


Minutes – Murupara Community Board 10 February 2025

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT MURUPARA SERVICE CENTRE, 48 PIND DRIVE, MURUPARA, MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM
	Present:	Board Members M K Honeycombe (Chairperson), S Jones, J Morgan-Ranui, I Prentice, A Silcock, and Councillor N Rangiaho
	In Attendance:	Councillor Iles, V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Partnerships), T Chapman (Senior Māori Land Advisor), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Toi Moana BOPRC (Councillors T Iti, M Campbell and L Lyall Thurstan, and staff representatives from their Transport and Rates departments), S Cave and L Harris (Alzheimers Society EBOP Incorporated), L TeKaawa (Uwhiārae Marae Reservation Trust), and Mr C Holmes
	Apologies:	

Chairperson Honeycombe welcomed all to the meeting and opened with a Karakia at 10:00 am

1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairperson Honeycombe declared an interest in the Uwhiārae Marae discretionary fund application within item 6.3 Governance Administration report.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

4.1 Alzheimers Society Eastern Bay of Plenty Incorporated

Alzheimers EBOP covered a large area; from Pikowai through to Lottin Point on the East Cape.

Ms Cave introduced Ms Harris, the navigator for the Murupara area, and explained they supported clients and their caring helpers, supported whānau and were making advancements into educational services. She expressed the importance of face-to-face contact.

Ms Cave explained they were based in Whakatāne, the four navigators travelled, and there was an educator and a volunteer coordinator. Alzheimers EBOP were seeking funding of \$650 to help with travel costs.

In response to a query Ms Cave said they were able to make referrals to other support agencies if appropriate. It was suggested a scheduled hui would be of benefit to the community so residents could understand the services provided and available.

Attendance – Ms Cave and Ms Harris left the meeting at 10:08 am.

4.2 Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC)

Councillor Iti introduced all representatives from BOPRC and he explained the following:

- **Rating**
BOPRC were now collecting their own rates, and this had given the Regional Council more visibility, however he noted it was another entity invoicing, and this had caused confusion for some ratepayers. There were options for time payments.
- **Transport**
Tertiary education bus services in the district had been discontinued due to the reduction in funding from Central Government, Polytech and University of Waikato. It was noted that these services had not been well utilised.

Bus services from Murupara to Ruatāhuna continued three times per week.

Services from Murupara to Minganui occurred once a week.

Services from Waihou Bay to Ōpōtiki occurred once a week.

Councillor Thurstan explained BOPRC were keen to continue the education bus service, but they had been let down by the funders. He encouraged members to canvas the community as to impact on near exact numbers and this information would assist them in proposing potential future options. He said they were committed to Murupara and that was reflected in the number of staff attending the meeting today.

In response to a question members were advised that payment plans were available, and he noted that moving forward due dates would differ from that of Council rates invoices.

BOPRC were available for targeted audiences or meetings by requested appointments in order to respond to community need. It was explained that visual and lay-person approach would be beneficial to aid residents understanding.

Attendance:

Councillor Iti, Councillor Thurstan and two BOPRC staff left the meeting at 10:32 am.

Mr TeKaawa entered the meeting at 10:32 am.

4.3 Colin Holmes

Mr Holmes drew the Board's attention to consenting of the Aniwhenua Dam; noting it expired in 2026. He explained it was built in the early 1980s and that the Resource Management Act was not in existence at that time. He said BOPRC would be running the process and that now was the time to effect better conditions for a renewed consent. He encouraged the Board to get advice, investigate the issues and the impacts on the river upstream, and to write to the owners (Trust in Otago). He stressed public participation was required and that he was available to help if required.

Attendance: Mr Holmes left the meeting at 10:45 am.

4.4 Uwhiārae Marae Reservation Trust

After thanking the Board for the opportunity to speak, Mr TeKaawa clarified the budget for the centenary event and explained their application was to help cover the identified shortfall.

Mr TeKaawa spoke of the activities planned for the Centenary Celebration. He noted that the rangitahi were involved in the event planning and that they would have the opportunity to put their vision forward how they wanted the Marae to look like in the future.

Attendance: Mr TeKaawa left the meeting at 10:52 am.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Murupara Community Board held on Tuesday, 19 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Extraordinary Vacancy – Murupara Community Board

Refer to pages 13-17 of the agenda.

Members would fill the position by appointment and potential people would be approached. Next steps would be communicated.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Extraordinary Vacancy– Murupara Community Board report be **received**; and
2. THAT past member Memory Edmonds be **acknowledged** for her tenure on the Board and for her support to the Murupara ward; and
3. THAT the extraordinary vacancy be **filled by appointment** with the criteria being based on the person being a qualified elector, relevant experience, balance of the Board composition and representative of a sector of the community not currently represented.

CARRIED

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 18-24 of the agenda.

During discussions the following points were noted:

- To date, the only feedback Council had received how the Transfer Station fees were bedding in was that people wanted the ability to do time payments.
- A request was made that all rural communities in the district be considered for inclusion with Council ran events e.g. scheduling a road safety roadshow at Galatea.
- It was requested specific locations of infrastructure repairs on the longer roads be noted within the report.

- Disappointment was expressed at the limited hours the Murupara Pool was open over the Christmas break. New appointments had been made to related positions at the Council, and it would be made known to them, the expectations for the pool moving forward.
- All departments within Council to be mindful to consider inclusion of Community Board members for invitations associated with their role.
- On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Honeycombe to write to the new Murupara based lifeguards to encourage and congratulate them.

Moved Member Jones / Seconded Member Silcock

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Community Board Activity – January 2025 report be received.

CARRIED

6.3 Governance Administration – February 2025

Refer to pages 24-57 of the agenda.

Attendance: Remaining BOPRC staff left the meeting at 11:26 am.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Governance Administration report be **received**; and
2. THAT Members **note** the pecuniary forms for year 3 are due to the Governance team no later than 28 February 2025; and
3. THAT the Murupara Community Board **allocates** \$650.00 from their discretionary funds to the Alzheimers Society Eastern Bay of Plenty incorporated to cover costs to attend the annual health expo in Murupara, and in support of home visits related to education and health services to families/whānau, community groups and organisations; and

Chairperson Honeycombe vacated the chair at 11:29 am and Deputy Chair Prentice took the chair.

Moved Councillor Silcock / Seconded Chairperson Prentice

RESOLVED

THAT the Murupara Community Board **allocates** \$1867.60 from their discretionary funds to Uwhiārae Marae to cover costs of the 100-year centenary book which will be distributed at the centenary celebration of the Marae scheduled from 31 May to 1 June 2025, and that a copy of the book to be donated to the Murupara library.

CARRIED

Deputy Chairperson Prentice vacated the chair at 11:38 am and Chairperson Honeycombe took chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON AND COUNCILLOR REPORTING

7.1 Chairperson Report – February 2025

Refer to pages 58-60 of the agenda.

Moved Member Ranui / Seconded Member Prentice

RESOLVED:

THAT the MCB Chairperson's Report – February 2025 report be **received**.

CARRIED

7.2 Councillors Report – February 2025

Refer to pages 61-66 of the agenda.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT the Councillor's Report – February 2025 report be **received**.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Councillor Iles and Councillor Rangiaho left the meeting at 12:02 am.

Councillor Campbell left the meeting at 12:03 pm.

Councillor Rangiaho re-entered the meeting at 12:06 pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM STAFF T CHAPMAN AT 12:10 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON