

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. MC10 of the
Maketu Community Board held on 7 February 2018
in the Maketu Community Centre
commencing at 7.00pm**

The meeting venue was changed due to the unexpected unavailability of the Maketu Community Centre. A notice of the change of venue was posted on the door of the Maketu Community Centre directing attendees to the fire station immediately next to the community centre.

Present

Members S Beech (Chairperson), G Cantlon (Deputy Chairperson), R Clark, and W McFadyen and Councillors K Marsh and J Scrimgeour

In Attendance

G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive), S Harvey (Roading Engineer East/West) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Other

Two members of the public

Public Forum

Resolved: Members McFadyen / Cantlon

THAT the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.

The Chairperson clarified the protocols relating to the Public Forum section of the meeting as set out in the Standing Orders for the Maketu Community Board. He then invited attending members of the public to take part in the Public Forum.

The Chairperson welcomed two members of the public and invited them to address the Board.

Discarded Rubbish Throughout Maketu

Janelle Brown spoke to the Board about concerns relating to the constant littering around Maketu. She stated that she and her partner had lived in Maketu for the past two years and in that time the problem of litter and discarded rubbish had become worse and worse.

Ms Brown stated that she had reported the incidents of rubbish on the roadside through the Service Request System but had not seen any improvements in the contract service required to pick up the rubbish.

Maketu Road was a very busy road, more and more tour buses were coming to the township and to be confronted by roadside rubbish was not a good look.

The incidents of discarded rubbish increased during the kiwifruit season, especially around orchards and pack houses. Ms Brown's partner cited an incident where they had been able to identify a name associated with discarded rubbish and had provided this to Western Bay District Council through the Customer Services office but had had no response back. It was also noted that incidents of regular dumping of household rubbish were occurring in specific spots around Maketu.

The Chairperson noted that the Board would like to see rubbish pick-ups being undertaken on a more regular basis. The Deputy Chief Executive asked Ms Brown to send a copy of the information found in discarded rubbish to the Democracy Advisor, and he would ensure that the contractors were made aware of the concerns raised.

Town Point Road Traffic Speed

Incidents of vehicles travelling down Town Point Road, at the Rauporoa intersection and further down to Te Awhe Road and Park Road into town at speed, had been observed and signage for the area should be considered to help stop hazardous driving.

Parking of Heavy Vehicles

A question was asked why heavy trucks that parked on Town Point Road had to remain in a constant parked position over the holiday period when they were not being used.

The Chairperson explained that as long as the trucks were parked correctly they were not in any breach of the law. The local truck drivers had come and spoken to the Board when they became aware that members of the public had complained about the early start-up noise of the trucks parked in a residential street. While it would be ideal to have a designated parking area for heavy trucks, no bylaw could instigate this and it was a case of neighbours talking with each other to try and resolve concerns.

Overgrown Weeds and Vegetation

It was noticed that there was an increase in overgrown weeds and vegetation throughout Maketu, which contributed to making the township look untidy and unkempt.

Vandalism in the Community

As a member of the Kotukutuku Gully Team, Wendy McFadyen spoke to the Board, highlighting the following:

- Incidents of vandalism within the Kotukutuku Gully had resulted in the gatepost being pulled out and a vehicle had scoured the grass area of the gully.
- This was not the first time the gate had been damaged.
- Trees and pathways in the Kotukutuku Gully had also been damaged by motorbikes.

The Kotukutuku Gully Team asked if a CCTV camera could be installed in the area to try and capture the incidents of vandalism, that could be then passed onto the police.

It was also noted that the Chevron signs in the area had been damaged many times during deliberate acts of vandalism and it was of great concern that the wilful acts of damage were increasing in the township.

Resolved: Members Cantlon / Beech

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.22pm.

The Chairperson advised that the meeting was now under formal process and members of the public were most welcome to stay but may not interject or speak to members during the course of the formal meeting.

