Minutes – Murupara Community Board 25 May 2020

WHAKATĀNE District Council Kia Whakatāne au i ahau	Details of Meeting:	MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING VIA THE ZOOM AUDIO VISUAL PLATFORM ON MONDAY, 25 MAY 2020 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM
	Present:	Board Members J K Te Amo (Chairperson), O K Hynes, M M N Jenner, A W O'Brien, B G Rangiaho and Councillor A R Silcock
	In attendance:	D Bewley (General Manager Planning and Infrastructure), T Chapman (Debt Management/Māori Land Rating Officer), C Ball (Manager Strategy and Community Development) and H J Storey (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	A Jenner, H Hunt
	Apologies:	Nil

The meeting was opened with a Karakia from Chairperson J Te Amo

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were recorded.

2 YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Adrianna Jenner introduced herself to the meeting and noted that she and Waimarie Wright were members of the Whakatāne Youth Council that had volunteered to represent the youth council on the Board. She noted that the Youth Council had not met much this year due to the lockdown but had developed three main focuses:

- to identify gaps with youth during the lockdown, determining how they could help with social distancing and the like
- annual plan consultation and ensuring that the youth voice was heard
- to adapt and create new events the Easter Challenge held during the lockdown did not go as planned as it was hard to get everyone on board

It was noted that there were a number of youth within communities in the ward and it was suggested that Murupara lead the way to communicate with the groups in the other groups. Members welcomed regular input from the Youth Representatives and were looking forward to working alongside them during the term.

Attendance: The connection was lost with Ms Jenner at 10.13 am

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 H Hunt – XTC Incorporation

Ms Hunt advised that XTC Incorporation had been playing in the Taupō netball league for 6 years and in that time they had managed to win some grades and played in the B Grade last season. She noted that because of Covid-19 a restricted netball season was planned and said that the players had not yet met as a team to decide on whether or not they would play in the reduced competition.

Ms Hunt advised that the team had been advised that the registration fee had been reduced from \$900 to approximately \$700 and the playing season had been reduced to 10 weeks. She noted that this would include 2 weeks of grading and 8 weeks of playing with each team providing their own hand sanitiser and ball disinfectant. Ms Hunt said that with each player having to be 2 metres apart from their opponents they were unsure of how this would work and said that personally, she was not wanting to play under those circumstances.

In response to a query as to what the team had done in past years to acknowledge the grants received from the Board, Ms Hunt said that the first year they had included sponsors names on tee shirts and said that in the past Four Square and the Medical Centre had also provided some support to the team. Members suggested that mentioning the support at the annual prize giving and on social media would be acceptable. The applicant was advised that any donations made by other sponsors should be included in the income section of the application.

Attendance: Ms Hunt left the meeting at 10.30 am

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

4.1 Murupara Community Board 24 February 2020

Refer to pages 5-10 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Murupara Community Board meeting held on Monday, 24 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Jenner/Silcock

Attendance: Board Member Rangiaho lost contact from the meeting at 10.30 am

4.2 Murupara Community Board 9 March 2020

Refer to pages 11-13 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Murupara Community Board meeting held on Monday, 9 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Jenner/O'Brien CARRIED

4.3 Update from Meetings

Information was requested on the progress of upgrading the footpath at Waiōhau to cater for mobility access users.

Members requested that a koha be provided to Board Kaumatua Jack Tupe when attending meetings and functions to support the Board. The General Manager Planning and Infrastructure advised that this would be arranged.

The Debt Management/Māori Land Rating Officer noted that due to the lockdown, the public meeting to discuss rating with representatives from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council had been deferred and would be held once the lockdown restrictions had been lifted. Members would be advised once the new date had been secured.

5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE ANNUAL PLAN

Refer to page 13 of the agenda

The Manager Strategy and Community Development advised that the Council were entering a period of consultation with the community on the draft annual plan, the Significance and Engagement Policy and the start of the 2021-31 LTP process to look forward and plan for the next 30 years. The following points were noted:

- Significant changes had been made to the 2018-28 LTP due to events such as Covid-19, the Whakaari/White Island event and the Whakatāne Regeneration Programme which would generate jobs in the economy
- Expected population growth and opportunities for the community had resulted in updated budgets for the year
- The consultation period had been reduced to three weeks from 25 May to 15 June 2020
- There were four key focus areas:
 - the immediate response to Covid-19, how to support the community and noting 13 key response points
 - a strong focus on jobs and the economy how to support economic development and create jobs
 - to look into the future and what to put in place to meet the challenges and opportunities
 - to find the balance of financial pressures the Council already had a number of tools to alleviate financial pressure but needed to find the prudent balance and not under invest or fail to deliver on community priorities while keeping the rating burden as low as possible
- Council needed to ensure communities had secure water supplies and waste water schemes which did not pose too much of a burden on the community
- A revaluation of the district affected some areas so the Council had smoothed out rating increases for areas with a higher proportion increase in valuation

Attendance: Board Member Rangiaho returned to the meeting at 10.54 am

- The average rate rise for the district was 3.5% with the Murupara urban area being at 2.67%
 following smoothing the increase was reduced to .45%
- The Significance and Engagement Policy was being consulted on alongside the annual plan to allow the Council to be able to respond quickly to government schemes and to increase the level of flexibility to make decisions and not risk losing the funding through slow responses
- the importance of the community being aware of community engagements messages with the Board being a key partner to transfer these messages to the community
- due to Covid-19, face to face contact with residents would be restricted but there would be an increased online presence and other opportunities to submit such as radio, newsletters, posters which did not involve large numbers of people. This would be reassessed as the Covid restriction levels changed.

