	SOUTH MERCURY BAY WORKING GROUP N	IANAGE	MENT MEETING	NOTES		
Time / Date:	9:00am – Thursday 27 June 2019	Venue:	Mercury Bay Com	munity Board Rooms		
Present:	TCDC - Allan Tiplady - District Manager North, Heather Bruce - Community Manager Mercury Bay Council Elected Members — Councillor Murray Mclean, Councillor Tony Fox Combined South Mercury Bay Ratepayer Groups Mercury Bay South Ratepayer Association — Graeme Lomas (Chairman) Hahei Beach Ratepayer Association — Alastair Sims (Chairman) Hot Water Beach Ratepayer Association — Steve LeFebvre (Chairman)					
Apologises						
ITEM	DISCUSSION			ACTION	WHO	
	Allan Tiplady provided an overview of the purpose of the forum and confi based on the previous meeting notes, with the inclusion of any additional		•			
Operations	 Dalmeny Bridge – Councillors McLean and Fox noted that they he this issue and have been assured that if there are surplus funds to the Councillors will follow up if nothing occurs. Hahei Signage is "getting there". The sentiment at Hahei appears would be sufficient to divert enough to the Visitor carpark to manageable. Planting is proposed along Hahei Beach Road to designate the wather Hahei Tourism Infrastructure Fund Projects Update, with work by summer. Mr LeFebvre noted that campervans can be a health & safety iss such could this allow for banning them? May be a police issue? Mr LeFebvre queried progress on signage for Hot Water Beach. circulated and appear to be a simple solution. Mr Tiplady has Manager and the Roading Contractor, Pinnacles Civil, has been proposals. Concerns have been raised by Whenuakite locals around traffic Whenuakite School and Day Care. Their concerns are supported by Mr Tiplady tabled a letter received from NZTA in relation to this in Lowering of speed limits at Hot Water Beach has been requested, Mr Lomas notes that there are also speed concerns on Puranginake drivers more aware. 	to be that make the lkway area ork expected ue at Hot with the last for raised this tasked to resafety part y Mr Sims assue.	put to this project. campervan signage central area more . This is outlined in ed to be completed Water Beach and as signage have been s with the Roading eview the previous icularly around the and Mr Lomas.	Hahei Ratepayers to provide feedback to Allan Tiplady Escalate signage request	Alastair Sims Allan Tiplady	

•	It was agreed that the \$40 parking infringement is not a deterrent. This amount is based on Central Government guidelines.	Discuss infringement amount with Bylaws	Allan Tiplady
•	Freedom camping does not bring money into the communities and is causing environmental	Manager	
	issues, especially at Purangi. Legislation is not effective.		
•	Mr LeFebvre outlined how Southern California dealt with the same issues, which included		
	raising costs and utilising good pre-signage warnings about available space.		
N ater	/Wastewater		
•	Non-compliance issues at the waste water plant have been remedied. More detail required.	Find out more detail	Allan Tiplady
•	A report on the Emma Place waste water targeted rate was presented at the 28 May 2019	about WW plant	
	Council meeting https://docs.tcdc.govt.nz/store/default/5894717 Unconfirmed Minutes of this item are as attached.	Copy of report to Mr Sims	Heather Bruc
•	Mr Sims noted that Emma Place could be seen as a model of what might happen in other		
	project areas and gives the implication that one person can affect Council decisions. Council		
	staff noted that there is no legal ability for one person to impede a project		
•	Waste water is an acknowledged health issue in the Hahei area with septic tanks still in use and		
	a poor waste water plant. Two polluted streams are of significant concern for a majority of		
	Hahei residents. Council currently has a \$50,000 budget for investigation, which is underway.		
Solid \	Waste/ Greenwaste		
•	The Solid Waste contract continues to be undertaken in line with the terms of the contract.		
•	Mr Lomas expressed his disappointment that no progress appears to have been made on green		
	waste facility for Mercury Bay South and noted that the combined Mercury Bay South		
	population is disadvantaged. He further noted that they are the only community who have to		
	travel around 70km to dispose of greenwaste.	Raise this with CE and	Allan Tiplady
•	A Council owned property has been identified as a possible greenwaste site; however at this	Operations Group	Alian Tipiauy
	stage there is no budget or resource available in Council to progress this option. First step	Manager	
	should be to check whether the piece of land can sustain this type of activity including but not	Wanager	
	limited investigating safety, access, and environment. If the site is found to be suitable, suggest		
	advertising for Expressions of Interest to operate a greenwaste facility as a private business under a Council lease.	Send address and map to	Heather Bru
•	Agreed that a letter regarding this issue be sent to the Mercury Bay Community Board from	Ratepayer Chairs	Treather bru
	each Ratepayer group, so they can be formally tabled at a Community Board meeting.	natepayer chairs	
•	The biggest issue with dealing with green waste is contamination, which needs to be taken into		
	consideration with all public or private greenwaste disposal options.		

