


Minutes – Murupara Community Board 12 February 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE GALATEA WAR MEMORIAL HALL, 50A MANGAMATE ROAD, GALATEA, MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 10:26 AM
	Present:	Board Members M K McLean (Chairperson), K J Bannan (Deputy Chairperson), I Prentice, A Silcock, M Edmonds, S Jones, and Councillor N Rangiaho.
	In Attendance:	V Richards (Strategic Coordinator), T Chapman (Māori Land Advisor), M Godsmark (Māori Land Advisor), J Wineti-Gates (Senior Māori Land Advisor), T Tupe (Iwi Engagement Advisor) and C Tongariro (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Terewai Kalman and Clint Edmonds
	Apologies:	Councillor A Iles, Kaumātua Tupe

Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and Tunihia Tupe opened the meeting with a karakia.

Chairperson McLean continued with meeting notices.

It was advised that there were additional documents included, and they were tabled at the meeting:

- The Long Term Plan Consultation Update to support the Activity report; and
- A late discretionary fund application from Jessica Carpenter that will be discussed following the Activity report.

1 Apologies

Mover Member Edmonds / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

THAT the Murupara Community Board accept the apology from Councillor Iles.

CARRIED

It was noted Kaumatua Tupe was an apology.

2 Public Forum

2.1 New Zealand Police - Sergeant Sam Parata (Relieving Sergeant)

Sergeant Parata introduced himself and advised that he had come from Rotorua in a relieving capacity to fill the role of Sergeant Anaru who had moved on from the area.

Key points highlighted:

There were ongoing concerns of dangerous and unlawful motorbike use in the area. It was advised that it was an issue throughout the country and police do the best they can to stop the behaviour. Sergeant Parata noted that it was about educating people on the circumstances and that he would encourage members of the community to provide information so action could be taken.

It was advised the working hours of police in the area vary. Police would endeavour to provide services around the clock; however, it would be dependent on the demand.

3 Acknowledgements / Tributes

Councillor Rangiaho acknowledged tangihana in the Waiōhau and Rūātoki area, the successful Kaumatua Xmas event and Watersports in Aniwhenua.

She continued to acknowledge staff at the Murupara Service Centre with regards to their achievement in the Council's Kotahitanga event as well as their reading initiatives to encourage youth to read before using technology.

4 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

5 Public Forum

Mr Clint Edmonds

Mr Edmonds raised queries on the board's authority and the safety of buildings in the Murupara township.

Following comments from members it was highlighted that:

The Community Board is an advocate for the community and acts as a conduit to the Council. The Board also supports the community with discretionary funds and other community initiatives.

Members discussed the responsibility of the upkeep of buildings in the Murupara township, advising that there was a clear concern from the community on the Murupara township seen in the Community Plan survey that would be included in the submission to the Council's Long-Term Plan. It was advised that staff would follow up on what the monitoring regulations in terms of the health and safety of the buildings were and update the board.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Refer to pages 7-12 of the agenda.

Corrections:

Update 8.1 'Murupara Higgins Community meeting' to 'Higgins Contract Community meeting'.

Moved Member Jones / Seconded Member Prentice

RESOLVED:

THAT subject to the corrections, the minutes of the Murupara Community Board held on Monday, 27 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 13-25 of the agenda and page 25a of the tabled items.

Māori Land Advisor and Community Development Strategic Coordinator presented the report.

Key points highlighted:

- Members were provided with an update on the Murupara Community plan, highlighting it was in the initial stages and that feedback from the survey would advocate concerns through the long-term plan process. A hard copy of the survey was available at the Murupara service centre and further work was being done with focus groups and having the survey online.
- Following discussion on the Long-Term Plan engagement, it was suggested a pop-up tent be set up at local markets such as the Murupara Market Day scheduled for Saturday 17 February 2024 as well as the Waiōhau Friday morning teas.
- Concerns were raised on the possible payment programme for the Murupara transfer station. A member of the public, Ms Kalman, emphasised that the community is opposed to the fees that apply to use the facility. Management of the facility by local members saw it being well cared for, however, an ongoing issue with fly-tipping and people from the wider community using the facility was recognised.
- Members acknowledged the great events the Eastern Bay Road Safety Programme had done within the area. It was asked if E-bike charging stations were a possibility for other communities in the area.
- It was updated that two members of the Taiohi Youth group in Murupara had been encouraged to join the Whakatāne District Youth Council and advised that members would advocate for Zoom hui to allow Murupara youth to attend.

It was advised staff would follow up with concerns on the Murupara transfer station and the enquiry on E-bike chargers in other areas of the district.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Bannan

RESOLVED:

THAT the 'Murupara Community Board Activity – February 2024' report be received.

CARRIED

8 Late discretionary Fund application –

Refer to pages 25b-l of the tabled items.

Members accepted the late application received from Jessica Carpenter and deliberated on the application.

Mover Member Silcock / Member Bannan

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Community accept the late application from Jessica Carpenter.

CARRIED

Mover Member Prentice / Member Bannan

RESOLVED:

THAT \$521.50 be allocated from the Murupara Community Board Discretionary Fund to Jessica Carpenter for the National Child's Day event at the Murupara Pools on Sunday 3 March 2024.

CARRIED

9 Councillor and Chairpersons Reports

9.1 Councillors Report – February 2024

Refer to pages 26 of the agenda.

Councillor Rangiaho provided a verbal update to the board.

Key points highlighted:

- The key focus for Council was working through the Long Term Plan that is due by June 2024.
- It was advised her goal for 2024 was to get into the community more and attend more Community meetings, while still attending Council briefings and meetings with the possibility of remote access.
- She had attended the Kaumatua Xmas Lunch and Council's Kotahitanga awards which were both great events.

Moved Member Edmonds / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

THAT the Councillors Report – February 2024 report be received.

CARRIED

9.2 Chairperson Report – February 2024

Refer to pages 26-28 of the agenda.

Chairperson McLean spoke to her report. The following key points were highlighted:

- Following the car burning and sign damage in Murupara further follow-up was required on the disposal of the vehicle, replacement of the sign and checking of the CCTV. Furthermore, an additional two burnt-out cars had been located.
- Members discussed increased motorbike activity in the Murupara area and suggested Council work with Iwi to discuss the potential movement of a fence in the area to reduce the activity.
- Ms Kalman informed the board about the advisory board that guides the regional council with their decision on setting Annual Rates. It was suggested that a member be included in the advisory board as representatives of the community.
- It was suggested that meetings be set up with the rating team to discuss the rates in the area and for members of the community to discuss with staff.
- Members raised concerns about the Murupara Water meeting being postponed. It was clarified that there was uncertainty about the repeal following the coalition government, and it was unknown how to proceed until this was clear.

Staff would follow up on concerns raised with the car burnings, and sign damage, discuss the advisory board with the regional council and follow up on the progress of the Murupara Water meeting.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairperson's Report – February 2024 report be received.

CARRIED