Members requested that the community engagement information be included in the next newsletter, It was noted that one of the positives with the recent Covid lockdown was that key people were identified in each community and it was requested that they be approached as network connections to spread the messages.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Community Board submit to the 2020-21 Annual Plan.

Jenner/Rangiaho CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Murupara Water Supply

The General Manager Planning and Infrastructure advised that a hui had been held with iwi representatives and residents to consult on the contamination of the water supply and to provide options to remedy the situation. He noted that the strong message from the group led to discussions on how to best talk with the community and work in partnership in the future to ensure they were kept informed. The following points were noted:

- There were health implications if the contamination problem was not addressed
- The Ministry of Health were also monitoring the contamination levels
- Agreement was reached at the recent hui to dose the water supply to alleviate the contamination and this was carried out on 25 May 2020
- Regular readings and monitoring of the supply would continue
- There was no intention to permanently chlorinate the water supply
- Conversations would continue with iwi and community leaders towards a partnership agreement

Members noted that residents were strongly against the Council putting any additives into the water supply so it was important that processes were in place to always be transparent and engage with iwi and residents when any work was being planned. The General Manager Planning and Infrastructure assured Members that conversations would continue to be held.

6.2 Murupara Community Board Standing Orders

Refer to pages 14-97 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT the Murupara Community Board Standing Orders 2019-2022 report be received; and
- 2. **THAT** the Murupara Community Board adopt the Standing Orders as set out in Appendix 1 of the agenda, which includes the following key decisions:
 - (a) The provision to enable Board Members and members of the public for the purpose of a deputation or submission (approved by the Chairperson) to join meetings by audio or audio-visual means is retained.
 (SO 13.7-13.16)
 - (b) The Community Board continue with the provision that the Chairperson or any other person presiding at a meeting, in the case of an equality of votes, has a casting vote. (SO 19.3)
 - (c) Option B (medium) be retained as the default for speaking and moving motions. (SO 22.1)
 - (d) The Community Board adopts Option B outlining the expectation of the presence in the room when conflicts of interest have been declared; and that option is reflected in the approved Standing Orders:
 - Option B: Members with a non-financial interest must physically withdraw from the table but do not need to leave the room.
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(SO 20.7 & 20.8)

Hynes/O'Brien CARRIED

6.3 Murupara Community Board Code of Conduct

Refer to pages 98-141 of the agenda.

It was noted that the photograph on the front page of the document was old and it was requested that this be changed once new shots were to hand.

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT the Code of Conduct report be received; and
- 2. **THAT** the Murupara Community Board adopt the Code of Conduct March 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 of the agenda.

Rangiaho/Hynes CARRIED

6.4 Requests for Funding – XTC

Refer to pages 134-141 of the agenda.

Members agreed that the team needed to acknowledge the grant made by the Board.

RESOLVED:

- 1. **THAT** the Request for Funding XTC Incorporation report be received; and
- 2. **THAT** a grant of up to \$700 be allocated from the Murupara Community Board Discretionary Fund to XTC Incorporation towards the cost of the registration fee to the Taupō Netball league and that the grant be subject to the team entering the 2020 netball competition.

Jenner/O'Brien CARRIED

7 CHAIRPERSON AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Chairperson's Report – May 2020

Refer to pages 142-151 of the agenda.

The Chairperson thanked Members for their assistance within their respective communities throughout the lockdown and said that it brought out many leaders who also needed to be thanked.

The Chairperson noted that she had met with Tania Tapsell via Zoom during the lockdown who was also on the Maruata Board. She noted that she had been included on the team to organise the Community Board Conference in Blenheim in 2021.

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT the Chairperson's Report May 2020 be received; and
- 2. **THAT** the Murupara Community Board Strategic Plan 2019-2022 be adopted.

O'Brien/Silcock

7.2 Members Items

7.2.1 Communications - Street Delivery

Councillor Silcock asked that a group of people be set up to deliver leaflets to households so that if a message needed to be provided to residents quickly, there were people available to do so and asked that names be provided to her so that she could contact them if necessary. This would be in addition to social media and radio messaging.

7.2.2 Photograph Competition

Discussion ensued on holding a local photo competition to provide the Council with up to date photographs from around the ward with prize money being provided from the discretionary fund. Members considered that collages of photos from throughout the ward encompassing all of the communities and reflecting their uniqueness could be developed for use by the board and the Council. It was agreed that the proposal be discussed further at the next meeting and an outline be provided on the proposal to hold a competition within the ward.

7.2.3 Tree Planting

It was noted that Mayor Turner and team would plant a Kowhai tree in Murupara to mark the commencement of the Reimagine engagement campaign. It was requested that Members be notified of the date and that Kaumatua Tupe be invited to provide the blessing.

7.2.4 Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Board meeting be held at the Murupara Service Centre.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM CHAIRPERSON TE AMO AT 12.08 PM

Confirmed this	day of	
CHAIRPERSON		