
MINUTES
of the
MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
4.00pm, Tuesday, 16 April 2019
at
Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

Present: B Maru (Chairperson), C H Hutt, Councillors P L Canton, P H Hawkes and Board Member R Horrell

In Attendance: Senior Customer Services Officer (V Simpson)

Part Attendance: Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Horticultural Officer (L Hall), Senior Road Engineer (S Elkington), Strategic Policy Manager (S Flood), Council Consultant (P McArthur) and Urban Growth Coordinator (J Deans)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair Maru welcomed everybody to the April meeting and extended a warm welcome to Mayor Kempthorne who joined the Board at the table.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Chairperson Maru/Board Member Hutt
MCB19-04-8

That apologies from Councillor D J Ogilvie, Board Member B Dowler, Youth Council Representative May Takahashi and an apology for lateness from Board Member R Horrell be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

David Armstrong spoke to the Board about the poor condition of the footpath on High Street due to fibre installation occurring in the area.

Ian Williamson spoke to and tabled a document. Mr Williamson suggested that Wakatu Incorporation, as part of the planned \$10 million dollar Motueka Marae development, consider a bypass road to reduce the heavy traffic congestion on High Street.

Jim Butler spoke to the Board about the Council's proposed footpath priority list and requested the footpath on Poole Street, west of Atkins Street be given a higher priority.

Josie Tucker, Vice President of Grey Power, spoke in support of Mr Butler and agreed that there are many footpaths in Motueka that are not up to scratch and make it very difficult for people with impaired mobility to use. Ms Tucker asked for more good quality footpaths.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Board Member Hutt/Cr Hawkes
MCB19-04-9

That the minutes of the Motueka Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 19 March 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Council's New Footpath Priority List

Senior Road Engineer, Steve Elkington presented to the Board the Council's proposed footpath priority list which includes sites across the entire District where there are currently no footpaths.

Board Member Richard Horrell joined the meeting at 4.36pm.

The prioritisation process considers:

- The estimated number of pedestrians
- Road traffic volumes
- Speed limit of road
- Footpath deficiency type
- Road geometry
- Source of request (individual or large group)

Board member Dowler prepared some written feedback which was passed to Mr Elkington to consider. Mr Elkington said the highest ranked footpath on the list will receive funding. Board Member Hutt stressed that the Fearon street to Staple street footpath on Thorp Street (item 42) needed a higher priority. Mr Elkington suggested this should be a shared path for both cyclists and pedestrians.

The Board agreed that an onsite meeting with Mr Elkington to view the various locations was necessary and the criteria discussed.

6.2 Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy

Urban Growth Coordinator, Jacqui Deans provided a powerpoint to the Board which showed background information on the Future Development Strategy (FDS).

The FDS is a high level forward looking plan covering the 30 year time period 2018-2048. The Nelson and Tasman districts have joined together to develop a plan for allowing for urban growth into the future.

Ms Deans discussed the feedback from the initial round in February and said the majority of feedback supported building up existing urban areas (intensifying) rather than building out (expanding) or starting from scratch (new settlements).

The different scenarios considered for Motueka included:

- large intensification area (up to 2 storeys)
- an expansion area considered in Motueka West (this doesn't score well as it is very good productive land)
- increased area for papakainga housing at Te Awhina Marae
- some rural residential either side of Mytton Heights (larger allotments with onsite wastewater servicing). Potential new settlement at Mariri Hills to provide residentially zoned areas for future growth and provides for resilience for Motueka in terms of climate change implications (average lot size 700 sq m)

Ms Deans advised that the public consultation for round 2 will be during April and May and the strategy will be adopted in July. The Board discussed and provided their feedback. Board Member Horrell stated his concerns about using productive land for development. Ms Deans encouraged people to inform themselves using the information provided on the Council website and have their say.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Proposed Annual Plan 2019/2020

Mayor Richard Kempthorne presented to Board Members the proposed annual plan and answered questions from the Board.

Mayor Kempthorne said there are no major changes from what has previously been set out in the Long Term Plan (LTP). Rates will increase by 2.74% which is slightly higher than what was anticipated in the LTP but is still below the 3% cap for the fifth consecutive year. People can find out what the impact is on their rates on the Council's website.

Significant projects for the 2019/2020 year include:

- Progressing construction of the Waimea Community Dam
- Developing the Takaka to Pohara cycle link
- Upgrading the Brightwater town centre
- Designing the new Motueka library

- Carrying out flood mitigation work at Neds Creek in Murchison

Mayor Kempthorne said the main drivers of the higher rates increase was due to:

- Replenishing the Rivers activity emergency fund that was depleted through activities recovering from ex-cyclone's Fehi and Gita.
- Reviewing the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) and Tasman Regional Policy Statement.
- Improving our ability to deliver key functions now and in the future
- Higher insurance premiums

The Council is due to adopt its Annual Plan 2019/2020 on 31 May 2019, a list of public meetings is available on the Council's website, any feedback is due by 3 May 2019.

7.2 Requests for tree removal

The Board took the report as read and had no questions for Horticultural Officer, Lynne Hall.

**Moved Board Member Hutt/Deputy Chair Horrell
MCB19-04-10**

That the Motueka Community Board receives the report, and approves the removal of three redwood trees from the Motueka Golf Course, one totara and a conifer from Memorial Park, and a paulownia from Memorial Park.

CARRIED

7.3 Motueka Community Board Chair's Report

Responsible Camping

Chair Maru invited Strategic Policy Planner, Sharon Flood and Council's consultant Paul McArthur to the table to discuss the freedom camping strategy.

The strategy will provide a framework for assessing freedom camping sites and any subsequent Bylaw changes that may be required. It will also identify opportunities to secure and utilise Central Government support.

Mr McArthur explained that the strategy is early in the process and is in the information gathering phase, he said that all Councils are dealing with the same issues and we can inform ourselves by observing what approach other Councils are taking. There will at some point be a document for the community to respond to. A framework of criteria for sites will be developed.

Chair Maru agreed that a strategy has been missing and the Board agreed that when facilities are provided to campers they should be very basic and the potential sites need to be out of town away from residential houses and the town centre.

Board Member Hutt informed the Board that Parklands Schools would like to request some 40km flashing school zone lights.

Board Member Hutt spoke about the lack of signage in Motueka pointing visitors to where the town centre begins and ends.

The Board discussed the possibility of closing off Wallace Street and creating an area similar to Sundial Square in the Richmond township, the members thought parking could be an issue. Board Member Hutt said the carpark at Whitwells could be better utilised. Chair Maru suggested that Our Town Motueka get the point of view from the local businesses.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Deputy Chair Horrell
MCB19-04-11

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Motueka Community Board Chair's Report RMCB19-04-5.

CARRIED

7.4 Financial Report

The report was taken as read and there were no questions from members.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Deputy Chair Horrell
MCB19-04-12

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Financial Report RMCB19-03-05.

CARRIED

7.5 Action List

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

Moved Board Member Hutt/Chairperson Maru
MCB19-04-13

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Action List RMCB19-04- report.

CARRIED

7.6 Special Projects Action List

The Board discussed and updated the list.

Moved Cr Canton/Deputy Chair Horrell
MCB19-04-14

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Special Projects Action List RMCB19-04- report.

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence

Moved Cr Hawkes/Board Member Hutt
MCB19-04-15

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Correspondence RMCB19-04- report.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 6.28pm

Date Confirmed: 21/5/2019

Chair:



Confirmed