

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

## Minutes of Meeting No. MC13 of the Maketu Community Board held on 12 June 2018 in the Maketu Community Centre commencing at 7.00pm

### Present

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

### In Attendance

E Holtsbaum (Group Manager Technology, Customer and Community Services), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

### Others

Eight members of the public and one member of the press.

### Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Member Clark. It was noted that Member W McFadyen was on leave of absence.

**Resolved:** Members Cantlon / Councillor Scrimgeour

*THAT the apology for absence from Member Clark be accepted.*

### Public Forum

**Resolved:** Councillors Marsh / Scrimgeour

*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.

## **Maketu Coastguard**

Julie Cross representing the Maketu Coastguard spoke to the Board in support of a Community Board Grant Application requesting funding for the purchase of uniforms for Maketu Coastguard volunteers. Ms Cross outlined the training and duties of the volunteer coastguard members and stated that to be able to provide uniforms to the coastguard members would enhance the sense of unity and pride the volunteers had in undertaking their duties and their commitment to the community.

## **Levels of Service**

Max Johnston spoke of his concern about the lack of maintenance throughout the Maketu area that he had observed over a number of years. In his opinion the levels of service had dropped and it was apparent that maintenance work was not being undertaken correctly or undertaken at all.

As a past Board member he noted that there used to be a dedicated townsman with specific responsibility to the Maketu area and this ensured that maintenance and required levels of service were kept up. Mr Johnson noted specific problems being:

- Town Point Road to Rauporoa Road – stormwater traverses down the road and misses the stormwater drain.
- Flood points at the bottom of Town Point Road (outside No 2 Town Point Road) and Wilson Road needed to be looked at.
- Wilson Road kerb and channelling – widening of Wilson Road North was undertaken some years ago but this stopped at 70km Road sign. The section of the road from outside section 528 to Maketu School Road needed to be widened and kerb and channelling installed for an approximate length of 155 metres.

## **Replacement of Watermain Pipes along Wilson Road from Paeangaroa to Maketu**

Mr Johnston raised concern that he had heard that the watermain along Wilson Road had not been installed properly and that was why the pipework had frequently blown out in recent years. He asked if the watermain (that should have lasted for more than the twenty years it had been installed) was to be replaced, would the Maketu community have to pay for work.

## **Maketu Sewerage System**

Mr Johnston asked why were there properties in Maketu still operating a septic tank system. He noted that he was aware that one of the property owners pumped their septic tank waste directly into the stormwater drain.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that the properties not connected to the Maketu sewerage system were currently subject to legal proceedings and no further comment relating to this item could be made at this time.

## **Locked Gate On Unformed Section of Spencer Avenue**

A request to enable pushchair access through to the unformed section of Spencer Avenue was put forward. The Board noted that it was important for the gates to be kept in place to stop motor bike access to the area. The request would be referred to the Reserves and Facilities Manager to consider.

## **Maketu and Little Waihi Wastewater System**

Rachel Dargaville spoke to the Board outlining concerns relating to the increase in cost of the Maketu Wastewater Scheme to ratepayers noting the following:

- Before the scheme was installed Maketu residents had lobbied for a stand-alone affordable sewerage system.
- Reference to a report from Independent Commissioner Russell De Luca (16 August 2010) as part of Section 13 Conclusions and Overall Broad Judgement Under RMA (Part 2) referred 13.8 "In light of the foregoing, and in the context of its powers and responsibilities under other legislation, including in particular the Local Government Act 2002, there remains a clear duty on the part of the District Council to find additional ways to make the project more affordable to the community its is designed to serve."
- The annual rate charge was initially \$642.00 + gst (effective from July 2012) to an annual cost now of \$907.43.
- Members of the community were under the impression that the annual charge of \$642 + gst = \$7421.00 was a fixed charge.
- What happened to \$1m subsidy
- Maketu had received substantial Ministry of Health subsidy funding for the scheme and because of the local low economic status of the area – Council had a responsibility relating to our sewerage rate and if we were being charged the same as all ratepayers across the district why was that?

The attending Group Manager clarified the following:

- The \$1m contingency was used as part of the capital building cost of the scheme and not left over or used in other avenues.
- The Uniform Annual Charge (UAC) in 2011 was \$642.00.
- The UAC for the 2017/18 year is \$907.43 and this would continue at the same rate in the Draft Long Term Plan for 2018/19.
- In the 2014/15 Annual Plan Council adopted to move to a single charge for the District's wastewater schemes and a single charge for the Western Bay's three water schemes. This was to take place over three years.

Clarification was provided around the term 'fixed cost' and 'variable cost' as:

- Fixed cost – account for the financial items associated with constructing the wastewater scheme (servicing of loan payments, interest payments, overheads).
- Variable cost – accounts for the operational costs of running day to day activities of the infrastructure and treatment plant (ie maintenance, parts, chemicals).

Fixed and variable costs were based on total costs of capital and operational expenditure for one year (12 months) of operation.

Mr Johnston noted that the Maketu Wastewater Scheme was an expensive scheme to run and the community chose the scheme, with the wastewater treatment placed on high

ground at Arawa Avenue so that there would be no sewerage infiltration into the surrounding waters and wetlands.

Problems with the grinder pumps had been reported and it was important that households were responsible in managing what was disposed down the wastewater system. The grinder pumps were made for toilet and grey water waste only – not for other disposable products.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Dargaville and Mr Johnston for their address to the Board.

### **Drainage Clearance and Levels of Service**

Residents from Town Point Road spoke to the Board about the substandard levels of service by contractors they had observed in the area. Mowing was generally rough and weeds and grass clippings were left to block up drainage grills.

It was noted that the Town Point Road was much tidier since the new footpath had been put in.

### **Rubbish on Maketu Road**

Janelle Brown advised the Board that she had collected a large amount of roadside rubbish along Maketu Road during the weekend of 9/10 June 2018. She had rung Council and asked for the large bag(s) of collected roadside rubbish to be picked up from her property. She expressed her concern about the constant and large amounts of rubbish along the roadside, saying, in her opinion the level of service provided by Council contractors to collect the roadside rubbish was not often enough. She also stated that she had been able to identify, through a marked letter a name and address that was associated with the discarded rubbish and this information had been forwarded to Council.

Other members of the public present at the meeting voiced similar concerns and instances where they had picked up roadside rubbish and found identifiable documentation and items. The Chairperson reiterated that it was a disgrace, and particularly disheartening for residents who had pride in their community that the random discarding of rubbish was a huge problem for Maketu with rubbish constantly strewn along Maketu Road.

Members of the public were advised to contact the Council and report instances of rubbish dumping.

The Chairperson thanked members of the public for their attendance and participation at the meeting.

**Resolved:** Member Cantlon / Councillor Marsh

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.50pm.*

MC13.1            **Minutes of Meeting No. MC12 of the Maketu Community Board Held On 1 May 2018**

The Board considered the minutes of meeting MC12 of the Maketu Community Board held on 1 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:**        Councillors Scrimgeour / Marsh

*THAT the minutes of Meeting No. MC12 of the Maketu Community Board held on 1 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda be received and confirmed as a true and correct record.*

MC13.2            **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 30 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

MC13.2.1        **Kaituna River Re-Diversion**

The Chairperson noted that the blessing for the Kaituna River Re-Diversion Project had been held on the morning of 12 June 2018 and it was good to see the work finally starting.

MC13.2.2        **Closing of the Kaituna Boat Ramp for the period of the Kaituna Re-Diversion Project**

The Board has been advised that staff would report back regarding concerns raised relating to the impact of the increased use of the Maketu Boat ramps over the next two years while the Kaituna boat ramp was closed. It was imperative that the Maketu Coastguard were able to launch their rescue boats from the Maketu Boat Ramp and freely negotiate the channel.

Staff would raise the matter of the requirement to keep the channel clear with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff and report back in due course.

MC13.2.3        **Freedom Campers**

Board members spoke of incidents that they were aware of where campers were overstaying, and generally abusing the local reserve areas and facilities. Genuine freedom campers were usually aware of the regulations that applied to the district, but there were increasing numbers of campers who were 'freeloading' and had no knowledge or regard for the Freedom Camping Policy.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that there were increasing incidents relating to freedom camping associated with the fruit picking season and Council monitoring contractors were responding to complaints and informing campers of the rules that apply for freedom camping in the undertaking of their monitoring duties.

It was important that any incidents of illegal camping were reported so they could be followed up with the Council's enforcement officers.

#### MC13.2.4 **Options Relating to Payment of Maketu Beach Road Seawall Loan**

The Board was advised that the current balance of the Maketu Beach Seawall loan was \$92,000. Repayments to the loan amounted to approximately \$27,000 per year with the loan due to be fully repaid by 2021.

The Board would give further consideration to this item at a future workshop when the 2018/19 financial balances for the Board's Roding and Reserve accounts were advised.

#### MC13.3 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Marsh dated 31 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

##### MC13.3.1 **Kohanga Reo**

It was noted that cars were continuing to be parked on the footpath/berm area outside the Kohanga Reo.

##### MC13.3.2 **Maketu Project Team - Cycleways into Maketu**

Councillor Marsh reported that he had met with the private land owners relating to land required for the future cycleway into Maketu. He advised that the landowners were not prepared to sell any land relating to the presented plan for the proposed Maketu cycleway.

The plan presented to the landowner showed a three metre width of land identified for possible purchase. It was suggested that there may be other options that could be considered for the cycleway that did not involve the purchase of any private land.

A further meeting with the landowners, Councillor Marsh and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer would be arranged to discuss other options for the proposed cycleway.

**Resolved:** Councillor Marsh / Member Beech

*THAT the report from Councillor Marsh dated 31 May 2018 be received.*

**MC13.4 Community Board Grant Application - June 2018**

The Board received a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 29 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Maketu Coastguard had submitted a Community Grant Application for funding assistance for uniforms for volunteer coastguard crew members.

**Declaration of Interest**

Chairperson Beech declared an interest in this item, as a member of the Maketu Coastguard and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Community Board members acknowledged the work of the Maketu Coastguard and the dedication of the volunteer crew members.

**Resolved:** Councillor Marsh / Member Cantlon

1. *THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 29 May 2018 titled Community Grant Application - June 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 Coastguard..... \$1,423.84*

**MC13.5 Infrastructure Services Report Maketu - June 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 10 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**MC13.5.1 Car Parking on Reserve Land**

Board members asked if reserve land could be opened up to accommodate trailer boat and car parking that would be required due to increasing use of the Maketu Boat Ramp during the Kaituna River Re-Diversion works.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that this could be accommodated and he would liaise with the Board to advise future arrangements for this.

**MC13.5.2 Kohanga Reo - MAS Reference MC8 17 2.4**

It was extremely disappointing that no progress had been made in relation to improving the parking and access for the Kohanga Reo as agreed at the meeting held on 27 September 2017.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager will talk through the present situation with the Chief Executive Officer and the Group Manager Planning and Regulatory Services and report back to the Board.

**MC13.5.3 Removal of Gum Trees - MAS Reference MC6 17 4.5.5**

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that he was still negotiating the logistics of removing the large gum trees on the corner of Bledisloe Park Avenue and Arawa Avenue.

Board members asked that priority be given to removing three large trees that were considered particularly dangerous and overhanging the road. This work needs to be undertaken as soon as possible. Negotiation with Te Arawa lakes Trust representatives to remove the remaining trees would continue.

**MC13.5.4 Surf Club Car Park Reserve Road Revetment - MAS Reference MC20 16.2.1**

The Board was advised that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council had sent the Resource Consent application to a Christchurch based consultant for processing.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager would provide an update report on this matter as further information was provided.

**MC13.5.5 Improvement to Culvert Capacity - Spencer Avenue - Maketu Road - MAS Reference MC12 18 5.2**

The Board requested that the Utilities Manager liaise with Pim De Monchy the Kaituna Catchment Manager Bay of Plenty Regional Council in relation to the installation of extra culvert capacity for the culvert under Maketu Road through to Spencer Avenue. Mr De Monchy had indicated at an earlier presentation to the Board (MC11 20 March 2018) that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council may offer a contribution for the extra culvert installation and Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff should bring a proposal to him for consideration.

**MC13.5.6 Placement of Drinking Foundations on Maketu Reserves**

At the Maketu Community Board Meeting MC12 1 May 2018 the Board approved funding of up to \$2,500 allocated from the Maketu Community



Board Reserve Fund for the purchase and installation of two drinking fountains to be located by the public barbeque on Park Road and on the wing wall of the Maketu Surf Club.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that the purchase and arrangements for the installation of the drinking fountains was underway.

**Resolved:** Councillor Scrimgeour / Member Cantlon

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 10 May 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Maketu - June 2018 be received.*

MC13.6 **Financial Report Maketu - April 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 15 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Member Beech / Councillor Marsh

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 15 May 2018 and titled Financial Report Maketu - April 2018 be received.*

MC13.7 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

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

**Resolved:** Member Cantlon / Councillor Scrimgeour.

*THAT the schedule of meetings for months of June and July 2018 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 8.38pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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S Beech  
Chairperson  
Maketu Community Board

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