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	 The cost of dumping greenwaste at Whitianga Transfer Station does not cover the cost of processing. Councillor Fox detailed the Opito Bay system for greenwaste control. The disposal area has been cleaned up and the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association has taken over control of the process. The Association fund mulching once a year. This is a good example of a community recycling their own waste. Mulched material from the Whitianga Transfer Station is available for the public to take, however it has been described as "revolting" and full of noxious materials, again highlighting the difficulty of getting a quality product due to contamination. Mr Lomas has made other suggestions to Council such as compactors or Transfer Station vouchers. 		
	County I Profession Characteristic		
	 Coastal Defence Structures Purangi Reserve is on schedule for completion by October 2019. The backstop wall will be done prior to October; however the planting may not be done by October due to it being outside of the planting season. Flaxmill Bay construction is scheduled for completion by December 2019. 		
Long Term	Tourism		
Strategic Development	The Long Term Plan review is coming up – need to identify any requirements for funding to enable improvements to visitor management.		
	Long Term/Annual Plan		
	 Allan tabled and explained the Annual Plan Capex budgets for 2019/2020. Lees Road seal extension is from the intersection of Hahei Road. Mr Sims believes that the projected budget of \$1,561,000 is "outrageous" and could be completed for a lot less. Councillor Fox noted that Council's compliance costs are significant and suggested checking with the Roading Manager. Council is working with DOC on a Control & Management agreement for Hahei Beach front carpark area (DOC area) and propose to look at redevelopment of this and the TCDC area once the handover process is complete. Car park sealing at Hot Water Beach is included in the budget and TIF funding has been applied for. Hahei Tourist Walking Paths includes footpath from Visitor Carpark entrance along 	Follow up on scope of work for Lees Road	Allan Tiplady

Security	 Mr LeFebvre is meeting with Chorus on the week commencing 1 July 2019. A number of burglaries have occurred in Cooks Beach and residents are requesting security cameras. Other communities have self-funded for security cameras (Matarangi example). Do all communities want security cameras? Mr Sims advised that the Police briefing paper states that a private group cannot install security cameras. He notes that cameras are not as effective as an observant community. Information from England is showing that cameras are not effective and are breaking down communities. Police do not support cameras as a way of identifying a person. 		
Other Items	 Mr LeFebvre queried opportunities for additional parking on the Webster property at Hot Water Beach Road. Councillor McLean states that there is a need for the visitor to pay more to lessen the impact on the Ratepayers. Request group think of how more charges can be implemented. Mr LeFebvre thanked everyone for their valuable time. Mr Lomas reiterated the need to have clear, factual and accurate information on websites, quoting misinformation about the Transit of Mercury. 	Provide link to incorrect information	Graeme Lomas

Next Meeting – To be confirmed

Attached: Hahei Walkways

NZTA Letter

Unconfirmed Minutes 28 May 2019 – Item 2.1 Hahei Water and wastewater extension targeted rate

Aerial Map – 50 Purangi Road