


Minutes Living Together Committee – 7 December 2023

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	LIVING TOGETHER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, CIVIC CENTRE, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATANE ON THURSDAY, 7 December 2023 COMMENCING AT 9AM
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors W James (Chairperson), J Pullar, J Jukes, T Boynton, N Tánczos, T O’Brien, A Iles and G Dennis <i>Via Teams: N Rangiaho</i>
	In Attendance:	S O’Sullivan, G Fletcher (General Manager Community Experience), P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), E Hatch (General Manager People and Engagement), S Perdia (General Manager Strategy and Transformation), A Pickles (Manager Communications and Engagement), K Boreham (Principal Advisor – Executive Office), F Begley (Manager Community Development), S Major (Community Funding advisor), S Evans (Senior Reserves Advisor), K Summerhays (Senior Community Development Officer), D Cowdery (Senior Advisor – Kaupapa Māori), T Chapman (Māori Land Advisor), M Hingston (Te Pou Herenga Rangapu – Toi Kotuia Manager), C Tongariro (Governance Support Advisor) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	D McCarthy (Whakatāne Beacon), C Hamil (WOCB Chairperson), F Beadle, A Gabb and K Morris (Here to Help U), A Hadfield and P Spurdle (Veros), D Church (DCA)
	Apologies:	

The meeting was opened with a Karakia by Councillor O’Brien at 9am.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/TRIBUTES

Councillor Pullar acknowledged and congratulated his granddaughters for achieving top academic marks and securing positions as head girl and deputy head girl.

Deputy Mayor Immink additionally commended the opening of a new exhibition at the Whakatāne Gallery. The Tame Iti exhibition opening feature amazing performances and speeches.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

F Beadle, A Gabb, K Morris and K Summerhays delivered the Here to Help U presentation. In affiliation with WiseGroup that was recognised as one of the largest mental health and housing organisations, emphasising the simplicity of seeking support, comparable to "ordering a pizza." Support was available through an online platform and an 0800 number, and there was increased demand post-COVID-19. The presentation outlined a streamlined referral process, simplifying navigation for individuals unfamiliar with the starting point of seeking support. To date, they had supported 175,000 individuals and highlighted their commitment to accessibility and comprehensive assistance.

Attendance: F Beadle, A Gabb and K Morris left the meeting at 10:53

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Living Together Committee meeting held on, 12 October 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

THAT the Living Together Committee confirm the minutes of the Property Policy Hearing, held on 6, June 2023 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Other minutes to receive.

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the following minutes be received:

- Murupara Community Board 9 October 2023
- Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 9 October 2023
- Rangitāiki Community Board 11 October 2023
- Community Funding Committee 3 October 2023

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan Update- December 2023

Refer to pages 10-154 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

That the Living Together Committee accept the tabled item 7a from the Chairperson.

CARRIED

General Manager of Community Experience and the Senior Reserves Advisor along with A Hadfield and P Spurdle from Veros and D Church from DCA presented the report and discussed the following points.

- Submissions: 305 received, mainly from clubs which was counted as one.
- Gymnasium proposal suggested a dedicated area, but a standalone building might be necessary.
- Little Theatre: Master plan recommended enhancement and upgrade for versatile use, including workshops and studios.
- Youth Space: Emphasis on outdoor space for youth activities and expanding existing fields.
- Arts Hub: Action to investigate the creation of an arts hub planned for the next year.
- Gym Floor Plan: Preferred option outlined on page 147, with estimated 5-6 years for construction.
- Stage 1 can be further reduced and sectioned as required for implementation.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the “Mā Koutou, Mā Tātau - Our People, Our Spaces, Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan Update – December 2023” report be received;
2. **THAT** the Living Together Committee note that the decision to include the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan project in the draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan budget for community consultation will be made by Council as part of the Long Term Plan process.

CARRIED

7.2 Open Spaces Strategy December 2023

Refer to pages 155-163 of the agenda.

General Manager of Community Experience and the Senior Reserves Advisor presented the report and discussed the following points.

- District Tree Strategy update will be provided.
- The policy would cover requests to remove trees, with a planting plan for replacements.
- Tree planting issues associated with roots damaging footpaths and pipes and measures to prevent inadvertent tree removal, emphasising strategy and education.
- Strategy outlines plans for further consultations to refine and enhance the District Tree Strategy.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

THAT the Mā Koutou, Mā Tātau, Our People, Our Spaces Project Update Report No. 5 be received.

CARRIED

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am and reconvened at 10:13 am

7.3 WDC Strengthening Iwi and Hapu Relationships

General Manager Strategic Maori Partnership provided a presentation on: 'WDC Strengthening Iwi and Hapu Relationships'.

General Manager Strategic Maori Partnership introduced a new member to the department D Cowdery Senior Advisor – Kaupapa Māori. Points highlighted from the presentation include:

- Integration patterns examined, aligning with different views, friendships, partnerships, legislative aspects, and historical events supporting multiple Marae.
- Demographics and implications with over 50% people being Māori in the district.
- Examination of the meaning of marine coastal and shore areas, with implications to be addressed.
- Anticipation of potential impacts on the council from the Whakatohea settlement.
- Recognition of Māori rights pre-existing and reaffirmed through Te Tiriti.
- Addressing significant work related to applications from whānau for property rights and the growing list for the district profile.
- Coordination with multiple applicants, spokespersons and consideration of political implications.
- Focus on human capital improvements, aiming to undertake legislative work for the right reasons.
- Missed allocated LTP funding.
- Plans to report on metrics and measure success in 2024.
- Acknowledgment of the massive undertaking of the workstream and organisational risks in compliance to meet current requirements.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

That the Living Together Committee receives General Manager Strategic Maori Partnership, Paul Warbrick's presentation on: 'WDC Strengthening Iwi and Hapu Relationships'.

CARRIED

7.4 Te Toi Waka Whakarei, WDC Māori Relationship Strategy Year 1 Outcomes

Refer to pages 165-172 of the agenda.

General Manager Strategic Maori Partnership presented the report and discussed the following points:

- Team Challenges: Recognised limitations due to a small team.
- Cultural Competency: Upcoming initiatives for continuous improvement.
- Commitment to transparent reporting of financial allocations.
- Ensuring accurate performance measurement through database compliance.
- Iwi Support: Evaluation of organisational support for Iwi requirements with a focus on improvement.
- Framework Development: Continued commitment to developing a robust framework for organisational objectives.

Moved Councillor O'Brien / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Te Toi Waka Whakarei, WDC Māori Relationship Strategy Year 1 Outcomes report be received.

CARRIED

7.5 Community Grants and Funding Policy / Te Kaupapa Here Karāti me te Putea Hapori

Refer to pages 173-190 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships and the Community Funding Advisor presented the report and discussed the following points:

- Submissions: 11 received and mostly positive feedback.
- Developing policies to establish best practices.
- Aiming for harmony between the council and the community.
- Efforts to reduce complexity, simplify and consolidate all council funding information.

Moved Councillor Dennis/ Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Living Together Committee accepts the results of the public consultation and feedback on the draft Community Grants and Funding Policy / Te Kaupapa Here Karāti me te Putea Hapori.
2. **THAT** the Living Together Committee approves the adoption of the Community Grants and Funding Policy / Te Kaupapa Here Karāti me te Putea Hapori.

CARRIED

A subsequent meeting was arranged following the conclusion of this session, omitting the need for a closing karakia.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT WITH AT 11:35 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON