

Report To: Council



Meeting Date: 29 September 2026

Subject: **Les Munro Centre Revitalisation – Community Engagement and Next Steps**

Type: Decision Required

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1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is provide feedback from the recent community engagement on the future options for the revitalisation of the Les Munro Centre (LMC) and to seek approval to develop the Feasibility Plan to the next stage.

2 Suggested Resolutions

- 2.1 The following are suggested resolutions only and do not represent Council policy until such time as they are adopted by formal resolution.
- 1 The business paper on Les Munro Centre Revitalisation – Engagement Feedback and Next Steps be received.
 - 2 The Council approves:
 - a. Option 1 - Stop the Feasibility Project now completely.

OR

 - b. Option 2 - Pause the next stage of the Les Munro Centre Feasibility Study while the LMC Steering Group investigates and oversees further development of the LMC Concept and Business Case.
- OR
- c. Option 3 - Approve the Feasibility Project to continue and approve a budget of \$225,000.

3 Background

- 3.1 The purpose of the LMC Revitalisation Project is to identify and unlock the potential of the LMC, improve its use as a community asset and explore a mix of services and activities that could support stronger utilisation and potentially reduce the rates requirement.
- 3.2 An initial project on this topic was developed from August 2023 to August 2024. The history of events is summarised below:

15 AUGUST 2023 | EARLY DIRECTION

- 3.3 At a Council workshop, potential service evolution opportunities for the LMC was discussed. Council considered whether the objectives of the proposed Community and Cultural Hub could be met, in part, by revitalising the LMC.

- 3.4 \$200,000 of Better-Off Funding had been allocated to the wider project, and the rescope project received Crown Infrastructure Partners approval.

MID-2024 | PROJECT START

- 3.5 Following completion of the Long Term Plan process, informal discussions with SGL Funding (funding and project consultant) and Boon Ltd (Architect) explored pivotal repurposing options, including a possible library and community hub mix. These were initial concepts only, with community engagement intended to guide future decisions.

6 AUGUST 2024 | STAKEHOLDER INPUT

- 3.6 A key stakeholder meeting brought together elected members, Council staff, the Shearing Committee, Te Nehenehenui, On-Stage Te Kūiti, Waitomo Society of Arts and community representatives. The shared view was that the LMC remained an important community asset, but was dated and underutilised.

12-19 AUGUST 2024 | CONCEPT DESIGN

- 3.7 Further discussions clarified functional needs for major users. Boon Ltd prepared initial design concepts with input from SGL Funding and Council staff. The stakeholder group reviewed the concepts on 19 August 2024.

27 AUGUST 2024 | COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- 3.8 Council received (as a Public Excluded workshop paper) the Preliminary Business Case and Feasibility Concept Plans.
- 3.9 A programme of community engagement, option analysis, cost refinement and Annual Plan consideration was then mapped out.

15 OCTOBER 2024 | ANNUAL PLAN WORK

- 3.10 The project remained within the Better-Off Funding programme for concept and design work. Further consultation and any agreed implementation were expected to be considered through the 2025/26 Annual Plan process.

30 JUNE 2025 | INITIAL PHASE COMPLETE

- 3.11 Initial scoping, option development and indicative costings were completed. Council placed the proposed outcome on hold for potential reconsideration through the Long Term Plan process. Three options were developed:

Option	Capital Cost \$m
1 Core	3.141
2 Core + Theatre upgrade	3.571
3 Core + Theatre upgrade + Library extension	4.648

9 OCTOBER 2025 | FUNDING POSITION

- 3.12 Council recorded \$200,000 of Better-Off Funding for LMC business case and scoping work. Actual expenditure was \$80,961, leaving \$119,039 uncommitted. The balance was retained with the project for possible continuation during Long Term Plan development.

14 APRIL 2026 | PROJECT REACTIVATED

- 3.13 A Council workshop received a recap and briefing, and the revitalisation project was recorded as being underway again.

30 JUNE 2026 | GOVERNANCE

- 3.14 Draft Steering Group Terms of Reference were presented for Council feedback. Council was advised that no LMC capital or operating budget was included in the plan, while \$119,039 remained available from Better-Off Funding.

25 AUGUST 2026 | STATUS UPDATE AND BUDGET ENDORSEMENT

- 3.15 Supporting documentation included a chronology of events to date for the project, Terms of Reference, and draft Minutes of the LMC Project Revitalisation Steering Group. Council endorsed budget allocation of \$40,000 from the Better-Off Fund to the LMC Revitalisation Project – Pre engagement.

4	Commentary
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- 4.1 Matters requiring confirmation before further commitment.

HOW COMMUNITY FEEDBACK WILL INFORM LONG TERM PLAN DECISIONS AND ANY FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION.

- 4.2 The community was engaged using a range of tools including an open day, social media posts, WDC's engagement tool (Social Point) and print media.
- 4.3 The outcomes from that feedback is attached to this paper. **(Attachment 1)**
- 4.4 If the feasibility project is approved to go to the next stage then further community engagement should be carried out to continue to receive feedback. A targeted feedback process would occur during engagement with the Long Term Plan in March/April 2027.

COUNCIL-APPROVED SCOPE, DELIVERABLES AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS.

- 4.5 A very broad estimate of the cost to complete the revitalisation project is \$4.7m - \$5.4m. This is a cost estimate based on a very conceptual basis using previous work undertaken and inflating it and adding space for a new build to accommodate the library. The more detailed design will occur if approval to do so is received at this council meeting.
- 4.6 If the next stage of the project is approved then the following stages will occur:
1. Predesign - community and stakeholder engagement support (current phase to end of September 2026).
 2. Concept Design (largely BOON, with cultural support) and with Quantity Surveyor (QS) for budget set.
 3. Preliminary Design (with specialists ie geotechnical, structural, services, fire and with QS for preliminary cost estimate. (Timeframe up to June 2027).
 4. Resource Consent - not looked at this in any detail at this time.
 5. Developed Design (with specialists and QS - and typically involves a "value management" exercise to consolidate scope and cost before committing to next stage).
 6. Detailed Design & Building Consent (with specialists).
 7. Procurement - strategy and management.
 8. Construction stages.
 - Contract - establishment and administration (engineer to contract)
 - Monitoring (design team as applicable)
 - Post Practical completion - defects management and post occupancy

OPERATING COST MODELS

- 4.7 Operating cost models will be developed for a combined LMC / Library / Community Hub once more of the operating parameters are defined eg operating staff structure, additional activities and more commercial activities that are planned as part of the new community hub.

PROJECT COSTS TO SEPTEMBER 2026

- 4.8 The cost estimate of \$40,000 to get the project to the end of September 2026 would appear to be accurate. This included consultant costs and costs for the open day.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT COSTS TO JUNE 2027

- 4.9 This covers stage 1 – 3 in section 4.6 above of \$225,000. It also covers support for sourcing funding and cultural engagement.
- 4.10 Project Funding for the project to June 2027
- 4.11 A table below proposes how the project could be funded:

Project Item	\$000
Initial project costs to 30 September 2026	40
Estimate of project cost to 30 June 2027	<u>225</u>
Total project cost	265

FUNDING THE REMAINING FEASIBLY STUDY USING BETTER-OFF FUNDING (BOF) AND REALLOCATION OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOF PROJECT.

BACKGROUND

- 4.12 At council meeting 30 April 2024 approval was given to repurpose the \$200,000 allocated for development of a Methamphetamine Programme to a new Sports Development sub-project under the Social Good partnership grouping.
- 4.13 For a number of reasons, the Sports Development project has been unable to reach key project milestones.
- 4.14 This allows an opportunity to allocate this \$200,000 funding towards another project that will meet Better off Fund purposes.

OPTIONS FOR BOF FUND REALLOCATION

- 4.15 Two options exist:
1. Approve reallocation of the Sports Development subproject \$200,000 towards a new community sub-project – potentially the LMC revitalisation feasibility.
 2. Approve reallocation to the unallocated tranche for use on Stormwater projects. \$1.5m of funding is allocated to this cause currently. Assessment of the capital cost for stormwater improvements are being developed and will be discussed with Council.

MCERT APPROVAL

- 4.16 The BOF grant is now administered by the National Infrastructure Funding and Financing department (NIFF). Whilst grant conditions and previous DIA directions remain, a different relationship manager can bring different interpretations.
- 4.17 A decision to reallocate the Sports Co-Ordinator funding within the Social Good or Town Amenity groups is consistent with previous DIA relationship management advice (October 2024). The amount of grant funding WDC has reallocated towards stormwater projects was provided as

reasoning to support smaller amounts being reassigned to new community based sub-projects that would achieve the original stated goals of the umbrella group.

- 4.18 The DIA advice at the time was that degree of within project reallocation did not require project change approval, only disclosure through the reporting processes.
- 4.19 Within that context reallocation towards a community based sub-project is assessed as not needing to get DIA approval, however there is a low risk the new NIFF relationship manager will have a different opinion.
- 4.20 A decision to reallocate the Sports Co-Ordinator funding towards stormwater projects is assessed as having almost no risk given the consistency with previous decisions and government directions.

FUNDING OPTION

Funding required of \$225,000 for the next stages of the feasibility project (to the end of June 2027) could be funded from: <i>Note - \$40,000 committed already</i>	
Better-off Funding – Les Munro Centre	119,000
Better-off Funding – previously Sport Coordinator	146,000

- 4.21 The funding option above would allow \$54,000 funding to remain from the existing sport coordinator fund. This could be applied to the unallocated tranche and then to stormwater improvements.

5 Analysis of Options

OPTION 1

- 5.1 Stop the feasibility project now completely

RISKS:

- 5.2 Community expectations that some development will occur
- 5.3 Lost opportunity of providing a community hub for our community

OPPORTUNITIES:

- 5.4 Saves project and potentially revitalisation costs. BOF funding could be redirected into stormwater development

OPTION 2

- 5.5 Pause the next stage of the LMC feasibility study while the LMC Steering Group investigates and oversees further development of the LMC concept and business case. This would mean that no more development work would continue by the architects and other specialists and a capital costing and operating model would not be available for engagement in the 2027-37 Long Term Plan. This engagement could occur in the following Annual Plan process. This will require some budget to continue with work for the steering group.

RISKS

- 5.6 Any outcome will be too late to engage with the community on during the LTP process. The engagement would then likely be in a later Annual Plan
- 5.7 Any potential council aggregation could make this decision making more complex.

- 5.8 BOF funding needs to be spent before June 2027 so this cannot fund project development costs after that time.

OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.9 More time to develop a concept and business plan. Timeframes are very tight to get stakeholder buy-in for the project and develop the concept plan and business case for the LTP timetable

OPTION 3

- 5.10 Approve the feasibility project to continue and approve a budget of \$225,000. There are still decision gateways between now and June 2027 as follows where the project (and therefore expenditure) could be stopped:

- November 2026 – estimated capital budget to council for approval and inclusion in the drafting of the Long Term Plan
- March 2027 – approval of the Long Term Plan engagement document and budget with or without the LMC revitalisation project
- June 2027 – approval of the Long Term Plan with or without the LMC revitalisation project

RISKS

- 5.11 Community and other stakeholders are not completely behind the project.
- 5.12 Timeframes are very tight to get stakeholder buy-in for the project and develop the concept plan and business case for the LTP timetable
- 5.13 Cost overrun for the project.

OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.14 Continue the project to allow the development of community hub
- 5.15 Able to use BOF funding for the project development

6 Considerations

CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PLANS AND POLICIES

- 6.1 It was intended that this project would form part of the Long Term plan 2027-37 if approved. District Plan and building regulations would be adhered to during the formation of these plans.

SIGNIFICANCE AND COMMUNITY VIEWS

- 6.2 The LMC Project Revitalization project does not trigger the significance and engagement policy. Community views have already been sought on the project feasibility already as outlined in this paper.
- 6.3 The approval of the project itself would trigger the significance and engagement policy and that is why the existing plan is to engage on this during the Long Term Plan process. This required the feasibility study, capital and operational costing to be completed first.

7 Attachments/Separate Enclosures

Attachments:

- 1 Outcomes of Community Engagement (Doc #1007290)



Summary of Feedback received to Les Munro Centre Revitalisation Project

From late August to late September 2026, Waitomo District Council engaged with the community on the Les Munro Centre. The purpose of the engagement was to determine whether there was support for revitalising the LMC which could include a community hub and shifting the library into it.

Community feedback was gathered in numerous ways, including:

- at an open day event held at the LMC on 28 August (verbal feedback)
- online through various tools on the Social Point site
- a specific library survey on the Social Point site
- online using a standard website form
- using a paper form
- comments on Facebook

These pieces of feedback are provided in the appendix and summarised in various sections below. However, as an overall summary of the sentiments expressed, it could be said that:

There is broad support for the idea of revitalising the LMC and increasing its use. However, there is not evidence of broad support for relocating the library. On balance the preference from the community seems to be to retain the library in its present location.

1. Social Point feedback

Twenty two respondents submitted to the Social Point map or the 'themes page' with ideas for what should be the LMC. When asked 'What are your ideas and vision for the LMC?' the following ideas were suggested:

Idea	Number of Contributions	What respondents suggested
Café, food and drink	7	Café or coffee offer; restaurant; food and drinks; kai and beverages with events
Children, young people and family activities	6	Playgrounds; toy library; Lego/programming; homeschool gatherings; mums and babies; teen-friendly space/youth space; space for children to play
Library and reading space	3	Library in the lobby/supper-room area; quiet reading; welcoming community library
Cooking and culinary classes	3	Cooking classes, including links to a café or restaurant
Music and live performance	3	Casual singing, summer concerts, musicians and comedians
Meeting, club and conference spaces	3	Bookable meeting rooms and spaces for clubs, conferences and events
Markets and expos	1	Regular low-cost markets and themed expos to attract visitors
Makerspace	1	A dedicated creative or practical making space
Cinema	2	Cinema or film screenings, inflatable movie screen

Idea	Number of Contributions	What respondents suggested
Te Reo Māori and cultural experience	1	An immersive Te Reo Māori café (like in Rotorua)
Justice of the Peace service	1	Fortnightly JP visits using office space
Longer library hours	1	Weekend and late-night opening for workers and young people
More events and stronger promotion	1	Use the centre more often and improve publicity to draw audiences
Retain the existing centre layout	2	Keep the centre broadly as it is while increasing its use, PR team, leave it
Technology	1	Media room and access to computers and printing
Hot desking	1	Family friendly workspaces

Note: contributions often contain more than one idea and are counted separately so totals will usually add up to more than the number of submissions.

There was also a place on the homepage for submitters to leave their comments if they didn't have any specific ideas to add to the map. The eight responses to this section can be summarised below:

Overall sentiment	Unique submissions	Interpretation
Negative	5	Five of eight submissions can be labelled negative in the sense that they oppose moving the library to the LMC and/or the community hub model. One mixed response just noted that it must be financially sustainable, the other opposed the library but suggested support for a hub. The comment positive on change, suggested turning the LMC into a pool.
Mixed	2	
Positive	1	
Total	8	

Shared theme	Unique submissions	Summary of expressed sentiment
Cost, rates and financial sustainability	5	Keeping rates down as a key consideration; avoid unnecessary expenditure; disclose the economic case; protect ratepayers and require a sustainable outcome.
Oppose moving the library to the LMC	4	The proposed relocation is viewed as unnecessary, unsuitable or harmful to the library and LMC.
Promote and optimise the existing LMC	4	Use the LMC as it is more actively for events, conferences, weddings and community programming rather than undertaking major change.
Space or operational conflict from co-location	3	Respondents doubt the library will fit or that flexible event space and library operations can coexist effectively.
Keep or expand the library at its current/central site	3	Retain the existing library, expand upstairs, or use another central purpose-built location.
Address barriers to greater LMC use	3	Investigate fees, liquor licensing, marketing and staffing as practical barriers to higher utilisation.

Shared theme	Unique submissions	Summary of expressed sentiment
Consider recreation and wellbeing uses	2	Suggestions include a sport/recreation/wellbeing hub and indoor or therapy pool facilities.
Improve consultation and transparency	1	Provide evidence and engage openly before decisions are made.

When asked specifically 'One option we'd like your feedback on is potentially moving the Waitomo District Library into the Les Munro Centre. But this hasn't been decided. What are your thoughts?' nine people responded, their comments are summarised below:

Overall sentiment	Unique submissions	Interpretation
Supportive	4	Support is broadly due to increased community use, youth and IT services, and a larger space
Opposed	3	Opposition centres on venue suitability, parking concerns, reduced access if events displace library hours, and suggestions to reconfigure the existing library (use upstairs)
No direction	2	Two comments mentioned the lack of space for comment and one is only a shelving suggestion.

2. Survey

The most popular way to provide feedback was using the more traditional survey either on our website or a paper copy. 51 people completed the survey. The results to each question are summarised below.

1. How do you currently use the Les Munro Centre? (Multi-choice question. Respondents could select multiple uses)

Current use	Respondents
Major or public events	37
Private functions or celebrations	33
Community activities or group gatherings	30
Meetings, conferences or training	13
Organising, hiring, working or volunteering	12
Don't currently use the centre	9
Other	2

2. If the centre were reimagined, what would be most important to you? (Multi-choice question. Respondents could select multiple uses)

Reimagining priority	Respondents
Continuing major events/private functions	35
Affordable and accessible facilities	30
Attracting more use/reducing ongoing cost	28

Reimagining priority	Respondents
More community activities and services	24
Flexible multipurpose spaces	22
Respecting the centre's history/significance	16
Modern facilities, technology and equipment	15
Other	6

3. What do you think about potentially moving the Waitomo District Library into the centre?

Support –	14
Don't support –	28
Unsure –	6
Blank –	3

4. What would encourage you to use the centre more often? (this was an open text question. Responses have been grouped into themes outlined below with the number of people mentioning each theme counted.) Themes are grouped into:

- a) Activities**
- b) Affordability and hiring**
- c) Spaces, facilities and access**
- d) Promotion and management**
- e) Financial assurance**

There were 44 substantive responses to this question and 7 blanks. Themes overlap because respondents could raise several ideas.

Activities	Respondents
General request for more or varied activities/events	12
Live entertainment—concerts, shows, music and dance	9
Community, civic or cultural gatherings	7
Private/social functions—weddings, funerals and balls	7
Learning, talks, workshops or skills activities	4
Exhibitions, markets and creative displays	4
Regularly scheduled sessions or annual programme	4
Meetings and conferences	4
Children, youth, family or all-age programmes	3

Affordability and hiring	Respondents
Lower or more reasonable hire fees	9
Reduce or remove the bond	3
Smaller-space or hourly hire options	3

Spaces, facilities and access	Respondents
Smaller, separate or flexible spaces	6
Privacy, quiet or acoustic separation	4
Parking or reliable access	3
Kitchen, catering or chiller improvements	2
Furniture, cleaning or event setup support	2
Separate heating/lighting controls	1
Additional amenities such as showers	1

Promotion and management	Respondents
Stronger local, district or regional promotion	3
Dedicated event coordinator or venue manager	3
Attract conferences, touring groups or visitors	3
One-stop-shop or packaged event services	1

Financial assurance	Respondents
Financial evidence, transparency or value for money	4
Revenue generation/operating-cost sustainability	3
Further research, benchmarking or barriers analysis	2
Meaningful community input before decisions	2

5. What activities, services or uses would you like to see at the centre in the future? (as above, this was an open text question. Responses have been grouped into themes outlined below with the number of people mentioning each theme counted.) Themes are grouped into:

- a) Activities, events and services**
- b) Promotion**
- c) Spatial design**
- d) Cost, governance and implementation**

Activities, events and services	Respondents
Performing arts, concerts, theatre or film	17
Community, cultural, civic or social activities	15
Children, youth and family activities	10
Markets, exhibitions, art displays or pop-up retail	9
Library, reading, books or computer services	9
Sport, exercise, games or recreation	7
Weddings, funerals, reunions or special functions	6
Learning, speakers, classes or workshops	5

Activities, events and services	Respondents
Clubs, meetings or small-group activities	5
Café, coffee or hospitality	3

Promotion	Respondents
Promote the centre and attract outside shows/visitors	4
Regular programme or events calendar	3
Dedicated coordinator or skilled venue management	3
Partnerships with schools, clubs, groups or vendors	3
Packaged venue and supplier services	1

Spatial design	Respondents
Appropriately sized or dedicated library space	5
Access, transport or central-location concerns	4
Quiet reading or lounge areas	3
Use foyer/supper room for smaller activities	3
Flexible design retaining large-event capacity	2
Seating, heating or stage-lighting upgrades	2

Cost, governance and implementation	Respondents
Concern about capital cost, rates or value for money	10
Low-cost or financially sustainable delivery	5
Retain current or traditional centre uses	5
Evidence, options, business case or transparency	4
Flexible or affordable hire arrangements	4
Meaningful consultation before decisions	2

Overall, respondents were interested in an increase in activities, programmes and entertainment, but many want this achieved alongside retaining LMC's ability to host large events, as well as raising concerns about the rates and cost impact.

3. Library

Although it wasn't directly asked, many respondents used the open text space to share their views on the idea of the Library moving to the LMC. Respondents were more often opposed to the library move than supportive, with significant concern about compromising the use of both the library and the LMC by combining them. These positions can be summarised as:

The most common reasons for opposition (to moving the library) were:

1. Loss of library atmosphere and functionality
 - o Current library is seen as welcoming, central, quiet and fit-for-purpose.

2. Conflict with events
 - Concern that library users would be disrupted by weddings, funerals, the Shears, concerts and other bookings.
3. Practicality concerns
 - Moving shelving, noise, storage, increased heating costs and shared-space arrangements.
4. Cost and rates impact
 - Strong concern about spending millions during a period of high rates pressure.
5. Preference for expanding the current library
 - Many suggested using upstairs space or expanding the existing site instead.

Supporters generally felt:

1. The library could help create a community hub in the LMC.
2. The LMC is underutilised and could accommodate more services.
3. A combined library, café and community space could attract more visitors.
4. More activity in the building would improve value for money and community use.

A small group were open to the idea if significant concerns around accessibility, dedicated space, costs, and event conflicts were addressed.

4. Library survey

There was also a dedicated library survey on the Social Point site. The full survey will not be summarised here as it is not all relevant to the LMC project, but related questions have been summarised below.

Library use

Of the 21 respondents to the survey, 20 people's primary reason for visiting the library is to borrow books. While this is a small sample size, it does show that borrowing books is a valued function of the library.

Factors that most commonly limit people's use of the library is lack of time and the opening hours.

Changing libraries opening hours

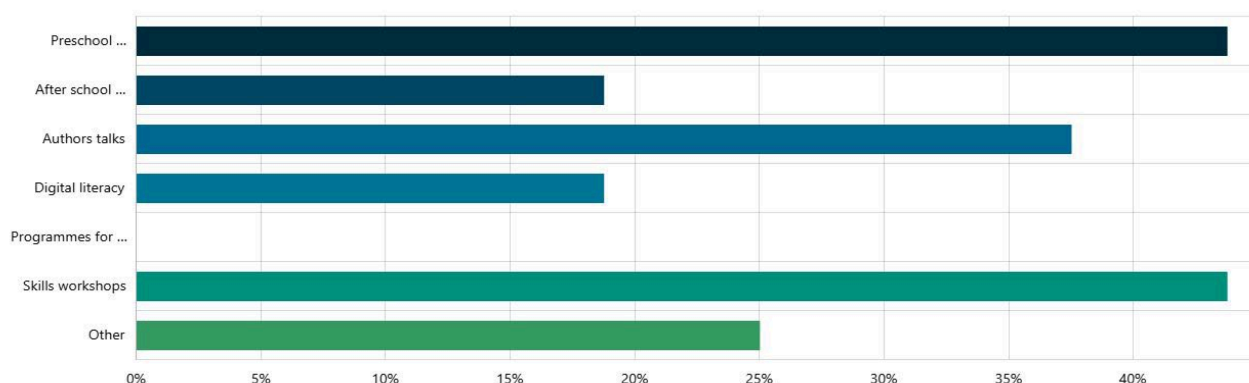
4 respondents said to keep them as they are.

81% (17) said to open Saturdays and 19% said to open a late night.

Library Events

When asked whether you or your family had attended a library event in the past year, 65% of respondents had not. This was most commonly because nothing appealed or was relevant or that the time didn't suit (5 people respectively). For only 2 people was it because they didn't know anything was on.

What events would you like to see more of?



Do you support moving the library to the LMC?

Of those who use the library, 8 are supportive of moving it to the LMC and 6 opposed, with 3 neutral. Of non-library users, 2 support moving the library, 1 is opposed and 1 is neutral. A very mixed response.

What do you value most about the library?

Theme	Count
Staff (friendly, helpful, knowledgeable)	12
Book collection / selection	7
Location / accessibility	4
Atmosphere / welcoming / quiet environment	4
Programmes & activities	1
History / continuity / community connection	1
Innovation / always doing something new	1

5. Verbal feedback from Open Day

While at the LMC Open Day people were encouraged to share their views through one of the more formal feedback methods, many people preferred to share their views orally. These sentiments were recorded and have been grouped into the below themes with some examples quoted.

Theme	Count	Examples
Library should not move / stay where it is	5	"Moving the library into the LMC won't bring more people into town"; "I don't agree with the library moving"; "The library should stay where it is"
More promotion and marketing for the LMC	4	Promote weddings, advertise more, increase awareness, promote markets
More events and greater utilisation of the LMC	4	More events needed, monthly markets, better use of spaces, increased community use
Affordability / cheaper hire costs	3	Cheaper venue hire, affordable access, smaller hire options
Preserve the LMC as it is / don't change it	3	"Leave it as it is"; "It's a special place"; concern about losing the event centre
Supportive of library moving to the LMC (conditional)	2	Support if it attracts people into town or increases use
Library move only if separate from events	2	Separate space and entrance to avoid disrupting events
Positive value placed on the LMC as a community asset	2	Lucky to have the facility; happy rates support it
Trust in Council's decision-making	1	"I'll support anything the mayor wants"
Rural identity should be recognised	1	Concern that the community should not be compared to urban areas like Papakura

6. Facebook comments

Finally, during the feedback period, many people engaged directly on Facebook to share their thoughts. Responses are grouped below by theme to some of the questions which were posed.

Q: What would bring you to the Les Munro Centre?

There were 14 community comments from 12 unique contributors.

Response theme	Unique contributors
Aquatic facilities – indoor/heated pool, therapy pool or water park	3
Community events and entertainment – movies, discos, expos, entertainment	4
Activities/facilities for children and families	4
Neurodiverse activities and sensory space	2
Larger stage / ability to host larger cultural events	1
After-school care	1
Cheaper venue hire	1
Community/playgroup space	2
Opposition or concern about incorporating the library	2
Concern about cost/rates	2
Concern about the Social Point feedback process	1

Q: Could the Waitomo District Library become part of the Les Munro Centre?

Position	Unique contributors
Opposed / prefer library to remain where it is	14
Supportive of moving/integrating the library	2
Questioning / insufficient information to decide	2
Total unique contributors	18

Key Themes

- strong attachment to the **current library and its atmosphere/location**
- concern that a **library and event venue aren't compatible**
- questions about how the LMC would operate during **large events and venue hire**
- concern about what would happen to the **existing library building**
- questions around **cost, savings and use of space**
- support for a more **modern community-hub style library**, including activities for children and wider community use
- a desire for **more information before forming a view**