
MINUTES
of the
MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
4.00pm, Tuesday, 20 October 2020
at
Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

Present: B Maru (Chairperson), Board Members D Armstrong (Deputy Chairperson), R Horrell, J Tomsett and Councillors B Dowler and D Ogilvie

In Attendance: Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Team Leader – Customer Services (V Simpson) and Youth Council Representatives (M Chapman and C Davies)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair Maru welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked the Board's permission to include an additional presentation from the Motueka Youth Council.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Chairperson Maru/Deputy Chair Armstrong

MCB20-10-1

That apologies from Cr Walker be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Ian Williamson spoke to and tabled a document. He asked the Board to consider contributing some special project funds towards the purchase of night vision goggles which would be used by helicopter pilots responding to emergencies within our District that occur at night.

Mr Williamson informed the Board about a \$7.5 million dollar cash boost awarded to New Zealand Fire Stations, he asked the Board to write a letter asking for some of the funds to be allocated to our local fire station and suggested that the station would be in a better position if it was relocated away from State Highway 60, High Street.

Nick Hughes voiced his concerns about the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) and how the plan lacks provisions for people who are on a low income and are trying to find affordable housing solutions.

Chair Maru thanked Mr Hughes for helping people in the community and challenging the Councils TRMP, especially the manner in which he has presented through the Public Forum.

Cr Ogilvie read from and tabled a document on behalf of John and Rose Sullivan, residents in Talisman Heights, Little Kaiteriteri. The submission from Mr and Mrs Sullivan raised concerns in relation to parking, speeding and anti-social behaviour in the area and made the following suggestions to the Board.

- Designate no parking areas on one side of Rowling Road
- Install a series of speed humps along Rowling Road at regular intervals
- Continue speed bumps on Torlesse Drive and along Talisman Heights

Kevin Fourie spoke on behalf of the committee of Motueka Grey Power who received an email from Cecelia O'Connor about a resident in one of the Councils pensioner cottages. The resident had made a complaint about the condition of the Council cottage. Chair Maru asked the Board Secretary to raise a Service Request to the Reserves and Facilities department.

Mr Fourie informed the Board about a new proposal to link, via a walking trail, common spaces like the Motueka Library with reserves and green spaces, to encourage elderly people who may feel lonely become more connected with each other. Mr Fourie said he has spoken to the Reserves and Facilities Manager, Richard Hollier and he supported the project and Mr Hollier suggested required funding to be generated from the Motueka Community Board Special Projects Fund.

Phil Lister brought several concerns to the Boards attention which included:

- a request for a sign on Greenwood Street directing people to Decks Reserve
- potholes in a particular carpark that are being filled by contractors with river shingle instead of a more long lasting material
- the lack of signage and poorly designed intersections along the shared cycle/walkway between Riverside Community and Motueka township.

Chair Maru and Board Member Tomsett agreed to meet Mr Lister on site to look at the various places of concern on the shared pathway. Cr Dowler informed Mr Lister the carpark he referred to is a private carpark and not maintained by the Council.

Chair Maru asked Golden Bay Community Board Member Grant Knowles to join the Board at the table.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Ogilvie and Board Member Armstrong declared a conflict of interest in the Keep Motueka Beautiful item on the agenda.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Deputy Chair Armstrong/Cr Dowler

MCB20-10-2

That the minutes of the Motueka Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 15 September 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Motueka Kai Fest

Greg Jones introduced himself as the coordinator for the Motueka Kai Fest Festival and tabled a plan of the layout for the next festival. He informed the Board the festival will be held at Goodman Park and asked the Board to contribute funding for the event.

Chair Maru explained the Board's Discretionary Fund has a limit of \$500.00 and the event would not fit the criteria for a Special Project. The Board suggested other local funding opportunities.

The Chair noted that the Board would be happy to provide a letter of support for the event.

6.2 Youth Council

Youth Council Representatives Chris Davies and Milligan Chapman presented and tabled two comprehensive reports to the Board as part of their local playground review.

They thanked the Board for allowing the Motueka Youth Council to sit at the Motueka Community Board table and include them on discussions that are important to the community.

Milligan Chapman presented the first report and explained to the Board that the review of local playgrounds had been completed. As a result of this review they identified the need for playground equipment that would enhance our playgrounds and help them to become more inclusive.

The Tasman Youth Council recommended upgrading Decks Reserve playground by installing colourful rubber matting which would create better accessibility for children in wheelchairs. They also recommended the addition of a piece of playground equipment specifically for disabled children and suggested a wheelchair accessible swing or roundabout.

Chris Davies presented the second report outlining a 3-stage proposal for Thorp Bush. He thanked Cr Ogilvie for meeting Youth Council at Thorp Bush and explaining the importance and significance of the reserve.

Mr Davies explained the three stages of their proposal and requested the Boards' permission to begin stage one that is funded by the \$10,000 Special Project fund awarded to the Youth Council to upgrade local playgrounds.

Stage one consists of:

- repaint existing playground at Thorp Bush (doc leaf green to blend with the natural environment)
- replace damaged plastic components with new colourful components.

The Board commended the Youth Council on the thorough reports and supported their recommendations.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Motueka Community Board Chair's Report

Board Member Armstrong updated the Board on his recent attendance at a Te Awhina Marae (TAM) Board meeting. He said they discussed the prospect of having a representative from TAM attend the Motueka Community Board Meeting's and join the Board at the table.

Chair Maru asked if the Board supported having a representative from Te Awhina Marae join them at the table and reminded the Board that there are four local iwi in our District that need to be considered.

Cr Dowler voiced concerns about whether consulting with iwi could create time delays in decision making and expressed his opinion that only elected members would have voting rights.

The Board agreed the representative should be appointed by the combined iwi and voting rights would not be considered. Board member Armstrong agreed to continue progressing this and he would contact the Council's Kaihautu, Te Wari Carkeek to seek further advice

Special Projects

The Board debated the list provided in the agenda and noted that a \$10,000 contribution towards projects is often an insufficient amount to get projects over the line.

Board Member Tomsett asked the Board to consider re-allocating the \$30,000 from the innovative streets project to continue developing the Motueka Skate Park, Board Member Tomsett said she believes this is a key project for Motueka. Chair Maru supported reassigning the carried over funds and the reallocation to the Motueka Skate Park.

Chair Maru said he would provide the updated list of projects to Community Relations Manager, Chris Choat and ask for it to be published in the Guardian newspaper for public feedback.

Board member Tomsett asked if the Board had an appetite for a Karakia at the beginning and end of the meetings and the Board supported this idea.

Cr Ogilvie spoke to and tabled a document updating the Board on recent Council business.

Board Member Armstrong spoke to and tabled a document summarising the progress of the Project Kōkiri Project.

Board member Armstrong mentioned the lack of communication the Board has had with Mayor King and the Council's Senior Management Team over the past year.

Chair Maru encouraged the Board to attend the Motueka Sunday Market on 1 November 2020 and join the Council staff who will be consulting on the Tasman Environment Plan with the community.

Chair Maru and Cr Ogilvie attended a meeting with a group of community organisations following on from a conversation with the Department of Internal Affairs, relating to the community-lead development funding opportunity and investing in good outcomes for Motueka and agreed to continue progressing this.

Chair Maru will arrange a meeting with Mike Riddell from Motueka Fire to discuss the possible relocation of the Motueka Fire Station.

Youth Council representative Chris Davies provided an update on their recent activities.

Moved Chairperson Maru/Horrell

MCB20-10-3

That the Motueka Community Board:

1. receives the Motueka Community Board Chairperson's report RMCB20-10-2 and;
2. receives the proposal from Keep Motueka Beautiful and;
3. approves the tree removal delegated to Reserves and Facilities staff and;
4. support the Keep Motueka Beautiful initiative to undertake rodent trapping as part of the Motueka Inlet Restoration project
5. approves funding of \$30,000 from the Special Project Funds to be repurposed from the innovative streets project to the Motueka Skate Park development.

CARRIED

Cr Ogilvie and Board Member Armstrong abstained.

7.2 Financial Report

Chair Maru tabled an amended version of the financial report where an error in the formula had been corrected by the Finance Department.

Moved Cr Ogilvie/Board member Tomsett

MCB20-10-4

That the Motueka Community Board receives the amended Financial Report

CARRIED

7.3 Action List

The Board noted and updated the Action List. The Board Secretary agreed to circulate the updates with the next meeting agenda.

Moved Board member Tomsett/Deputy Chair Armstrong

MCB20-10-5

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Action List report RMCB20-10-4

CARRIED

7.4 Special Projects Action List

The Board noted and updated the Action List. The Board Secretary agreed to circulate the updates with the next meeting agenda.

Moved Board member Tomsett/Cr Dowler

MCB20-10-6

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Special Projects Action List report, RMCB20-10-5

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence

The report was taken as read.

Moved Deputy Chair Armstrong/Cr Ogilvie

MCB20-10-7

That the Motueka Community Board receives the Correspondence report RMCB20-10-6

CARRIED

9 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: