


Minutes – Murupara Community Board 27 January 2026

 <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, 27 JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM
	Present:	Chairperson M K Honeycombe, Members I Prentice, M Kereopa, A Silcock, Councillor J Morgan-Ranui and A Iles as Alternate Councillor
	In Attendance:	H Patrick (Kaihautū Māori Partnerships and General Manager Commercial), V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Partnerships), J Eruera (Emergency Management Officer), and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	Member K Paul

The Chairperson welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a Karakia at 10.05 am.

1 APOLOGIES

Members noted the apology received from Member K Paul, who was unable to attend. It was noted that his declaration would be completed at the next Murupara Community Board meeting.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Members were advised that a medical case involving Bernard Connel was scheduled for 9 March 2026 in Rotorua and was expected to span over two weeks.

Staff member Awhina Chapman was acknowledged for receiving the Toitu te Tangata Award.

It was also acknowledged that free delivery of the Beacon had been provided during December and January in Murupara, with payment for further copies resuming in February 2026.

Members acknowledged those who had lost their lives in the recent slip at Mount Maunganui and within the Tauranga City Council and Welcome Bay communities.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Murupara Community Board Activity Report

Refer to pages 9-15 of the agenda.

The Strategic Coordinator – Community Partnerships presented the report and highlighted the following points:

- Progress on the Youth Council was discussed, with ongoing efforts to secure representation from Murupara. Members Prentice and Honeycombe volunteered to act as contact points.
- The visibility and utilisation of community vans within the Galatea/Waiohau area were considered in anticipation of upcoming Council initiatives. Member Silcock agreed to act as the Board contact.
- Staff were acknowledged for their efforts in delivering a successful swimming season at the local pools.
- Clarification was requested regarding the location of the water treatment plant.
- A request was made for a one-page, plain-English summary for residents outlining the replacement of wastewater consents.
- A review of fees at the Murupara Recovery Centre was initiated, including reporting on solid waste data relating to bins that had received strikes.
- The Emergency Management Officer (Civil Defence) introduced himself and outlined the role of his team.
- The Board requested the provision of detour and communication plans for transportation works on Ruatāhuna and Waikeremoana Roads.

Moved Member Prentice / Seconded Councillor Morgan-Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Community Board Activity – January 2026 report be **received**.

CARRIED

5.2 Governance Administration

Refer to pages 16-18 of the agenda.

The Governance Administration Report was presented and discussed. The Board considered scheduling strategic planning sessions for after March 2026 and reviewed the follow-up process for the Murupara Community Board Master Plan. Additionally, procedures for adding items to future agendas, including indicative dates, were discussed. The member also discussed workshops and more education being made available for the community on SmartyGrants.

Moved Councillor Morgan-Ranui / Seconded Member Silcock

RESOLVED:

THAT the Governance Administration January 2026 report be **received**.

CARRIED

6 CHAIRPERSON AND COUNCILLOR REPORTING

6.1 Chairperson Report

Refer to pages 19-21 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Morgan-Ranui / Seconded Member Kereopa

RESOLVED:

THAT the MCB Chairperson's Report – January 2026 be **accepted**.

CARRIED

The meeting closed with a Karakia from the Chairperson at 11:02 am.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON