


## Minutes – Murupara Community Board 20 May 2024

 <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT MURUPARA SERVICE CENTRE, MONDAY, 20 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:56 AM</b>
	Present:	Board Members M K McLean (Chairperson), I Prentice, A Silcock, M Edmonds, and S Jones.
	In Attendance:	Councillor Iles, Kaumatua Tupe, V Richards (Strategic Coordinator), T Chapman (Māori Land Advisor), D Cowdery (Senior Advisor – Kaupapa Māori), A Chapman (Co-ordinator Murupara Library and Service Centre) and C Tongariro (Acting Governance Support Advisor).
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	Councillor N Rangiaho

Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and Kaumatua Tupe opened the meeting with a Karakia. The Chairperson acknowledged the passing of Kathleen Hineaka (Barbie) Heurea nee Pouwhare.

### 1 APOLOGIES

Moved Member Edmonds / Seconded Member Prentice

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Murupara Community Board accept the apology from Councillor N Rangiaho.

**CARRIED**

### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

- Councillor Iles acknowledged the Council Elected Members and staff that travelled to the Hawkes Bay to visit the Heretaunga Water Discovery Centre drinking facility and Papakāinga and recommended Member Jones report her experience. Chairperson McLean advised Member Jones could share her experience following the chairperson report.
- Councillor Iles acknowledged Council were working hard on the Long Term Plan (LTP) submissions received and thanked all who had sent in submissions. It was advised that nearly a thousand submissions had been received including those received from Murupara. Once the LTP had been finalised there would be an update and it was highlighted that it would be in partnership with Iwi and members of the community to advise on the chlorinated water issues and transfer station.
- Member Silcock acknowledged Galatea Community Members Margaret Brown and Shona Patterson for their hard work tidying up the Aniwhenua Reserve – Holly’s Playground, advising the area had been overgrown with Blackberry and weeds.

### 3 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

## 4 Public Forum

There were no participants in the public forum section of this meeting.

Members discussed the public forum information shown in the agenda and the difference between public participation, public forum, and deputation.

It was requested the timing and summary be clarified and concise.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Corrections:

- Visitors updated to include T Anderson.
- Visitors information corrected from Ruatahi to Rangitahi Urupa

The following points were noted:

- The E-bike chargers in Whakatāne township were implemented by the Bike Whakatāne Trust who received funding from Trust Horizon. There was emphasis on the need for other communities to have access to the same facilities. If progressed, it was suggested for funding to be sought from Trust Horizon, with a community lead to support the initiative.
- Member Jones was acknowledged for her work coordinating the Motorbike community hui.

Staff were instructed to follow-up on the removal of the deteriorating 'supreme winner' flags from Murupara township.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Jones

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the minutes of the Murupara Community Board held on Monday, 8 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 13-20 of the agenda.

During discussions the following points were noted:

- It was requested that the Murupara Community Board LTP submission be included in the next meeting agenda, so all members were able to see the final submission.
- Members queried the progress of the Mimiha Stream Bridge Replacement, requesting an update on whether the peer review had been done.
- Members gave input on the renewal programme, pointing out that some street names were incorrect. They further suggested that the area be secured properly for the safety of the community. It was advised that contractors may be awaiting supplies to complete the work.
- Members discussed the need for regular street sweeping throughout the township, it was noted that it was also a matter of Community pride.
- Following a query from members on how many children attended the Murupara school holiday activities, the Co-ordinator Murupara Library and Service centre advised that while there wasn't a register, they were working with Te Ika Whenua Hauora who brought the children in groups to assist the limited staff in the centre.

- Members requested clarification on the use of the Millennial Park reserve for the Cell tower and whether public consultation was required.
- It was made clear that the usage of facilities only related to the Aquatic centre. It was suggested that a reciprocal lifeguard programme be considered for a full time lifeguard that would be available for both the Murupara and Whakatāne Aquatic centres, or the possibility of access to someone from Rotorua.
- Members discussed the “New Bylaw Authority Management Plan”. It was clarified that Bay of Plenty Regional Council were working in various areas in the district including Murupara to remove encroaching trees and earthworks.
- Discussion ensued on management and Council support of the Murupara School hall. Members recalled the demolition of the previous Council-owned Community Hall and School Hall, as well as the Council and Government funds that supported the construction of the Murupara School Hall. Staff would follow up with further information.
- It was requested that an update on the purpose and potential use for the previous hall panels that were being stored at the refuse transfer station.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Edmond

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the ‘Murupara Community Board Activity – May 2024’ report be received.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance:** A Chapman (Co-ordinator Murupara Library and Service Centre) entered the meeting at 10:33 am and left the meeting at 10:36 am.

## **7 Councillor and Chairpersons Reports**

### **7.1 Councillors Report**

Refer to Tabled item 21a – 21d of the agenda.

During discussions the following points were noted:

Members queried why all members were not offered the opportunity to visit the Murupara Wastewater treatment plant and water supply alongside Councillor Rangiaho and Member Jones. It was clarified that the visit was an impromptu visit following a conversation during the visit to Hastings.

Members discussed the Councillors induction bus tour to various areas throughout the district that was previously organised at the start of each triennium, advising it was important to allow all elected members to visit the rural areas to provide insight into the areas their decisions impact. It was requested that a tour of the Murupara facilities be organised for the Community Board Members, and staff to arrange a visit for Members to attend the Murupara wastewater treatment plant, water supply plant and Refuse transfer station. Staff would follow up on this request.

Kaumatua Tupe suggested a mihi whakatau be given at the Murupara service centre should the Councillors visit the area for their tour.

It was clarified that Council were not organising another public meeting for the LTP; however, it was suggested that Community Board potentially lead a meeting for the rural communities.

Moved Member Edmonds / Seconded Member Jones

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Councillor’s Report – May 2024 report be **accepted as a tabled item and received**.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Chairperson Report – May 2024**

Refer to pages 95-97 of the agenda.

Members discussed the Murupara Community hui on the Motorbike behaviour and requested that Councillor Iles attend to provide support.

Discussion ensued on ongoing community meetings. It was highlighted that community board meetings are frequent community board meetings to allow members of the community to attend and share their concerns. Community meetings for targeted subjects provide a degree of separation between regular board meetings. It was agreed that the Murupara community board meeting time and frequency remain the same, and a review be considered for the next triennium.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Jones

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

**8 Additional Updates:**

**8.1 Members Jones**

Member Jones shared her experience travelling to Hastings with Council advising it was an amazing experience and enjoyed the beauty of the area, from the wave inspired walkway, learning about Waiaroha, and visiting the Irrigation farm. It was highlighted that the UV ray treated water option for residents was a great alternate and the greywater discharge from the wastewater treatment plant was eye opening. It was advised that the treated water was discharged through pipes far out to sea.

**8.2 Member Edmonds**

Member Edmonds shared that the trip to Hastings was a great opportunity to visit the Papakāinga and housing options built in Hastings, considering Ngāti Manawa were in the process of developing one in Murupara. It was highlighted the whānau had done all their own trade work to build their homes and the homes were personalised to suit each whānau.

Members were offered the opportunity to provide content for the Murupara newsletter and advised to send through to staff.

Kaumatua Tupe shared the Murupara area school were holding a Matariki celebration 27 June 2024, all were welcome, and he advised they were seeking support for the event. Staff would follow up with possible Community funding options.

**THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM KAUMATUA TUPE AT 11:45 AM.**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON