

Minutes – Murupara Community Board 24 March 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 PINE DRIVE, MURUPARA, MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:01 AM
	Present:	Mayor V Luca, Board Members M K Honeycombe (Chairperson), S Jones, J Morgan-Ranui, I Prentice, A Silcock, M Kereopa, and Councillor N Rangiaho
	In Attendance:	Councillor Iles, V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Partnerships), S Evans (Urban Planning and Development Lead), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Mere Kereopa, and Arihia Hoani-Waaka (Iarau Limited)
	Apologies:	

Chairperson Honeycombe opened the meeting with a Karakia at 10:01 am.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Ngapera / Seconded Member Prentice

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Community Board **accept** an apology for early departure from Mayor V Luca.

CARRIED

An apology was noted for Kaumatua Tupe.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Chairperson Honeycombe welcomed Mayor Luca, Council staff, Iarau Limited representatives and the attending public to the meeting.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum advised for this meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Correction: Section 4.2 – Bus services from Murupara to *Rotorua* continued three times per week.

Moved Member Jones / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Murupara Community Board held on Monday, 10 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Chairperson Honeycombe offered to facilitate with Members on the development of a submission regarding renewed consenting of the Aniwhenua Dam, and Councillor Rangiaho would inform Mayor Luca with relevant information.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Governance Administration – March 2025

Refer to pages 13-16 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Member Prentice

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Governance Administration March 2025 report be received; and
2. THAT the Murupara Community Board appoint Mr Mansahn Weku Kereopa to the Board for the remainder of the 2022- 2025 Triennium; noting he will complete his declaration at this 24 March 2025 meeting.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mayor Luca left the meeting at 10:16 am.

6.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 17-22 of the agenda.

During discussions the following points were noted:

- Feedback to staff regarding the EB Road Safety Programme – a great initiative but suggested inclusivity of all the community.
- Information would be included at the next meeting regarding the suggestion of time payments at the Murupara Resource Recovery Centre.
- The representative from Iarau Limited gave an overview of the Southern Towns Regeneration Master plans and spoke of the engagements held. The Minginui community had given feedback on the first draft and their final version would be available in April for approval. Due to the Murupara engagement rates being lower, the timeframe for the Murupara first-draft plans would be April/May. Iarau Limited were keen to hold another engagement session and Member Prentice would provide suggested dates to them.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7 CHAIRPERSON AND COUNCILLOR REPORTING

7.1 Chairperson Report – March 2025

Refer to pages 23-25 of the agenda.

Regarding vandalism incidents, it was agreed community spirit, community pride, and understanding cost of repair were important factors to communicate.

Moved Member Ranui / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7.2 Tabled item - Councillors Report – March 2025

Refer to page 26 of agenda and pages 26a- c of the tabled items.

Regarding the Murupara Wastewater Consent process, it was requested there was transparency of reporting and in “layman’s terms”.

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT the MCB receive the tabled item: MCB Councillor Report March 2025.

CARRIED

8 Members Reporting

- Councillor Iles re-laid the decision made at the March Council meeting where rates for Y2 of the Long Term Plan were approved at 11.7% and 1% reduction internal debt. It was confirmed the Council website enabled users to choose a rates payment plan. It was suggested this could be made clearer on the website.
- Drowning Prevention Aotearoa provides water safety learning opportunities around New Zealand. Members Silcock and Ranui recently attended the Drowning Prevention Aotearoa hui in Taupō. Member Silcock reported back with some key learnings and it was noted that the group was looking at standardising signage across NZ and Australia.
- Chairperson Honeycombe had visited the Murupara Electrical Centre and acknowledged their support to the community and wished them well moving forward. Councillor Silcock would draft a letter and forward to the Chair for signing.
- A discussion ensued about the location of the remainder three meetings in the 2022-2025 triennium and low turnout from locals. Feedback from majority of members showed they were in support of the meetings remaining in Murupara until the new triennium.
- Board Members asked for guidance regarding support surrounding the current medical situation in Murupara.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM CHAIRPERSON HONEYCOMBE AT 11:27 AM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON