
MINUTES
of the
MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
4.00 pm, Tuesday, 18 September 2018
at
Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

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

In Attendance: Community Development Manager (S Edwards), Councillor Dean McNamara,
Senior Customer Services Officer (V Simpson), Youth Council Representative
(M Takahashi)

Part Attendance: Reserves Manager (R Hollier), Horticultural Officer (L Hall) Transportation
Manager (J McPherson), Activity Planning Advisor (D Bryant)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair Maru welcomed Councillor Dean McNamara and everybody else to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Chair Maru invited Cr McNamara to join the Board at the table.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Chair noted Engineering Manager, Richard Kirby's absence, as he is currently on leave.

Moved Cr Ogilvie/Deputy Chair Horrell

MCB18-09-10

That apologies from Cr Canton be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Grant Heney the Motueka Community Constable of New Zealand Police spoke about the poor condition of High Street in particular weeds, moss growing on the pavement and bollards and two broken wooden seats. Brent Maru referred to the photos that were circulated during the August meeting and thanked him for the work he does.

Action item for Chair Maru to contact Roding Engineer Steve Elkington.

Ian Williamson spoke to and tabled a document which referred to the following items:

- 2 large potholes on Queen Victoria Street
- Waimea Dam Decision
- A suggestion to install a speed bump in Sanderlane Drive
- A possible roundabout on King Edward Street/High Street

Jim Butler spoke about the proposed pedestrian crossing on Tudor Street and his concern about the cost. He stressed that Tudor Street is the responsibility of the Council.

Sue Clark a representative from the Motueka Christmas Dinner Committee spoke about their Discretionary fund application and the need for support from the Board.

Louis Coup talked to the Board about his idea to improve Thorp Bush by turning it into a Native Bird wildlife sanctuary. Louis said this would make Motueka a world leader in urban regeneration and would be a worthwhile tool for schools to go to identify our native birds. The project would be co-ordinated with Department of Conservation. He mentioned that Thorp Bush has a very rare type of native bush and having a Native Bird wildlife sanctuary would increase tourism and interest in our area.

Phil Peters who spoke at the August meeting asked if there was an update on his request to lower the speed limit on High Street and Thorp Street North.

Chair Maru will follow up on this action with Mr Peters.

He also spoke about the lack of co-ordination from the Council in relation to the new ultra-fast broadband work being carried out in the area. Some of the concrete being dug up to install broadband was recently replaced by Council at the cost to ratepayers. Next year water reticulation is programmed in the Motueka area and the pavements will be dug up again. He emphasised the need for more co-ordination from Council when it comes to planning projects and better communication between Council departments. He asked the Board to encourage the Council to work more efficiently.

Richard Easton congratulated and thanked Cr Ogilvie and Cr Hawkes on behalf of his grandchildren's generation for their foresight in securing water supply to the district and its residents. Mr Easton emphasised that the Waimea Dam project needs to start now.

Mr Easton discussed Freedom Camping and the proposed site at Mariri Dump-station, he warned the Board to be very careful if digging up this land. Chair Maru explained that his site is no longer being considered.

Michael Harrison, principle of Motueka South School discussed concerns raised around the proposed KiwiCamp site at Courtney Street East. Residents are concerned about traffic flow at the High Street intersection and the safety of students who use the estuary track to go to school. He asked if Council has considered Marchwood Park, Motueka Recreation Centre or near the Motorhome area off Old Wharf Road as potential locations.

Bree Ormond who lives next door to the proposed KiwiCamp site on Courtney Street East informed the Board about many distressed residents in the area. The issue of traffic flow is a major concern from residents due to the location being near a school area.

4.35pm Cr Hawkes left the meeting

Mrs Ormond asked the Board if they had visited the KiwiCamp that operates from a truck stop 6km out of Blenheim. Mrs Ormond has recently visited the site and spoke to some of the

employees who work in the area, the employees said the area around the KiwiCamp gets very dirty and unpleasant. Mrs Ormond believes that there are environmental concerns that need to be considered due to the site being near an estuary.

4.40pm Cr Hawkes returned to the meeting.

Mrs Ormond was unhappy with the unsigned flier that was delivered to her mailbox at short notice notifying her of the proposed plan. Councillor Hawkes apologised about the lack of information on the flier.

Community Development Manager Susan Edwards explained that due to the concerns expressed at the meeting on Monday it is now highly unlikely the KiwiCamp will be located in Courtney Street East. There would need to be more consultation for this site to be considered and it would need to go through a Resource Consent process. Ms Edwards mentioned the funding from Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) needs to be spent before the 1st of December or the funding will be lost. Council will follow up with MBIE to see if the funding can be carried over for future use. However the dump waste-site at Courtney Street East is planned and this does not require a resource consent.

Trevor Norriss expressed his support to Councillors Hawkes and Ogilvie who changed their votes in relation to the Waimea Dam. He believes the Council has made the right decision.

Mr Norriss discussed the issue of Freedom Camping and he asked the Council to be aware that although some funding is being offered by the Government there could be an ongoing costs which will have to be met by ratepayers.

Mr Norriss would like to know if the Tudor Street/High Street pedestrian crossing and the widening of the Motueka bridge is still in the current budget. Mr Norriss suggested Council look at putting some temporary crossing lights in place during summer until something more permanent can be done.

Action list for Chair Maru to follow up

Monty Tawhai spoke about an organisation he is involved with in the district called "Man up". Mr Tawhai said there is an alarming increase in the number of people who feel lost, depressed and suicidal. He reminded everyone to reach out to each other and give support to people in our community.

4.50pm Cr Hawkes left the meeting

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Board Member Dowler/Board Member Hutt
MCB18-09-11**

That the minutes of the Motueka Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 21 August 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Motueka Footpath Schedule

Transportation Manager Jamie McPherson presented a power point to the Board. Mr McPherson gave an overview on the condition of footpaths in our district and the results highlighted that Motueka has slightly more footpaths which are considered poor and in need of work.

There is currently \$200,000 (per year) in the Long Term Plan to spend on new footpaths and the current list has 80 proposed sites with a projected cost of \$8 million. He stated that it is very difficult to prioritise work due to the lack of money that is available.

Work is prioritised by:

- Estimated pedestrian numbers
- Adjacent roadway average annual daily traffic
- Posted speed of road
- Footpath deficiency
- Road geometry and
- Source of request

For footpath renewals there is an annual budget of \$140,000 (district wide) and the following work is scheduled.

- High Street (western side) 2018/19
- Fearon Street 2019/20
- Motueka town centre renewal project 2121-23

Mr McPherson asked the Board to supply the Engineering Department with a list of what their priorities are.

Chair Maru enquired about the plan for a pedestrian crossing on Tudor Street. Mr McPherson stated the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) announced two weeks ago there is no funding for this and Council is in discussion about whether to pursue improvements on its own.

Mr McPherson informed the Board that there is no funding for temporary lights and it is highly unlikely that anything can be installed prior to Christmas.

5pm Cr Hawkes returns to the meeting

Chair Maru invited Activity Planning Advisor Drew Bryant to join the conversation.

5.10pm Cr Hawkes left the meeting.

6.2 Transportation Activity Planning Topics

Activity Planning Advisor Drew Bryant spoke about State Highway 60 (SH60) and said there were a number of projects in the Regional Transport Plan the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) had agreed were a high priority but unfortunately almost all of the state highway projects that were put forward have been rejected for inclusion in the next 3 years and possibly longer.

Mr Bryant mentioned during a recent discussion with representatives from NZTA their explanation for this was the amount of money has been reduced by the government for improvements to state highways.

The NZTA have however created a small project to complete the business case that has been started for the Motueka High Street investigation and have committed \$41k to finish the business case. When the business case is complete it will be reassessed again by NZTA.

If the completed business case is refused the Tasman District Council can apply to the Provisional Growth Fund. The NZTA representatives recommended waiting until the business case has been finished and the reassessment has taken place.

Mr McPherson agreed to talk with other districts to find out if they have tried temporary pedestrian traffic lights and report this back to the Board.

Mr Bryant confirmed the Motueka Bridge widening is not included in any proposal going forward in the next 3 years and the NZTA are waiting until the bridge needs to be replaced before it will be addressed.

5.27 Cr Hawkes returned to the meeting.

Chair Maru asked Mr Bryant and Mr McPherson to notify the Board when the Tudor Street crossing is up for debate.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reserve Financial Contributions

The Board took the report as read.

The reference in part 4 of the resolution was changed to 5.2.

Reserves and Facilities Manager Richard Hollier provided an outline of the report. Discussion ensued on the funding request from the Motueka Community House for repainting their toilet and foyer. The Board decided to defer the request at this stage given potential changes at Decks Reserve. The Board considered that the work is an internal upgrade, it could be deferred at this stage.

The Board also questioned staff on the use of funding for the Motueka Museum ongoing building work.

Chair Maru noted the first date in paragraph 4.3 of the report should have been 2018/2019 rather than 2081/2019.

**Moved Chairperson Maru/Cr Hawkes
MCB18-09-12**

That the Motueka Community Board:

- 1. receives the Reserve Financial Contributions report RMCB18-08-03; and**
- 2. approves the 2017/2018 financial year carry forward budget projects as per the list in 4.2 of the report; and**
- 3. approves the 2018/2019 budget and projects for the current financial year and the 2019/2020 for including in the upcoming Annual Plan process, as per the list in 4.3 of the report; and**

4. **approves the Special Purpose Committee project spend of \$25,000.00 for the Memorial Hall as per the list 5.2 within the report.**

CARRIED

7.2 Selection of Independent Members of the Public for the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group

The Board discussed the report and Susan Edwards explained how the recruitment process works, the Board agreed the process was satisfactory.

**Moved Cr Hawkes/Board Member Hutt
MCB18-09-13**

That the Motueka Community Board

1. **receives the Selection of Independent Members of the Public for the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group report RMCB18-09-04; and**
2. **agrees that option 2 is the process that will be used to recruit two independent members of the public to the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group.**

CARRIED

7.3 Discretionary Fund Applications

The Board acknowledged the application from Grandparents Raising Grandchildren was withdrawn earlier in the week. The Board took the remaining three applications as read and all applications had the Boards support.

It was noted the figures provided in the financial report for the Discretionary Fund were incorrect and should be a figure of \$751.00 balance brought forward from 2017/18 and \$7551 for the remaining balance, this includes some returned unspent funds of \$150.00 from Motueka-Kiyosato Friendship Committee.

**Moved Chairperson Maru/Deputy Chair Horrell
MCB18-09-14**

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Discretionary Fund Application September 2018 report RMCB18-06-05

CARRIED

**Moved Chairperson Maru/Board Member Hutt
MCB18-09-15**

That the Motueka Community Board grants nga Watene o Motueka \$500.00

CARRIED

**Moved Chairperson Maru/Board Member Dowler
MCB18-09-16**

That the Motueka Community Board grants the Motueka Community Christmas Dinner \$500.00

CARRIED

Moved Cr Hawkes/Deputy Chair Horrell

MCB18-09-17

That the Motueka Community Board grants Big Brothers Big Sisters \$500.00

CARRIED

7.4 Motueka Community Board Chair's Report

Board Member Hutt suggested a Certificate of Appreciation be given to Mr John Fisher from Mayor Kempthorne for his contribution to the recovery effort post Cyclone Gita.

Action Item.

The Board discussed some potential freedom camping sites including the Recreation Centre and behind Nelson Petroleum Distributors.

Chair Maru stated he was not convinced installing a KiwiCamp is the right solution unless an existing site is closed. It was confirmed the current plan being presented for a KiwiCamp site on Courtney Street is not supported by the Board.

Chair Maru said another part of the Freedom Camping issue is due to a lack of funding in the enforcement budget to manage the people who are breaking the rules.

Susan Edwards said that staff are considering if the KiwiCamp module is appropriate for our district due to it needing water and sewerage which puts its location in an urban area.

Chair Maru clarified the proposed Dump Station on Courtney Street is a separate project from KiwiCamp and a plan is needed to show the exact location of the dump station and turnaround area.

Horticultural Officer Lynne Hall provided the Board with an update and tabled some documents on the overall concept plans for Thorp Bush entrance way.

The Motueka Community Board contributed \$10,000.00 from the special projects fund along with funding from the Ministry of Youth. Council have been working with the Motueka Youth Council on a concept plan for the entranceway off Woodlands Avenue. May Takahashi from the Youth Council supported the idea of the Pou and said visitors to New Zealand find Maori culture and ancestry very interesting.

Completion of the entranceway will be by April 2019 and an opening and celebration will be tied in with NRAIT's Annual General Meeting.

The Board received the documents from Lynne and gave their support.

Noted Cr Ogilvie abstained from discussion on Thorp Bush

Moved Chairperson Maru/Cr Hawkes

MCB18-09-18

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair's Report RMCB18-09-06.

CARRIED

7.5 Financial Report

It was noted that the figures provided in the financial report for the Discretionary Fund are incorrect and should be a figure of \$751.00 balance brought forward from 2017/18 and \$7551 remaining balance, this includes some returned unspent funds of \$150.00 from Motueka-Kiyosato Friendship Committee

**Moved Cr Ogilvie/Board Member Dowler
MCB18-09-19**

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Financial Report RMCB18-08-07.

CARRIED

7.6 Action List

Members noted updates to the Action List. The Board Secretary agreed to include these and circulate these and the updated list with the agenda for the next meeting.

**Moved Cr Hawkes/Board Member Dowler
MCB18-09-20**

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Action List RMCB18-09-08 report.

CARRIED

7.7 Special Projects Action List

The Board discussed and updated the list.

**Moved Board Member Hutt/Board Member Dowler
MCB18-09-21**

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Special Projects Action List RMCB18-09-09 report.

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence August 2018

The report was taken as read. A discussion about the "Local Board" was talked through and the Board decided to hold a workshop to consider the options in terms of increased delegations. The Board will workshop this on Tuesday 2 October.

**Moved Cr Hawkes/Deputy Chair Horrell
MCB18-09-22**

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Correspondence RMCB18-09-10 report.

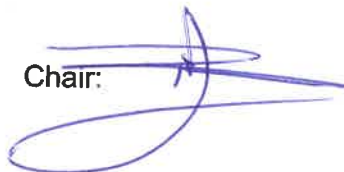
CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6.50pm

Date Confirmed:

16/10/2018

Chair:



Confirmed Minutes