MC10.1 Presentation: Waiari Water Scheme Project

The Chairperson introduced Howard Severinsen, Manager Infrastructure Delivery from Tauranga City Council, and Jennifer Pearson, Community Engagement Manager for the Waiari Water Scheme project, who thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide an update on the development associated with the Waiari Water Scheme project. The presenters advised:

- The resource consents for a temporary road and bridge had been issued.
- Tenders for the project had closed and were being evaluated.
- Tauranga City Council had hosted an information stand at the Te Puke Environmental Forum about the Waiari Water Supply Scheme Project.
- There had been water restrictions imposed in the Tauranga over the summer period for the first time in 17 years.
- The consultants had been working closely with the local iwi and Tangata Whenua would be involved in monitoring the project.
- An education programme would be developed outlining the Tangata Whenua history of the river.
- The best options for riverside planting and erosion protection would be considered.
- A site blessing was planned to be held on 28 February.
- The contract work was due to start in March 2018.
- An update of the scheme would be given to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Operations and Monitoring Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 15 February 2018.

The Manager Infrastructure Delivery for Tauranga City advised that the Havelock North Stage Two Report (relating to the recent water supply problems in that region) had just been released and overall made sobering reading with regard to New Zealand water supply provisions.

The Board was advised that the pipeline route was not yet finalised and meetings with landowners were still being undertaken. The presenters advised that they were very mindful of the seasonal activities and movements associated with farming and horticulture in the area and did not want the water scheme construction works to cause disruption.

The Waiari Water Scheme project managers would work with the packhouses and other property owners on No.1 Road to best accommodate the needs of the road users when pipeline construction was underway. Ideally, if a footpath/cycleway could be constructed in-hand with the pipeline construction this would be a very positive outcome associated with the project work.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the project was a good example of two councils working together to achieve an outcome that was beneficial for the whole district.

The Chairperson thanked the presenters for their attendance.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member McFadyen

THAT the presentation from Tauranga City Council representatives dated 7 February 2018 in regard to the Waiari Water Scheme Project be received.

MC10.2

Minutes of Meeting No. MC9 of the Maketu Community Board held on 28 November 2017

The Board considered the minutes of meeting MC9 of the Maketu Community Board held on 28 November 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Cantlon / McFadyen

THAT the minutes of Meeting No. MC9 of the Maketu Community Board held on 28 November 2017 as circulated with the agenda be received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

MC10.3

Chairperson's Report

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 17 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

MC10.3.1 Long Term Plan - Summary of Feedback

The Board would further discuss any further input to the Long Term Plan at their next workshop.

MC10.3.2 Summer Season

The summer season at Maketu had been a very busy time with a constant influx of visitors. There had been a lot of community events at Maketu which had been great to see.

MC10.3.3 Maketu Road

The Board reiterated that Maketu Road was becoming a dumping ground with rubbish continuously strewn along the roadway. More and more bus groups and tourists were coming into Maketu and to be confronted by rubbish along our main route was extremely disappointing and frustrating.

MC10.3.4 Service Providers / Contractors

The Chairperson advised that during a recent drive around Maketu with Member Cantlon and Councillor Marsh it was clearly evident that the required levels of service were not being met. The contractors were not performing to the required standard and there had been comments about the untidy state of the township from many people.

Specific points raised referred to the new footpath on Town Point Road that was now covered with weeds that were growing over the footpath and the state of the Maketu Cemetery (with cut grass strewn about after not being mown for six weeks).

The Board was clear that they did not want to know why the contractor did not perform – only that the required levels of services for maintenance was undertaken when and to the standard required because at the moment the standard of work was not good enough or it was not being done at all.

The Board was advised that the Roading Engineer (East/West) had been out to Maketu with a Westlink representative and seen what was required to bring the maintenance up to standard and a response relating to contractor performance had been requested.

MC10.3.5 King Tide Flooding

The Chairperson reported that the recent king tides had been very stressful for some residents living in lower parts of Maketu. The combination of the king tides, large sea swells and wind and flooding of the Kaituna River saw some houses flooded by the raising tide and the question was asked if the height of the stop banks should be increased.

MC10.3.6 Lawlessness

Board members spoke of a number of incidents and ongoing unlawful behaviours that were continuously happening at Maketu. These included exceeding speed limits, parking on yellow lines, using unregistered vehicles, riding trailbikes without helmets, children riding on the back of vehicles along with other general anti-social behaviour. There was no regular police presence at Maketu and the behaviours and flaunting of the law would continue until addressed by law enforcement officers.

The Board would write to a New Zealand Police representative at the Tauranga City Central Police Station outlining the problems and request assistance from the police to come to Maketu on a regular basis to address the problems highlighted. Board members noted that the availability and associated visibility of police staff for Maketu and Te Puke seemed to be very limited and under-represented in specific community areas where their presence was needed the most.

MC10.3.7 Kohunga Reo

The Board advised that none of the agreed work had been undertaken at the Kohanga Reo and cars were still parking on the footpath area immediately in front of the premises and this was extremely disappointing.

MC10.3.8 New Footpath for Arawa Avenue

The Board had received a request for a new footpath along Arawa Avenue to be constructed from No. 82 to No. 4 Arawa Avenue travelling north continuing on from the existing footpath.

The Board would further discuss this request and determine their priorities that were to be funded from the Community Rooding Account and add the request for a footpath along Arawa Avenue in the priority order they agreed to.

Resolved: Member Beech / Councillor Marsh

THAT the Maketu Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 17 January 2018 be received.

MC10.4 Councillor's Report

The Board considered a report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 23 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Cantlon

THAT the report from Councillor Scrimgeour dated 23 January 2018 be received.

MC10.5 **Anzac Day Commemoration 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 15 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Cantlon / Councillor Marsh

1. *THAT the Democracy Advisor's report dated 15 January 2018 and titled Anzac Day Commemoration 2018 be received.*
2. *THAT the Maketu Community Board provide a wreath for the ANZAC Day Service, to be paid from the Maketu Community Board Contingency Account (up to the value of \$200).*
3. *THAT Maketu Community Board Members represent the Maketu Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service at Maketu on 25 April 2018.*

MC10.6 **Infrastructure Services Report - Maketu - February 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 5 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

MC10.6.1 **Maketu Project team - Cycleway into Maketu - MAS Reference MC817 5.3**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that a meeting date and time was to be confirmed and advised. The Chairperson advised that a number of people from the community also wished to be at the on-site meeting about the proposed cycleway route and he would invite those interested to also attend the meeting.

MC10.6.2 **Kerb and Channel Williams Crescent - MAS Reference MC617 4.56**

The Roding Engineer (East/West) advised that he was happy to meet with Board members on site to discuss exactly what was required to improve the current state of the roadway at Williams Crescent.

MC10.6.3 Beach Road - MAS Reference MC617 4.4

The Roading Engineer (East/West) explained the estimated costs received from Westlink in relation to the requested improvements to the intersection of Beach Road and Wilson Road.

Resolved: Members Beech / McFadyen

THAT the Maketu Community Board approve of the expenditure of the estimated design work (between \$5,000 - \$7,000) which includes site visits, concept designs for consultation, topographical survey, construction plan and schedule of quantities for the improvements works requested on the corner of Beach Road and Wilson Road intersection at Maketu allocated from the Maketu Community Board Roading Account.

MC10.6.4 Maintenance of Main Stormwater Drains and Culverts - Maketu Road Culvert - MAS Reference MC917 4.10

The Board was advised that as part of the wider flood management review, Bay of Plenty Regional Council had installed a tide measuring device that provided feedback on the height of tides. This had been tested during the recent storm event of January 2018.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the Land Management Officer from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Pim de Monchy) would be invited to the next Maketu Community Board Meeting on 20 March 2018 to provide an update on the proposed Kaituna River re-diversion and measures considered in relation to future flood events and the management of the Maketu Road culvert.

Resolved: Member Cantlon / Councillor Marsh

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 19 January 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Maketu - February 2018 be received.

MC10.7 Financial Report Maketu - November 2017

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 5 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Beech

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 5 January 2018 and titled "Financial Report Maketu - November 2017" be received.

MC10.8 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of January and February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Beech / McFadyen

THAT the schedule of meetings for January and February 2018 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.56pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

S Beech
Chairperson
Maketu Community Board

Date

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