ward not be progressed.

CARRIED

Councillors Walker and Ogilvie did not take part in the discussion and abstained from voting.

7.3 Discretionary Fund Applications

The report was taken as read and representatives from both organisations were in attendance to answer questions.

Moved Horrell/Board Member Tomsett

MCB20-07-4

That the Motueka Community Board;

1. receives the Discretionary Fund Application March 2020 report RMCB20-07-3; and
2. grants Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson Tasman \$500.00; and
3. grants Random Acts of Kindness \$500.00

CARRIED

7.4 Motueka Community Board Chair's Report

Project Kokiri

Board member Armstrong agreed to work with the Motueka Arts Council on the Motueka Hive of Activity project.

Board Member Armstrong suggested that the Board run an event similar to the Motueka Volunteers celebration to acknowledge essential service workers and volunteers and also invite local agencies that have contributed to the COVID-19 recovery. Cr Walker asked where the funding for the event would be generated from and whether an event like this is considered core business. Several Board members advised that they did not have the time to commit to organising an event.

Te Awhina Marae

Chair Maru supported the idea for Board Member Armstrong to continue the conversation with Te Awhina Marae on building a stronger relationship.

Innovating Streets for People Pilot Fund Application form

Board Member Tomsett informed the Board that a second application to create an accessible cycleway has been made to the Innovating Streets pilot fund and the decision on whether it is accepted will be known by the end of July.

Local Government Proposal: Option of a Golden Bay Local Board

Chair Maru invited Golden Bay Community Board Member, Grant Knowles to the table to discuss the Golden Bay local board proposal. Board member Knowles said that staff from the Local Government Commission had recently attended two meetings with the community in Takaka and had also made a presentation to the Golden Bay Community Board during their meeting last week. The general consensus of the community is disappointment with the proposal due to a lack of cost benefit analysis and the cost of the remuneration package for an additional full-time position. The Golden Bay Community Board is making a submission and encouraged individuals to do the same.

The Board drafted a submission on the option of a Golden Bay Local Board and selected option three on the form to support the retention of existing arrangements i.e. community boards (not local boards) in Golden Bay and Motueka

Councillors Walker, Dowler and Ogilvie abstained from the discussion on the Golden Bay local board proposal.

Items from Board Members

The Board agreed that Chair Maru should write a letter of support to the Lotteries Facility Fund for funding for a new roof at the Motueka Community House.

Motueka Ward Councillor's met with Senior Transportation Engineer, Mike Van Enter at the Motueka Library redevelopment site to discuss the proposed bus stop on Wallace Street.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Deputy Chair Armstrong

MCB20-07-5

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Motueka Community Board Chairperson's report RMCB20-07-4

CARRIED

7.5 Financial Report

The report was taken a read.

Moved Horrell/Cr Ogilvie

MCB20-07-6

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Financial Report RMCB20-07-05

CARRIED

7.6 Action List

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

Moved Cr Walker/Councillor Dowler

MCB20-07-7

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Action List report RMCB20-07-6.

CARRIED

7.7 Special Projects Action List

The Board noted and updated the Special Projects Action List. The Board secretary agreed to circulate the updates with the next meeting agenda.

Moved Deputy Chair Armstrong/Cr Walker

MCB20-07-8

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Special Projects Action List report RMCB20-07-7.

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence

The report was taken as read.

Moved Board member Tomsett/Councillor Dowler

MCB20-07-9

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Correspondence report RMCB20-07-9.

CARRIED

9 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 6.20pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: