

Motueka community meeting - Wednesday 26 April 2023

Summary:

A positive and well-attended meeting. 32 attendees. 2+hrs.

Key themes were:

- Youth hub/facility – a need for there to be more for youth to do
- Swimming pool
- Housing - working with the community to help create more affordable housing - homelessness and affordability are issues
- More protection from natural hazards for the East side of town
- Better engagement with council/clarity on plans - local facilitator was a popular idea
- Climate change is a big challenge for Motueka
- Public transport - would like to see more services and better connections

Workshop discussions - local priorities:

Group 1:

- Balance of investing in people as well as infrastructure - support people in the community to be the best they can. Is there a council function that supports people to work remotely, which would make Motueka more appealing to a wider audience?
- Youth have a hard time moving around the district - which limits their access to things (sport, recreation, events, health care)
- Access to services is a challenge - especially for youth. Transport and general availability of services are hard
- More emphasis on affordable housing and housing for seasonal workers. Mindfully designed with connection to the community and services.
- Purpose-built youth space/hub. Would like to see support for a cohesive approach between providers - not silos.
- Better local govt engagement with youth - encourage them to see a value in being part of the LTP process
- Older people would like to stop driving but don't feel like public transport provides for their needs
- The right trees in the right places - roots rippling pavements is a problem for the elderly and mothers with pushchairs
- Concern that removing parking just pushes it somewhere else rather than actually encouraging people out of their cars (which is impractical for most people in Motueka)
- Create cycle lanes away from roads - separated
- Would like clarity around the vision for transport and goals of active transport
- Erosion in Marahau needs addressing
- Transport into Marahau needs a focus - road maintenance and public transport options, such as park and ride. It's a valuable economic driver that is being neglected
- Need to prioritise climate change and environmental challenges

- Can we consolidate waste services - can they all come on one day, it's complicated and wasteful at the moment
- What environmental protection is planned for people living on the East side of Motueka? Everyone needs looking after.
- Can the emergency management plans be better communicated - what are we doing to protect against floods and fire and sea level, what should people do in an emergency?
- Make new house builds more resilient - water tanks, solar etc.
- Where will the new wastewater plant go?
- Support for a community swimming pool - want to see construction in years 1-3 of the Long-Term Plan
- Work more closely with iwi - they are the biggest ratepayers and would support more activity if engaged with effectively.
- Large RSE community -0 but not embraced and brought into the community. Opportunity for iwi/mana whenua to play a role in manaaki

Group 2:

- Local focus - we are in a time of change.
- People focus, take care of money, be flexible
- Air quality an issue – burn-offs and coal burning, is it being measured and monitored?
- Work in partnership with other councils to improve efficiency
- Forestry slash/silt rules - need reviewing and enforcing
- Increase productivity - how can we improve wealth? Jobs, commercial, homes
- Support sustainable job creation
- Motueka has significant sea and river challenges to face
- Need a physical youth gathering space
- Find a way to keep young people in Motueka
- Build a swimming pool - great for all ages, from kids to the elderly. Do it now.
- Use local contractors for construction and maintenance work
- Don't use highly productive land for homes/industrial buildings
- Relax the rules for mobile/tiny homes
- Maintain good communications channels with the community - local community officer?
- Transport - support new cycleways and bus routes
- Parking is important too
- Build the iwi partnership
- IT services are good - keep it going
- Support ongoing pest management - possums and rats

Group 3:

- Swimming pool - for all, will have a wide variety of benefits. Need to make a decision soon.
- Focus on living within our means - nice to have versus what we have to do.
- Memorial Park is an asset
- Youth facility - enhance the Rec centre

- Saltwater intrusion is a risk
- Stormwater management - secondary as well as primary flows. Look at best practice engineering
- Council services - get it right the first time
- Enable and support volunteer networks for biodiversity/pest management
- Maintenance is not within the scope for volunteers but can get new projects moving quickly
- Climate change causing concern for youth
- Northern entrance - enhancement, coastal and river protection
- Develop our town centre properly - as a tourist and rural service centre
- The shoreline could be a recreational asset and act as protection (natural protection)
- Better links with the coastal environment
- Value our public spaces /green spaces
- Build housing up - not out
- Improve transport networks - diabolical to Nelson and the Port especially if there is an accident
- Distribute town traffic onto Pah Street
- Cycleways should lead kids to schools.
- Big changes to High Street will have flow-on effects
- Motueka has increasing homeless and housing issues that need addressing

Group 4:

- Waste management (locations) for travellers/visitors - there is a lot more waste being discarded and insufficient collectors
- Increase public toilet facilities
- There are limited recycling options
- A local of refuse facilities/services for Motueka Valley area
- Public transport services - additional schedules, more services especially to sports facilities
- Improved charging station infrastructure and marketing
- Council info needs to be simpler and more engaging
- More recreation facilities for youth
- More interactive art, culture and sport support
- Swimming pool development
- Relax sub-division consenting/requirements
- Support local clubs/non-profit organisations
- Combine facilities - youth recreation and hub/cafe
- Put lights into the sports fields
- Add security cameras at recreation locations
- Timely upgrade of community sports area and associated reserves (saltwater baths, sportspark etc)
- More drinking water fountains
- Motueka River enhancement - plant and weed control

Group 5:

- Ensure Motueka is a functional town that provides for the community. We need to work out what that means for Motueka

- Make sure decisions are the right ones - talk to residents, businesses, schools etc
- Encourage business development - invest in the port
- Regeneration needs less red tape
- Invest in a bypass
- What is TDC planning - can we review suggested ideas?
- Water tanks in each new home
- How do we make our wetlands safe - river management, stopbanks, etc
- Allow/assist the community to find solutions to the issues we face
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change - it's the council's responsibility to lead
- Where is a safe place to go in a Tsunami - need more education on what to do, where to go
- Would like to see the council support non-conventional housing options - tiny homes, shared flats, community housing for young people etc
- Encourage quality employment opportunities - flow on effects for the town are important
- Create a youth hub
- Is a community swimming pool feasible?

Workshop discussions - regional priorities:

Group 1:

- Stormwater
- Community facilities
- Climate Change
- Providing for growth
- Improving public/active transport

Group 2:

- Climate change
- Provide for growth
- Improve the efficiency of council
- Invest in income-earning assets
- Invest in a community facilitator

Group 3:

- Climate Change
- Provide for growing populations
- Invest in community facilities
- Improve freshwater quality
- Improve water supply quality

Group 4:

- Improve access to public and active transport

- Mitigating and adapting to climate change
- Providing for Tasman's growth in populations
- Improving wastewater network
- Improve stormwater networks

Group 5:

- Invest in community facilities
- Provide for Tasman's growing populations
- Mitigating and adapting to climate change
- Improve access to public and active transport
- Planning the future management of natural resources