Minutes - Murupara Community Board 25 August 2025

WHAKATĀNE District Council Kia Whakatāne au i ahau	Details of Meeting:	MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT MURUPARA SERVICE CENTRE, 48 PINE DRIVE, MURUPARA, MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM
	Present:	Chairperson M K Honeycombe, Members S Jones, J Morgan-Ranui, I Prentice, M Kereopa, A Silcock, Councillor Rangiaho, and Councillor Iles (alternate)
	In Attendance:	V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Partnerships), T Chapman (Senior Māori Land Advisor), J Sinclair (Senior Water Consents Project Planner), J Wineti-Gates (Iwi Engagement Advisor – Three Waters Consents Replacement Programme), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Kaumatua Tupe, Taima Rua, and C McGibbon (Contractor – Capture Engagement)
	Apologies:	

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged Mayor Luca and Councillors and all Board members. Kaumatua Tupe opened the meeting with a Karakia at 10:00 am.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

A Local Body Elections Candidate Meeting would be held at the Galatea Hall on 15 September 2025, starting at 7:00 pm.

Members acknowledged the passing of local residents Angela Anderson and Mr Jackson Te Paire.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 PUBLIC FORUM - need her printout and receipts

At the May 2025 meeting, the Board had granted funds to assist Ms Rua attend the 8th World International Massage Championships in Denmark. Ms Rua thanked the Board for their support and spoke of her time in Denmark; noting it was a beautiful country, no pollution, expensive and bicycles were the favoured mode of transport. Of 53 teams competing, their group came 2nd, with the other NZ teams placing 8th and 10th.

Ms Rua was sad to report that the Miri group would no longer operated form their current premises but would be continue via outreaches to the community.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Silcock

A spelling correction was noted '...with *Houroa* events...'. It was clarified that Member Silcock had sent a thank you letter to Lois Anderson who managed the Murupara Electrical Centre.

RESOLVED:

THAT, subject to the above corrections, the minutes of the Murupara Community Board held on Monday, 23 June 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Update from the Mayor

Refer to page 13 of the agenda.

Mayor Luca gave a summary of various work carried out but Council during the triennium, including referencing regional aspects.

The Mayor said it was a privilege to be at the Board meeting and on behalf of Council and the district to acknowledged and thanked the Community Board members for the service and commitment they had given over this triennium. He thanked Kaumatua Tupe and then presented members and aligned Councillors with a certificate.

He wished the very best to those members standing again, and to those stepping down, he hoped the next chapter treated them you well.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Murupara Wastewater Project – August 2025

Refer to pages 14-19 of the agenda.

After introductions were made the Senior Water Consents Project Planner spoke to the PowerPoint presentation. She explained the project was in very early stages and the importance of understanding the community needs before any options were developed. She summarised the existing system and then the reasons for the project, the project objectives, and noted that affordability was a key factor.

Mr McGibbon spoke about engagement and the co-design approach and acknowledged that communications were important throughout the project. He requested feedback from members as to the best methods for engaging with their community. Members advised that it was important to present to all communities, and to present in a way members would be passionate and therefore attendance at hui and community participation would be increased. It was also suggested 'numbers and structural comparisons' would be beneficial.

Moved Member Ranui / Seconded Member Prentice

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Wastewater Project – August 2025 report be received.

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Attendance: Senior Water Consents Project Planner, Iwi Engagement Advisor and Mr McGibbon left the meeting at 11:25 am.

7.2 Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 20-25 of the agenda.

 To ensure members were aware of all funding closing dates, they could be included within the funding distribution list.

Attendance:

Councillor Iles left the meeting at 11:31 am and returned at 11:33 am.

Chairperson Honeycombe left the meeting at 11:33 and returned at 11:35 am.

Mayor Luca left the meeting at 11:37 am.

- A follow up request by the Board to clarify if there were opportunities for local business to
 acquire any project work Council has planned for roading projects like the Gravel Extraction and
 how they can apply to Council to do this mahi etc.
- A request for an update by Council and Iarau Ltd for the Master Plan for Murupara/Minginui to be brought to a upcoming-future Board meeting.
- Murupara staff were acknowledged for their school holiday library programme, and it was
 questioned if additional assistance could be provided during those periods.
- Regarding Civil Defence it was noted that Murupara had an emergency plan, through the Murupara Response Team and information was on their Facebook. It was also noted that the Murupara CERT team worked with Te Runanga Ngāti Manawa in collaboration for emergency events.
- It was reported that due to the Air Chatham information being in public excluded, at this point an update could not be shared.

Moved Member Jones / Seconded Member Kereopa

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7.3 Governance Administration – August 2025

Refer to pages 26-37 of the agenda.

Moved Member Ranui / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

THAT the Governance Administration August 2025 report be received.

CARRIED

8 CHAIRPERSON AND COUNCILLOR REPORTING

8.1 Chairperson Report – August 2025

Refer to pages 38-40 of the agenda.

Moved Member Kereopa / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT the MCB Chairperson's Report – August 2025 report be accepted.

CARRIED

8.2 Councillors Report – August 2025

Refer to pages 41-44 of agenda.

The correct reference to Tāneatua Lions Club was noted and that the Recycling Workshop was ran by Nigel Clarke and the Solid Waste team.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Member Jones

RESOLVED:

THAT the MCB receive MCB Councillor Report August 2025.

CARRIED

9 Members Reporting

Refer to pages 45-47 of agenda.

9.1 Councillor Rangiaho

Moved Member Silcock / Seconded Member Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT the MCB elected for the 2025-2028 triennium make a submission to Pioneer Energy the regarding consent renewal.

CARRIED

9.2 Member Jones

Member Jones had been in contact with the Local Good Samaritan Responders, who had mentioned they required a defibrillator and up to four 2-way radios. Member Jones would contact the Council to investigate potential funding options. She suggested the 2025-2028 Board may wish to hold an afternoon tea with them as a thank you, and to further find out the service they provide.

Member Jones had put forward a project plan for the Beautification Harakeke Road for Council approval. Although not standing for a position on the Board for the next triennium, Member Jones advised she would be happy to continue to steer the project. It was requested the boundary lines be confirmed. This potential project would be referred to the incoming Board.

9.3 Member Silcock

Member Silcock spoke about the Murupara Swimming Pool meeting she attended and advised there was positive outlooks regarding lifeguard positions, and pool staff would be looking to run aquafit and learn-to-swim classes.

Member Silcock had received a response from Council to the request for service logged about the Murupara Shopping Centre footpath.

A discussion ensued regarding a potential electronic noticeboard for Murupara Shopping Centre. Chairperson Honeycombe acknowledged the investigative work Member Silcock had carried out to date for the proposal, however there were issues still to be resolved regarding location, administration, content management and Memorandum of Understanding. The proposal would be referred to the incoming Board.

Members Silcock and Ranui had recently presented to Ngāti Manawa regarding on Drowning Prevention Aotearoa. It was well received, and Ngāti Manawa would be adding to their next hui agenda.

9.4 Acknowledgements

Being the last meeting of the 2022-2025 triennium, Chairperson Honeycombe and the aligned Councillors acknowledged all Board members, Council staff and Kaumatua Tupe for their work and support.

Attendance: the Senior Māori Land Advisor left the meeting at 12:40 pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM KAUMATUA TUPE AT 12:44 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:		
CHAIRPERSON		