



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of the Meeting of the
Connected Murihiku Joint Committee
to be held in the Community Trust South Boardroom
62 Don Street, Invercargill
on Monday, 20 November 2023 at 1.00pm**

Connected Murihiku Joint Committee - Public Agenda

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Connected Murihiku Values

- **Tino rangatiratanga** – Concepts of self-determination, self-reliance and the desire to be in control of one's vision and destiny
- **Manaakitanga** – The acknowledgment of the mana of others and demonstrating mutual respect
- **Kotahitanga and mahi tahi** – Concepts of unity and working as one
- **Motuhaketanga** – Concepts of independence, autonomy and supporting self-reliance
- **Whakawhanaungatanga** – Concepts of collective wellbeing and relating well to others

**CONNECTED MURIHIKU MEMBERS
INTEREST REGISTER**

MEMBERS		
NAME	ENTITY	INTERESTS
Pania Coote	Awhimai Consultancy Limited	Director and Shareholder
	Hayz Limited	Shareholder
	Te Rūnanga o Awarua	Trustee
	Māori Health, Strategy & Evaluation AwhiMai Consultancy	Consultant
	Hui E! Community Aotearoa	Co-Chair
	Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre Incorporated	Co-Chair
Jess Domigan	Active Southland	General Manager
Paul McPhail	McPhail 2930 – Rental Properties	
	Gore Musical Theatre	Employee
	SBS St James Theatre Gore Repertory Society Gore Community Centre	Member

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INTEREST REGISTER**

MEMBERS		
NAME	ENTITY	INTERESTS
Steve Broad	Media Works	Employee
Sarah Greaney	SRK Consulting Ltd	Director/shareholder
	SRK Trustees Ltd	Director/shareholder
	Fiordland Retirement Housing Trust	Trustee and Treasurer
	Luxmore Enterprises Ltd Kiwi Country Ltd Westland Greenstone Ltd	Husband's entity
Stacy Hughes	One New Zealand	Contractor
	Te Rourou, One Aotearoa Foundation	Contractor

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NAME	ENTITY	INTERESTS
Robyn Morris	Community Networking Trust (Eastern Southland) Inc	Manager
	Kaiwera Valley Farms Ltd	Director
	Ice Sports Southland	President
	NZ Ice Figure Skating Association	President

PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved , seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting; namely

- (a) Minutes of Public Excluded Session of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting Held on 9 October 2023
- (b) Budget Update Report

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
(a) Minutes of Public Excluded Session of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting Held on 9 October 2023	<p>Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii) Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.</p>
(b) Budget Update	<p>Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.</p>



**MINUTES OF CONNECTED MURIHIKU JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY TRUST SOUTH BOARDROOM, 62 DON STREET, INVERCARGILL ON
MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023 AT 1PM**

Present: Mrs Pania Coote
Cr Steve Broad (ICC)
Cr Sarah Greaney – SDC - teams
Cr Paul McPhail – GDC
Mrs Jess Domigan – Community Representative - teams
Mr Stacy Hughes – Community Representative

In Attendance: Ms Rebecca Amundsen – Project Lead - teams
Ms Rhiannon Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Mrs Liz Williams – Team Leader – Executive Support

1. Apologies

Robyn Morris

2. Declaration of Interest

A register was tabled for members to complete.

3. Minutes of Connected Murihiku Appointments Committee Meeting Held on 31 August 2023

A4831679

Nothing arising from the minutes.

Moved, Cr Greaney; seconded Mr Hughes and **RESOLVED** that the Committee confirm the Minutes of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting Held on 31 August 2023.

4. Presentation from Project Lead

Ms Amundsen took the committee through a verbal presentation, she thanked the committee for the opportunity to take on this role. Keen to understand from the committee what they would like to see from the project. Visited the Wheelhouse Project

- good place to start is connection and communication. Work with mana whenua and how work together in the future.

Cr Broad talked about joining the puzzle pieces to together – without doubling up.

Mr Hughes noted that he had had an approach to be involved, central government are interested.

Ms Domigan keen to bring the people that were at the conference bring them back in and up to speed with the project. Key that we work with and involve mana whenua.

Cr Greaney keen to see the good work done and turn it into something tangible. Such a big project – condense and prioritise key actions so that we can focus on. Also need to be clear about what not in scope – look at both sides.

Cr McPhail key for him is connections – connect the whole region as one and again tie in the people that were involved early on.

Mrs Coote also agreed not going to wide and look at what is in scope and what isn't. Be clear around what that pou looks like and focus – take the information from the workshops. Need to ensure benefits for our communities and Maori and it is a safe place, otherwise won't get engagement.

The group talked about what success looks like and how we measure that.

RSLG is very interested in this platform due to labour force – a lot of interest in what will be and come out of this.

Ms Suter we do need to support on the milestones to MBIE have been good work done in the workshops – next couple of months are key and laying the groundwork for an online platform. Also how we deliver and involve the whole region.

One big map – pulling into key themes and thinking.

Ms Suter queried how the committee would like Becs to report in.

Ms Amundsen noted that logically a report but also keen to meet with the members of the committee in the next couple of weeks and connect with their communities.

Mrs Coote perhaps once a fortnight, Becs could update the committee on what she is doing and what she needs – perhaps fortnightly on zoom/team and in person in the next two weeks.

The committee agreed that that would work well.

Cr Greaney felt that we need to have a round-up of the information and get the committee on the same page and look at how we support Becs in her role.

Ms Amundsen noted that one of her first things is to do a one pager to leave with people.

Cr Greaney also noted that in Te Anau there are new people that had not been involved in the early stages and would be good to connect with them.

Ms Suter noted that there is a Lets Talk Connected Murihiku page and that is a good resource and can keep as long as needed. Paper in the first meeting would be good to have as well. Formal presentation from Becs once has been able to disseminate that information.

Mrs Coote noted that could be shared to tell the story, and asked Ms Amundsen how she would like to be supported.

Ms Amundsen agreed fortnightly catch ups would be great and getting a feel from the committee what's happening in the community – may be nothing to report but still good to have. The success of this project is how we will get buy in from community groups and organisations, and that's a team effort.

Mrs Coote noted there is a combined runaka meeting on 4th November and will get an invite to Becs for that.

Cr McPhail noted that a one pager report would be good to take back to his council.

Ms Suter showed the group the page that is currently on ICC website – will be good when have our own. Bios from council and mana whenua reps to add to the site would be great to add. Can run polls, video engagements – and noted that Becs can add to this platform for as long as it is needed.

5. Public Excluded

Moved Cr Greaney , seconded Cr McPhail that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting; namely

- (a) Evaluation Report Connected Murihiku
- (b) Project Update Report

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(a) Evaluation Report Connected Murihiku	Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

(b) Project Update
Report

Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information

Section 48(1)(a)

That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 2.05pm

CONNECTED MURIHIKU REPORT

To:	Connected Murihiku Joint Committee
Meeting Date:	Monday 20 November 2023
From:	Rebecca Amundsen, Project Lead, Connected Murihiku
Approved:	Rhiannon Suter, Manager – Strategy, Policy and Engagement
Approved Date:	Tuesday 14 November 2023
Open Agenda:	Yes

Purpose and Summary

This report provides the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee with an update on the project progress including a review of the Project Plan.

Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the, "Connected Murihiku Report";
2. Note the project review key steps 2023 and key steps and opportunities January -June 2024 and approve these actions;
3. Confirm and approve the one page summary project overview (A5031433)

Background

I commenced the role on 16 October. This report is for the 4 weeks starting 16 October 2023 until Sunday 12 November 2023.

My office is at Community Trust South and I have been inducted and training is continuing on the relevant Invercargill City Council systems.

I have developed the one page summary update about the Project for the Joint Committee and completed a review of the Project.

The following have been initiated:

- Communications Plan
- Engagement Plan
- Cultural Capability Plan.

I have had meetings or calls with:

- Rhiannon Suter
- Pania Coote

- Courtney Heke-McColgan, Nga Hau E Wha
- Karen Purdue, Community Partnership, SDC
- David Dudfield, Social Scientist, Environment Southland
- Allison Beckham and Judith McInerney, Presbyterian Support - Migrant Network
- Danielle Carson, ICC Community Activator
- Michelle Reynolds, Number 10
- Lynsey Stratford and Loshni Manikam, Rural Sector
- Paul Searancke, Southland Interagency Forum
- Sheree Carey, Southland Business Chamber
- Sarah Greaney, SDC Councillor
- Clare Hamill, Connected, MSD
- Toni Biddle, MBIE

Review of Project Plan

Review the Connected Murihiku Project and Project Plan:

The attached one page summary includes elements of project not detailed in this report.

The milestones for the next MBIE report are due 20 April 2024 and are as follows:

- Report to the JTP team and the Regional Public Service Sector Lead
- Content creator appointed
- Web developer appointed
- Connected Murihiku platform developed
- Engagement hui commenced
- Funding applications developed

This is followed by a launch of the platform on 1 June 2024.

Review:

This review of the Project Plan considers how to progress the Connected Murihiku Project. It also considers how the process to undertake this Project can align with community-led principles and the values of Connected Murihiku.

Better connection and communication across the sector was a strong and repeated message throughout the engagement process and informed the development of this Project. The initiative - Connected Murihiku - is a means to bring together agencies, organisations and people to help alleviate this issue, build resilience and ensure we get the best out of all the community and social activity in Murihiku.

What is clear is there is a large amount of good work happening in the community space across Murihiku Southland. The opportunity lies in connecting it together and intentionally focusing on building a stronger network of organisations across the region.

The review finds that this Project will be able to add value to the community and social sector across the region. Across Aotearoa entities of varying kinds support the social and community sector as Connected Murihiku intends to do. The key to the success of these entities is finding the best way to support the sector and this is best done through using a community-led approach.

As outlined in the project proposal, the focus of this initiative is connection and communication for community and social sector organisations. As such, the keys to the success of this project will be:

- Using a community-led approach to inform how the platform will look and what areas should be the focus
- Using a community-led approach to find the gaps and needs Connected Murihiku can best support
- Identifying the activity already happening in the sector that can be supported through Connected Murihiku
- Developing insights into the sector
- Ensuring a regional approach
- Sharing stories and creating visibility of the social and community sector
- Encouraging and supporting collaboration, networking and connection
- Identifying opportunities to share resources and for capability building

The main area of concern raised is that Connected Murihiku will try to take over activity already being undertaken. As noted above this is not the intention, the intention is to support and enhance existing activity and work where there are gaps and needs not being met.

Another area to be aware of is the regional reach of this project. As part of the engagement plan this will be a focus to ensure Connected Murihiku is regional in its focus. This will include regular engagement with people and organisations in the wider region.

The review finds that achieving the MBIE milestones as agreed and noted above is achievable and below notes the key steps to make progress towards that. The key steps are developed with the milestones, Connected Murihiku values, community-led approach and key success factors in mind.

The following key steps provide the framework for activity until the end of the current financial year.

Key Steps 2023:

- Reconnecting with those connected with throughout the process and reaching out to others to grow the network.
- Gather insights and grow the picture of what is already happening in the community.
- Set the hui date for 30 April 2024 and send initial information.
- Complete an engagement plan including a regional focus
- Complete a communications plan
- Develop a funding plan for 2024/25 year
- Identify how Connected Murihiku demonstrates its values including a cultural capability plan.
- Purchase the Connected Murihiku domain name and start using @connectedmurihiku email address.
- Develop a brand for Connected Murihiku
- Raise the profile of the Project - invite the sector to talk about what they are doing and commission articles related to these narratives such as an inspirational person, an amazing project, a great resource, or an activity that is not well known. This can bring visibility in the short term but can also be utilised as future content for the platform.

Key steps and opportunities January – June 2024:

- Continue activity above
- Send out regular e-newsletters to database
- Undertake engagement, communications as per plans
- Undertake funding applications as per the funding plan
- Bring together information about governance training opportunities in the region to make them more accessible.
- Supporting organisations to work with volunteers is an opportunity where Connected Murihiku can provide support and conversations are already underway.
- Develop the first iteration of the platform as a landing page for the Connected Murihiku Project by June 2024 and migrate content generated to this page.
- Undertake engagement with the sector and use a community-led approach to further develop how the platform should evolve to be of the most benefit to the community and social sector. Gathering insights into what exists within the sector, what is working well and adding value, what needs support, where the gaps are and how the sector can be strengthened will provide Connected Murihiku with the best opportunity to add value to the community and social sector.

Year 2 and 3 of the project:

Year 2	July 2024 to June 2025	Further engagement and development of the platform Second in person hui – November 2024
Year 3	July 2025 to June 2026	Engagement and strategic plan to future proof and identify growth and development areas

Future reports will report on the following headings:

- Visibility actions
- Financial sustainability
- Engagement Plan actions including regional focus
- MBIE Milestone progress including Platform development
- Key Insights

Issues

No issues identified

Next Steps

The next joint committee meeting is 29 January 2024. The report for that meeting will update progress on the key steps 2023 as identified in the review.

Attachments

1. Connected Murihiku One pager (A5031433)

Joint Committee One Pager:

What: Connected Murihiku is a vehicle to help better connect the community and social sector in Murihiku. The focus of the project is the community and social sector (as opposed to the community at large).

We acknowledge that within the sector work is happening to support better connection but this is largely within segments of the sector eg youth, rural, and migrants. This project is not to take over this work but to bring all this work together, to identify opportunities and gaps and create a solid foundation to support the whole community and social sector.

Why: If the community and social sector are better connected they will be more resilient. A lack of communication and connection across the sector was one of the areas identified through the Strong Communities process as a significant gap. A better-connected sector has a stronger voice and can better advocate for itself and the community. It will also provide opportunities to work together more and identify areas where more support would be helpful.

How: Using community-led principles, Connected Murihiku will begin with a Project Lead who will continue the work done through Strong Communities Murihiku. This will include:

- Connecting with more people in the community and social sector across the region
- Identifying how the sector can be better connected and supported
- Arranging in-person hui for the sector as a whole and where applicable parts of it
- Distributing information to the sector through e-newsletter and the Lets Talk platform
- Strengthen relationships with Māori
- Establish a Te Tiriti based co-partnership with mana whenua and communities to drive this mahi

These things will be quick wins for the project and will keep the momentum going from the SCM work, create visibility and broaden the reach of the Project especially in terms of understanding what is happening already and what the gap is that can be filled through this Project.

In response to these actions, this will lead to better understanding of how to:

- Development of a snapshot of the sector across the region
- Establish an online platform for connecting the sector – providing what the sector needs
- Identify opportunities to share skills, training, support and mentoring
- Collaborate better across the sector
- Achieve better outcomes for the community
- Create visibility of the sector

This will create buy in to this project and ensure that what is created fills the gap and need as experienced by those in the community and social sector. It also ensures we follow the community-led principles as identified as priorities through the Project.

Outcomes for the Community & Social Sector from the Connected Murihiku project:

Better connection and communication, therefore more informed

More opportunities to learn from each other and share resources

Easier to seek help

Easier to identify emerging issues in the community

More visibility

Better capability in the community and social sector

Better data, information and resources

Avoid duplication

More resilient community and social sector

Better connection between the sector and government agencies



Connected Murihiku Joint Committee
Meeting Schedule 2024

Date	Venue
Monday 29 January 2024 at 1pm	Community Trust South - 62 Don Street, Invercargill
Monday, 11 March 2024 at 1pm	Community Trust South - 62 Don Street, Invercargill
Monday, 6 May 2024 at 1pm	Community Trust South - 62 Don Street, Invercargill
Monday, 24 June 2024 at 1pm	Community Trust South - 62 Don Street, Invercargill
Monday, 5 August 2024 at 1pm	Community Trust South - 62 Don Street, Invercargill
Monday, 23 September 2024 at 1pm	Community Trust South - 62 Don Street, Invercargill
Monday, 11 November 2024 at 1pm	Community Trust South - 62 Don Street, Invercargill