

Motueka Drop-in session – 28 April 2023

Motueka Community Board in attendance (except Councillor Dowler), Alan Bywater and five members of the public.

Communication and engagement	There are members of the community who don't use digital technology. The Council needs to include non-digital methods in its communication.
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	There is a need to do this urgently – 8% plus growth per annum to avoid catastrophic temperature rise. The Council has good plans but needs to speed these up. What are we all prepared to give up to reduce GHG emissions? Parking spaces? Some transport convenience? The Council's new bus services need good promotion. There are opportunities for the Council to make better use of social marketing to assist in behaviour and culture change.
Housing affordability	Housing affordability is a big issue for the District. There are small plots of land around the District that are not conventionally developable but could accommodate compact houses. Can the Council's rule facilitate this? Relocatable tiny houses could use land that is at risk from climate change or natural hazards as they are not permanent and can be moved. Are there cooperative models the Council could assist with – e.g. lease-buy. The Council could produce a guide about what sorts of smaller homes are acceptable/meet regulations that could be repeatable in numerous locations.
Development of Port Motueka	This is seen as an opportunity to attract employment. It could also be an important lifeline in case of emergency. Further development of the marina could attract people with high wealth to spend money in the area.
Affordability of the Council	This needs to be a continual focus. Improved transparency is also required.
Need to move away from car-centric development	All developments enable people to park right outside their homes. There is an opportunity to improve developments by centralising car parking – people can walk from their homes.
Cycling	There are safety issues with people using e-bikes – move fast, not compatible with pedestrians on shared pathways. Council should continue to invest in cycling infrastructure – needs to be smooth surface, well maintained, safe and not in state highways.
Resilient communities	Well connected communities where people know and look after each other are needed with increasing emergency events. The Council can assist by investing in community facilities where people can interact and through e.g. funding Neighbourhood Support.

