


## Minutes – Murupara Community Board 8 April 2024

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|  <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b><br/>District Council<br/><i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p> | Details of Meeting: | <b>MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT MURUPARA, MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM</b>  |
|   | Present:            | Board Members M K McLean (Chairperson), I Prentice, A Silcock, M Edmonds, S Jones, and Councillor N Rangiaho.  |
|   | In Attendance:      | Councillor Iles, Kaumatua Tupe, V Richards (Strategic Coordinator), T Chapman (Māori Land Advisor), T Tupe (Iwi Engagement Advisor - Infrastructure) and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)          |
|   | Visitors:           | B Knapton (WDC Youth Council), J Cathro (Ministry of Inspiration), T Gavigan and M Ohlson (Te Ika Whenua Hauora Mental Health Education and Awareness), H Merriman and T Anderson (Ruatahiki Rangitahi Urupa), |
|   | Apologies:          |  |

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

The Chairperson acknowledged previous member Ken Bannan’s service to the community and also the support provided to the Board by their previous Governance Support Advisor C Tongariro.

### 1 APOLOGIES

Nil

### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Members acknowledged the support of, and the attendance at, the various Long Term Plan engagement sessions held within the rohe.

### 3 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

### 4 Public Forum

#### 4.1 Ministry of Inspiration

A Charitable Trust based in Rotorua and Nelson, the Ministry of Inspiration work across New Zealand. Ms Cathro said they are supporting Murupara schools to participate in the NZ Aquabots programme for students; where teams build an underwater remotely operated vehicle then compete in challenges. National competitions would be held at both Whakatāne and Rotorua.

Ms Cathro spoke of some logistics of the competition and reported that the judges would be local residents and being local made attendance to family and whānau easier. The Ministry of Inspiration were offering two Aquabot kits for the price of just one kit to help encourage participation.

In response to a question about funding, Ms Cathro answered they were waiting on the results of a recent application they had made but did note that the priorities of the Ministry of Education did not align with their work. An application had been made to the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board.

Chairperson McLean offered to collaborate with Ms Cathro in order for other local schools to be offered the same opportunity.

**Attendance:** J Cathro left the meeting at 10:21 am.

#### **4.2 Te Ika Whenua Hauora Mental Health Education and Awareness**

Ms Gavigan and Ms Ohlson spoke about their roles overseeing coordination for mental health education and awareness and that planning was underway for awareness week in September 2024. Ms Gavigan reported that lack of resourcing was their biggest issue. When asked about the level of support provided from the Ministry of Health, they advised they had access to source generic pamphlets online.

Board Members congratulated Ms Gavigan and Ms Ohlson that their fundraising had achieved 75% of the required costs.

**Attendance:** T Gavigan and M Ohlson left the meeting at 10:29 am.

#### **4.3 Rangitahi Urupa**

Halee Merriman and Theodore Anderson (Trustees)

Ms Merriman explained the current Trustees for the Rangitahi Urupa had been appointed early in 2024, as there had been no living Trustees for quite some time. The new, younger group of trustees were working through several issues that had not been dealt with over the years and the immediate issue was the removal of the large trees on the boundary. Ms Merriman noted the situation was potentially dangerous and spoke of liability factors, and hence this too made the resolution a priority.

In response to a question about other parties assisting, Ms Merriman responded that LINZ Property Group had been consulted and they would provide 50% of the costs. It was noted the trees would be felled onto the College land.

The Urupa was currently under the umbrella of the Rangitahi Marae. The Urupa did not have any funding however once the Trustees arrange for it to be its own entity, major funding applications would be made.

**Attendance:** H Merriman and T Anderson left the meeting at 10:38 am.

#### **4.4 B Knapton – Youth Council**

Ms Knapton introduced herself to members and reported that the newly formed Youth Council also had a current focus on the Long Term Plan and would be submitting. She added that several Whakatāne High School form classes would also be making a submission.

### **5 Confirmation of Minutes**

Refer to pages 8--12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Edmonds

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the minutes of the Murupara Community Board held on Monday, 12 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 MCB By-Election Report

Refer to pages 13-15 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson McLean / Seconded Member Silcock

#### RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Murupara By-Election and Deputy Chairperson report be **received**; and
2. THAT the **Board** confirm System B will be used to determine the election process for the position; and
3. THAT Board Member Prentice be appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Murupara Community Board for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium.

#### CARRIED

### 6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 16-50 of the agenda.

During discussions the following points were noted:

- There had been good Elected Member representation at the Long Term Plan engagement events.
- Regarding the proposed Galatea Solar Farm proposal, it was requested the process be clarified as the owner was unaware this information would be included in the public agenda.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Member Jones

#### RESOLVED:

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

#### CARRIED

### 6.3 MCB Discretionary Funds – April 2024

Refer to pages 51-94 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Member Edmonds

#### RESOLVED:

1. THAT the MCB Funding Application – April 2024 report be **received**; and
2. THAT \$320.00 be **allocated** from the Murupara Community Board Discretionary Fund to Te Ika Whenua Hauora Incorporated Society for TIWH Mental Health Education and Awareness to support travel costs and project materials.

#### CARRIED

The Board expressed strong support for the Aquabot programme to be extended to further schools in the district. Members acknowledged the existing workload of teachers are raised the potential issue of the resourcing of the programme.

#### **The following motion was put and failed.**

Moved Chairperson McLean / Seconded Member Prentice

THAT, subject to confirmation that the programme is to be resourced and run in the school by the Ministry of Inspiration staff, \$1000.00 be **allocated** from the Murupara Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Ministry of Inspiration for the NZ Aquabots project in the Murupara Community.

Moved Member Silcock / Chairperson McLean

**RESOLVED:**

THAT, subject to confirmation that the programme is resourced and run in the school by the Ministry of Inspiration staff, \$2000 be **allocated** from the Murupara Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Ministry of Inspiration for the NZ Aquabots project in the Murupara Community.

**CARRIED**

Board members acknowledged and understood the concerns raised by Ms Merriman within the Public Forum section. A discussion ensued regarding the ownership of the land, liability factors, setting precedence, and the Board noted the application did not align with the required criteria. Members believed more information, wider stakeholder engagement, and detailed project planning information was required. A letter would be sent to Ms Merriman regarding the discussion held. After deliberation and noting sympathy to the cause, Members agreed there were too many unknowns and at this stage then declined any grant.

**7 Councillor and Chairpersons Reports**

**7.1 Councillors Report**

Councillor Rangiaho spoke of the significant Long Term Plan activities and engagement events held in the various communities and said the concerns raised did differ for each community. She concluded liaising and working together with Councillor Iles for the many events had been very successful.

The following requests were made:

- Council staff to report back regarding the ongoing issue of motorbikes on Council owned land.
- Remove the deteriorating 'supreme winner' flags from Murupara township.
- Clarification of the availability for the use of the Murupara Area School Hall.

**7.2 Chairperson Report – April 2024**

Refer to pages 95-97 of the agenda.

Chairperson McLean apologised and requested members overlook the comment made in regards of dealing with new pool staff.

Concerns were raised regarding unsafe behaviour of motorbike riders. On behalf of the Board, Chairperson McLean would write a letter to the NZ Police expressing dissatisfaction and bring this to their attention again.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Member Edmonds

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

**THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM KAUMATUA TUPE AT 12:02 PM.**

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| Confirmed at the meeting dated: |
| CHAIRPERSON                     |