
MINUTES
of the
MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
4.00 pm, Tuesday, 21 August 2018
at
Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

Present: B Maru (Chairperson), Board Members C H Hutt and B Dowler
Councillors P L Canton, P H Hawkes and D J Ogilvie

In Attendance: Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Senior Customer Services Officer
(V Simpson), Executive Assistant (H Simpson), Youth Council Representative
(M Takahashi)

Part Attendance: Policy Advisor (B Wayman), New Zealand Police Acting Senior Sergeant Mike
Wardle, Community Development Manager (S Edwards), Reserves and
Facilities Manager (R Hollier)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair Maru welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Chairperson Maru/Cr Hawkes
MCB18-08-1

**That apologies be accepted for absence from Board Member Horrell and for lateness
from Councillor Ogilvie.**

CARRIED

Members noted that an apology had also been extended by Tasman Police District Commander Mike Johnson, who was unable to attend the meeting. Chair Maru asked the members permission to move item 6.4 to be taken at the beginning of the meeting as the presenter had to leave the meeting early.

Moved Cr Canton/Cr Hawkes
MCB18-08-2

That the Motueka Community Board agree for item 6.4 to be taken earlier than scheduled on the agenda.

CARRIED

6.4 Freedom Camping

Melissa Pound gave a presentation to the Board on Freedom Camping. Melissa is a student from St Peter Chanel school and said that she had chosen to do a school project on Freedom Camping because this was such an important issue for Motueka. Melissa said that she wanted to work with the Board and the Council to help stop the problem of freedom camping in Motueka.

Action item: Cr Canton agreed to refer Melissa's request for freedom camping signs to the Community Development Committee. May Takahashi agreed to take Melissa's proposal back to the Youth Council to see whether it could be supported by the Youth Council project.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Ian Williamson spoke to the Board on a number of issues. Mr Williamson tabled a copy of the notes from which he spoke.

Shanti King a student from Motueka High School spoke to the Board about a mural she would like to create. Shanti was inspired by social media to create a colourful mural for the youth to take photos in front of. The location is an alleyway off Wilkinson Street, she has been given permission by the land owner to use this space. Shanti requested funding from the Board to cover the cost of the paint. Shanti has also made an application to Council's Creative Communities Scheme. The project would be called the "Mot Photo Wall" and it would be promoted through social media. Chair Maru suggested that Shanti could apply to the Community Board for a Discretionary Fund.

Jim Butler took the opportunity to complain about the proposed pedestrian crossing on Tudor Street near an intersection on High Street. He was informed that the Transportation Manger Jamie McPherson would not be attending the meeting to discuss the footpath schedule, but would attend a future meeting.

Rob Crawford, a recently retired Motueka Police Officer, spoke to the Board regarding his concerns about the level of policing in the Motueka area. Due to changes five years ago the autonomy was lost to self-police this area. Some shifts are not being covered on weekends and nights due to lack of staff and a police service is occasionally not being provided. He will be putting some questions to Acting Senior Sergeant Mike Wardle when he speaks.

Mary Lafrentz who is travelling to Japan to attend the Kiyosato Friendship Committee meeting brought in the painting of Split Apple Rock by artist Sue Thorp to show the Board. The painting was funded by the Board's Discretionary Fund and will be given as a gift to Kiyosato. Mary gave the Community Board Secretary an accountability form and \$150 unused funds.

Phil Peters voiced his concerns about the speed limit on the Thorp Street extension which goes beyond Staples Street to the wastewater treatment plant. The unsealed road has had increasing use and there are now five families including Phil's that live along the road. Due to the work at the wastewater treatment plant the amount of traffic has increased hugely. A section of Thorp Street is 50km/h and then the speed limit increases to 80km/h. In the last three months three vehicles have

been in accidents and written off on this road, Phil appealed to the Board to put pressure on the Council to extend the 50km/h area all the way along this road to the wastewater treatment plant.

Phil enquired about who the current public representatives are for the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group.

Action item: Chair Maru to find out who the two public representatives are from the Motueka Aerodrome advisory group and inform Phil.

Councillor David Ogilvie arrived at 4.26 pm.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Hawkes/Board Member Dowler
MCB18-08-3**

That the minutes of the Motueka Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 19 June 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Vision Motueka

David Armstrong the Chairperson of Vision Motueka extended his apologies on behalf of Anna Hughes, who was unable to attend the meeting. David brought the board up to date with some of the early projects Vision Motueka have been involved with such as the Community Christmas Dinner and the Volunteer awards.

In 2015 Vision Motueka ran the Motueka 2030 comprehensive community consultation to identify what projects the community supported.

They are proud of their involvement and achievements in seeding and supporting the Motueka Kai Fest, Boomerang Bags, the Youth Employment and Skills Training "YEAST" project and The Hive.

At present Vision Motueka have four trustees and involvement in six projects.

6.2 Motueka Footpath Schedule

Transportation Manager Jamie McPherson had been scheduled to present at the July meeting, which lapsed due to lack of a quorum, but was not able to attend the August meeting.

Action item: Engineering Services Manager Richard Kirby to confirm with Community Board Secretary Verity Simpson that Mr McPherson would attend the September meeting to provide an update on footpaths.

6.5 and 6.6 Ageing Population and Age-Friendly Policy

Brylee Wayman, Senior Policy Analyst, gave a presentation to the Board on Tasman District Council's Age-Friendly Policy.

Ms Wayman said that she was seeking feedback from the Board as to what action they felt was needed to make Motueka a more age-friendly town. There has been focus groups and feedback sought to ascertain which areas need improvement. The main areas identified included transport services, housing affordability, footpaths and public toilets.

The demographics Ms Wayman displayed clearly demonstrate that the over 65 year age group has been growing over the past decade and will continue to increase. The 75 year age group is growing at an even faster rate. The numbers across the Tasman area of residents over 65 years old is projected to grow from 11,000 currently, to 20,000 by 2038, from 22% of the population to over 36%.

The Board agreed that feedback received during public forum suggested that footpath maintenance was a key issue. Ms Wayman told the Board that Activity Planning Advisor, Drew Bryant was on the working group for the Age Friendly Policy and that the work of the group was being tied into infrastructure maintenance and the active transport strategy.

The Board said that housing was also an issue, especially in central Motueka where the demand for housing was more intense.

In response to a question, Ms Wayman confirmed that there would be an opportunity to give feedback on the draft Policy in October 2018.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Cr Hawkes

MCB18-08-4

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Developing Tasman District Council's Age-Friendly Policy RMCB18-08-06 and it's attachment.

CARRIED

6.3 Big Game Creators Youth Group

Paul Johnson, Community Youth Worker in Motueka introduced members of the Big Game Creators Youth Group.

Luca spoke about the drainage issue at the skate park, which gets clogged with sand and leaves. Another member, Ryan suggested that the Board might consider a cover for the skate park where the water clogs. There is no lighting in the toilet areas and no power to the site.

Jai and Jackson spoke about the need for a parkour course in the Tasman region. They said that there were not enough playgrounds for older youths. They talked to the Board about their plan to achieve a parkour course and said that they had already been applying for funding. Mr Johnson said that the group had been working with Reserves Officer – Assets and Projects Glenn Thorn to get quotes for this work. He said they did not have costs to hand, but could find this information out.

Jai and Jackson talked about some of the potential sites they had looked at.

Ruby talked about the need for a multi-purpose concrete area at the skate park. This could be a full or a half basketball court, that could also be used for games like hopscotch and four square.

Chairperson Maru said that the Community Board currently had \$10,000 of funding for playground upgrades and asked, as the Board's funds for playground upgrades were limited, which projects the group would want to prioritise. Mr Johnson said that the drainage affected everyone and was a high priority. He also said that a parkour area would be really versatile and could be used by lots of different groups.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Discretionary Fund Application - Tasman Gymnastics Club

Chairperson Maru explained that the Tasman Gymnastics Club representative could not be at the meeting today. He said that they had been scheduled to speak at the July meeting, which had lapsed due to lack of a quorum and asked if the Board were willing on these grounds to consider the application without someone from the Club being present to speak to it. The Board agreed to consider the application.

They noted that funding had previously been allocated to the Club and discussed whether declining the application for funding would impair the Club's ability to continue to operate. They agreed that it would not. May Takahashi also said the Club had noted in their application that they had not applied for funding anywhere else.

Moved Cr Hawkes/Board Member Hutt

MCB18-08-5

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Discretionary Fund Application from Tasman Gymnastics Club RMCB18-07-03.

CARRIED

The Board discussed whether they should defer a decision on this item until someone from the Club could be present to speak to the application. As the resolution had been moved and seconded, the Board agreed that they needed to vote on the resolution as it had been put.

Moved Cr Hawkes/Board Member Hutt

MCB18-08-6

That the Motueka Community Board declines the Discretionary Fund Application for \$500 by the Tasman Gymnastics Club.

CARRIED

Action Item: The Chair and Community Board Secretary will draft a letter to the Tasman Gymnastics Club notifying them of their decision and the reasons why the application was declined.

7.2 Motueka Community Board Special Projects Priority Survey Results

The Board discussed the special projects funding priority survey results.

They noted there was a budget of \$47,000, with an additional \$15,000 balance that had been carried over from last year. The total funds available were \$62,000.

The Board discussed allocation of funds based on feedback from the community. The following items were agreed:

- Motueka Skate Park - \$10,000 towards first addressing the drainage issue at the Skate Park
- New project (following feedback during public forum) - Motueka Skate Park - \$6,000 towards a half-court basketball court
- Motueka War Memorial - \$5,000 towards any additional costs of restoration
- Lighting for the Motueka entrance sign located in College Street - \$1,000
- Pah Street/Queen Victoria Street footpath - \$10,000
- Cycle stands installation Motueka - \$5,000
- Rubbish Bins Whakarewa Street/Grey Street - \$2,000
- Project De-Vine - \$5,000
- Riwaka Croquet Club - \$5,000

The Board discussed the Motueka Community Carousel and agreed that this project was a long way off and that funding would not be allocated in this round.

The Board discussed the long term impacts of kerb and channel work at Thomason Avenue/Queen Victoria Street. Mr Kirby advised that thought needed to be given to any potential solution to ensure it did not create other issues.

Action Item: Chairperson Maru asked for an action to be taken by Mr Kirby to look into the issues and consider potential solutions.

The Board agreed in light of this action not to allocate any funding at this time.

The Board agreed to defer a decision on allocating funding for the cycle lane, pending confirmation from Council staff as to what work was planned.

Feedback had been received from the New Zealand Transport Agency that they did not support lighting at the Motueka entrance sign at the State Highway entrance/exit as they were concerned that this would cause a distraction to drivers. Based on this advice the Board agreed not to fund this project.

The Board also agreed that \$2000 be set aside for a Youth Council led project to look at installing rubbish bins at Whakarewa and Grey Streets.

**Moved Chairperson Maru/Cr Canton
MCB18-08-7**

That the Motueka Community Board

- 1) receives the Motueka Community Board Discretionary Funding Priority Survey Results RMCB18-08-08; and**
- 2) agrees to allocate funding to Special Projects as follows:**
 - a) Skate Park - \$10,000**
 - b) New project for a half-court basketball court at the Skate Park - \$6000**
 - c) Footpath at Pah/Queen Victoria Streets - \$10,000**
 - d) Cycle stand installation - \$5000**
 - e) Motueka War Memorial – up to \$5000**
 - f) Project De-Vine - \$5000**
 - g) Lighting at Motueka Welcome sign (College Street entrance, airport location) \$1000**

- h) Riwaka Croquet Club Pavilion - \$5000; and**
- i) Rubbish Bins Whakarewa Street/Grey - \$2000**

CARRIED

7.3 Motueka Community Board Chair's Report

Policing in Motueka

In the presence of Acting Senior Sergeant Mike Wardle, who had not been present for the Public Forum, Chairperson Maru invited Rob Crawford to summarise the concerns he raised during the Public Forum.

Mr Crawford said that he had concerns about the level of Police service in Motueka and that there were a number of shifts not being covered. He said that Motueka depended on policing provided from Richmond and Nelson. Chairperson Maru invited Acting Senior Sergeant Wardle to the table to provide an update to the Board.

Acting Senior Sergeant Wardle talked about the presence of gang members in Motueka. He said that while the Police recognised some members of the community found the presence of patched gang members offensive, these members were not committing an offence by wearing their gang patches. He also said that there had been no recent reports of patched member sightings in Motueka.

Acting Senior Sergeant Wardle talked about Police recruitment in the region. He explained to the Board the recent round of recruitment for Sergeants to cover the Tasman area, as well as a submission he had made requesting five additional Sergeants. He said it was hoped this would ensure a Sergeant at the Motueka office most of the time.

In response to a question from the Board, Acting Senior Sergeant Wardle said that Police units had a responsibility to respond to calls as the need arose that would sometimes take them away from their assigned areas.

Chairperson Maru said that the Board supported the Police and wanted to act as advocates to support improved Police resourcing in Motueka.

Acting Senior Sergeant Wardle and the Board commended Rob Crawford for his service to the community throughout his Police career and extended their best wishes for his retirement. The Board thanked Acting Senior Sergeant Wardle for his time attending the meeting and for his update.

Harbourmasters Building at George Quay

Discussions with Motueka Arts Council, members of the Board and Council staff are ongoing. The Board agreed that they were happy for those discussions to continue.

Property Officer Margot Wilson had advised Cr Ogilvie that a new site had been identified for the Motueka Arts Councils "Arrivals and Departures" Sculpture at the Marina site due to the effect that the proposed Harbourmasters Building would have on the previous site. The Board supported this site and agreed for the Chairperson to formalise the Board's support in the form of a letter to Resource Consent Planner Paul Gibson. The Board also requested that they would like to see revised plans for the proposed Harbourmasters Building as this has been modified since the prior consultation.

Action list: Chair Maru to write to Councils Property Manager Mark Johannsen and request a revised plan of harbourmaster building.

Action list: Chair Maru to write a letter of support to Councils Resource Consent Planner Paul Gibson in regards to the Marina Site for the Arrivals and Departures Sculpture.

Motueka Community Board Special Projects

Board Member Hutt tabled a report on the installation of outdoor fitness equipment. This report was taken as read. Board Member Hutt said that the recommendation was for equipment to be installed in a cluster at Memorial Park. The Board discussed the proposed location and spread of equipment, noting an earlier intention for the equipment to be spread around a fitness track rather than clustered, so that people could run or walk between each fitness machine.

Chairperson Maru invited Reserves and Facilities Manager Richard Hollier to the table to speak on this item. Mr Hollier said that the cluster layout had proved to work very well and was a safer option, as demonstrated by the design at Saxton Field.

The Board discussed the potential impact installation of this equipment would have to the existing layout of the park. They asked whether Council staff could identify exactly where each piece of equipment would be located and agreed that a visit to the site would be beneficial.

Action Item: Glenn Thorn will arrange a site visit for the Board to look at the proposed location and layout of the fitness equipment.

Moved Cr Hawkes/Board Member Hutt MCB18-08-8

That the Motueka Community Board

- 1. approves purchase of the fitness equipment; and**
- 2. approves the location at Memorial Park, subject to confirmation from Council staff and agreement by the Board as to the layout and footprint of the equipment.**

CARRIED

Freedom Camping (KiwiCamp and Responsible Camping Funding)

The Board discussed which of the two shortlisted sites they supported for the new KiwiCamp facility to be located on. They agreed that they supported the staff recommendation at the former landfill site at Robinson Road, Mariri. The Board said they were happy to be represented in these discussions by Ward Councillors due to the timing restraints.

George Quay Enhancement Work

Chairperson Maru shared an email request he had received from Roading Engineer Steve Elkington, for the Board to release funding of \$10,000 that had been allocated in the 2017/18 budget for enhancement work at George Quay for a proposed rock wall. The total cost of this work has been estimated at \$24,000. Mr Elkington said that difference of \$14,000 would be funded within existing Council budgets, if the Board agreed to contribute \$10,000.

Moved Cr Ogilvie/Board Member Dowler MCB18-08-9

That the Motueka Community Board agrees to contribute \$10,000 towards the rock work at George Quay.

CARRIED

The Board agreed to defer discussion of all remaining items until the September meeting due to time constraints. Chair Maru apologised to the working group for the late start of their workshop and thanked them for their patience.

**Moved Chairperson Maru/Cr Canton
MCB18-08-10**

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair's Report RMCB18-08-09.

CARRIED

7.4 Financial Report

Discussion deferred to September meeting.

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Financial Report RMCB18-08-10.

7.5 Action List

Discussion deferred to September meeting.

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Action List RMCB18-08-11 report.

7.6 Special Projects Action List

Discussion deferred to September meeting.

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Special Projects Action List RMCB18-08-12 report.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence June 2018

Deferred to the September meeting.

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Correspondence RMCB18-08-13 report.

The meeting concluded at 7.07pm

Date Confirmed:

18/9/2018

Chair:

