

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. MC11 of the Maketu Community Board held on 20 March 2018 in the Maketu Community Centre commencing at 7.00pm

Present

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

In Attendance

R Davie (Group Manager Policy Planning and Regulatory Services), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), His Worship the Mayor Garry Webber and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

One member of the public and Pim De Monchy (Kaituna Catchments Manager Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Public Forum

Resolved: Councillor Marsh / Member McFadyen

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 Don Paterson to speak to the Board.

Mr Paterson had circulated a letter and petition seeking support of the Maketu Community Board in his request to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to reintroduce Kaituna River flow through the Maketu Estuary in the manner described in his letter to the Kaituna Catchments Manager of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Under Maketu Community Board Standing Orders (16.1 – 16.2), the Chairperson advised that the letter and petition would not be received and supported by the Board as the information had not been received by the chief executive at least five working days before the date of the meeting, was disrespectful, and contained offensive language and malicious statements.

The attending Kaituna Catchments Manager of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council advised that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council had also received the letter and accompanying petition and stated that they would not be changing the proposed Kaituna River Re-diversion and Ongatoro/Maketu Estuary Enhancement Project.

Pim De Monchy advised that the proposal to significantly increase the volume of water (particularly fresh water) flowing from the Kaituna River into Ongatoro/Maketu Estuary by 2018 in a way that maximised the ecological and cultural benefits (particularly wetlands and kaimoana) while limiting the economic cost and adverse environmental effects to acceptable levels.

The proposed re-diversion would maximise the flow into the Ongatoro/Maketu estuary while keeping Te Tumu cut open for flood protection and boating access. The re-diversion would significantly change the existing landscape, particularly to low-lying land north of Ford's Cut. It would also re-create at least 20 hectares of wetland habitat, partially restoring the landscape to what it looked like before 1956.

All land acquisition and detailed designs for the project had been completed, tender processes for the main re-diversion construction works were underway with construction scheduled to start late summer/autumn 2018 when the Regional Council approved the tender.

The Maketu Community Board Chairperson thanked Mr De Monchy for his summary and acknowledged the passion that Mr Paterson carried for the Maketu Wetland and Kaituna River.

Resolved: Members McFadyen / Clark

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.20pm.

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 Board members during the course of the formal meeting.

MC11.1 **Presentation - Kaituna River Re-Diversion**

The Board considered a presentation from Pim De Monchy, the Kaituna Catchments Manager from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council who attended to give an update to the Board on the proposed Kaituna River re-diversion and measures considered in relation to future flood events and management of the Maketu Road culvert.

Proposed Kaituna River Re-diversion

- Mr de Monchy responded to the petition tabled by Mr Paterson, but the Board elected not to receive the petition.
- The Kaituna Re-diversion now had the required resource consents, designations and archaeological authorities to proceed. Regional Council had purchased 45 hectares of land for the project. Enabling works to date had included shifting powerlines and water pipes, and

early works had included the construction of a timber footbridge, the removal of two causeways blocking 13 hectares of estuary to tidal flows, and the creation and planting of a coastal chenier ridge on Papahikahawai Island.

- A two stage tendering process for the main construction works had now been completed, and a preferred tenderer selected. Regional Council will consider how to proceed with the project at a meeting on 29 March.
- Once underway, construction was expected to take 27 months, and there would be ongoing collaboration and involvement with both tangata whenua and the wider local community.

Measures considered in relation to future flood events

- Condition 26 of the resource consents for the project require the Regional Council to prepare an Operations and Maintenance Manual (OMM) in consultation with the BOPRC Rivers and Drainage Manager and the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Utilities Manager. The objectives of the OMM, among other things, shall be: "26.4(c) To specify how the diversion control structure is to be controlled to ensure the project does not increase the flood levels in Maketū Township above those that existed prior to the project."
- Mr de Monchy explained that most of the flood hazard to the properties in the lower part of Maketū comes from the level of the sea during king tides and storm surges, as shown by the event on 5/6 January 2018 which was not accompanied by significant rainfall or river flooding. Those sea levels were high enough to reach RL 2.11m in Maketū, overtopping Maketū Rd which lies at RL 1.7m. According to local accounts and Regional Council records, the water levels reached on 5/6 January were last seen during the Wahine storm of 1968.
- Council had invested in a sophisticated flood modelling package including live data inputs on estuary and river levels, landed and forecast rainfall, and predicted tide and sea conditions. These inputs were managed by the Flood Duty Officer using a comprehensive Flood Warning Manual.

Management of the Culverts

- Mr de Monchy explained that the 12 box culverts linking the Kaituna River to the estuary would be operable remotely by the Flood Duty Officer. They would open and close on every tidal cycle to enable the re-diversion, as well as during very large flood events to comply with condition 26.4(c).
- Regional Council was also trying to improve flap-gated culverts around the lower Kaituna and Waihi Estuary catchments to ensure compliance with the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983, which state that no structure shall prevent the passage of indigenous fish. To date, fish-friendly attachments have been fitted to the culverts under Maketū Rd at Spencer Ave (Otumakoro Stream), and at both ends of the Whakapoukorero wetland (un-named drain and Waitipua Stream). These operate by using a cantilever and a counter-weight to hold the gate open for about 60 minutes on the incoming tide to allow fish

passage, but also had the benefit of reducing resistance for outgoing flows and thus increasing outflow capacity.

- As detailed in an engineer's assessment of the Otumakoro Stream structure several years ago, the main issue with flooding due to stormwater ponding at Spencer Ave was the lack of capacity through the culvert under the road (described by Chairman Beech as the plughole of Maketū). The fish-friendly attachment were not to blame.
- Councillor Marsh asked if Regional Council would still contribute to the installation of extra culvert capacity at this location, and Mr de Monchy responded that they would. He asked Western Bay of Plenty staff to bring a proposal to him for consideration.

The Board should include a request to upgrade this culvert in their final Long Term Plan submission.

Resolved: Councillor Marsh / Member Clark

THAT the presentation from the Kaituna Catchments Manager for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council be received.

MC11.2 **Minutes of Meeting No. MC10 of the Maketu Community Board held on 7 February 2018**

The Board considered the minutes of meeting MC10 of the Maketu Community Board held on 7 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Marsh / Member Cantlon

THAT the minutes of Meeting No. MC10 of the Maketu Community Board held on 7 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda be received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

MC11.3 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 7 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Long Term Plan

The Chairperson advised that the Board had discuss items for their Long Term Plan summary.

Maketu Cycleway

Board members and members of the public had met with Council staff on Friday 16 March 2018. The outcome of this meeting was reported further in the Infrastructure Service Report (Item MC11.6).

Contractors

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that contractors had been advised to ensure all Western Bay District Council sites and reserves used in association with the forthcoming Anzac Day commemorations on 25 April 2018 were up to the required standard.

Resolved: Members Beech / Cantlon

THAT the Maketu Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 7 March 2018 be received.

MC11.4 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Marsh dated 7 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Marsh / Member Beech

THAT the report from Councillor Marsh dated 7 March 2018 be received.

MC11.5 **Community Board Grant Application - March 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 6 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

An application from the Maketu Anzac Committee was received. The Board acknowledged the work of the small group of people who worked hard to ensure that the Anzac Day commemoration service at Mateku was successful and memorable for all those who attended.

Resolved: Member Cantlon / Marsh

- 1. THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 6 March 2018 titled Community Grant Application March 2018 be received.*
- 2. THAT the Maketu Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Maketu Community Board Grants 2017/2018 Account subject to all accountabilities being met.*

Maketu Anzac Committee \$750.00

MC11.5.1 **Future Funding for Anzac Day Commemoration Services**

Comment was made that consideration for the funding of Anzac Day commemoration services in the future needed to be discussed by Council. It was felt that Anzac Day commemoration services were a civic event and should be funded by Council. The cost to specific Returned Services

Association Clubs and other hosting agencies/committees was hard to bear - particularly for those in smaller towns, and the need to rely on minimal grant funding year after year (from a Community Board Grant) was very stressful for the organisers of those respective annual Anzac services.

The Board was aware that Council organised and met the cost of the traffic management services required for the Anzac Day events, and provided wreaths for all participating services throughout the Western Bay but agreed that costs incurred by organising groups needed to be given further consideration.

The Board was advised that this was an item that should be included in their final Long Term Plan submission.

MC11.6 **Infrastructure Services Report Maketu - March 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 21 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager spoke to the following items within the Infrastructure Services report.

MC11.6.1 **Future Car Parking Arrangements - MAS Reference MC116 6.2**

The Board was advised that the construction of the carpark at the Hauora site was nearing completion and the lease arrangement with the local Te Arawa Lakes Trust confirmed as per the original consent condition for car parking. The Project Manager for the Hauora was now able to apply for a Code of Compliance Certificate for the building.

If the Board wished to see a car park area developed on the corner site opposite the Hauora on Wilson Road by the roundabout they should include this in their final Long Term Plan submission.

MC11.6.2 **Spencer Avenue Reserve Levelling - MAS Reference MC1916 3.2**

The Board should include a request for allocation of funding for the progressive filling and levelling of the Spencer Avenue Reserve in their final Long Term Plan submission.

MC11.6.3 **Kerb and Channel Williams Crescent - MAS Reference MC717 6.21**

The Board was advised that they needed to include funding for Kerb and Channelling of Williams Crescent in their final Long Term Plan Submission.

MC11.6.4 Kohanga Reo - MAS Reference MC817 2.4

The Board was advised that in order to achieve the agreed improvements to parking and access for the Kohanga Reo, this item had been referred to the Chairperson of the Kohanga Reo.

MC11.6.5 Beach Road - MAS Reference MC617 4.4.4

Following a site visit at Beach Road and discussion of the required works with the Roding Engineer (East/West) and Board Members Beech and Cantlon, it was felt that the estimated cost approved at the last Board Meeting (MC10) (between \$5,000 - \$7,000), which included 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 was exorbitant in relation to what was required.

MC11.6.6 Removal of Gum Trees - MAS Reference MC617 4.5.5

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that he had been in regular contact with a representative of the Te Arawa Lake Trust and arrangements to fell the trees were progressing well.

MC11.6.7 Surf Club Car Park Reserve Rock Revetment - MAS Reference MC2016 2.1

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that extensive consultation with various local hapu had taken place and all responses had been passed to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for their consideration when processing the consent and their reply to the consent application was awaited.

MC11.6.8 Maketu Project Coordinator - MAS Reference MC917 2.1

The Board should include a request for allocation of funding for a Maketu Projects Coordinator in their final Long Term Plan submission.

MC11.6.9 Maketu Projects Team - Cycleway into Maketu - MAS Reference MC817 5.3

Board Members and members of the public met with staff on site on Friday 16 March and discussed options relating to the route for the proposed cycleway into Maketu.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that it had been agreed that the cycleway route would travel along the eastern side (wetland side – right-hand side) of the roadway into Maketu.

The Chairperson commented that the site meeting was very positive and the decision to locate the proposed cycleway into Maketu on the right-hand side of the roadway into Maketu had been unanimously supported.

MC11.6.10 **Service Provider and Contractor Performance - MAS Reference MC1018 3.4**

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that he had met with service providers and reiterated the required level of service for the provision of contracted services.

MC11.6.11 **Lawlessness - MAS Reference MC1018 3.6**

The Chairperson advised that the letter to New Zealand Police Enforcement was ready to pass on the Democracy Advisor for process and posting.

Resolved: Councillor Marsh / Member Beech

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 21 February 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Maketu March 2018 be received.

MC11.7 **Financial Report Maketu - January 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 22 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members McFadyen / Cantlon

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 22 February 2018 and titled "Financial Report Maketu - January 2018" be received.

MC11.8 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of March, April and May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Cantlon

THAT the schedule of meetings for March, April and May 2018 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

S Beech
Chairperson
Maketu Community Board

Date

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