


Minutes Living Together Committee – 29 February 2024

 <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, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATANE ON THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	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, G Dennis and N Rangiaho
	In Attendance:	S O’Sullivan (Chief Executive), 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, D Bewley (General Manager Environmental Services), S Evans (Senior Reserves Advisor), K Summerhays (Senior Community Development Officer), A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) and C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services)
	Visitors:	D McCarthy (Whakatāne Beacon), K Hamill (River Lake), R Gerzon and G Chase (WAI), E Fenton and G Evans (DHB)
	Apologies:	

The meeting was opened with a Karakia by Councillor Rangiaho at 9:00 am.

1 APOLOGY

Nil

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/TRIBUTES

The Chief Executive announced that Whakatāne District Council was flying its flags at half-mast to acknowledge the passing of MP Fa’anānā Efeso Collins.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tánczos declared a conflict of interest as being a trustee for Awatapu Ōtamakaokao Kaitiaki Trust.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Representatives from Te Whatu Ora National Public Health Service

G Evans and E Fenton, representatives from Te Whatu Ora spoke to Council in relation to the appeal to the Joint Local Alcohol Policy. The following key considerations were noted:

- The prevalent issue of alcohol-related harm as a result of alcohol misuse, citing its significant contribution to injuries.
- That by promoting reduced outlet density and operating hours to limit access to alcohol it would aim to reduce alcohol addiction, support individuals in need, and protect community health.
- The need for collaborative efforts to reduce alcohol misuse in our communities, recognising its generational impact.
- It was proposed that, to minimize alcohol-related harm and to safeguard our communities, focus on strategies within our Local Alcohol Policy needed to be considered.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Refer to page 8 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

THAT the Living Together Committee confirm the minutes of its meeting, held on 7 December 2023 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Minutes of Other and Community Boards

Refer to page 8.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

THAT the following minutes be received:

- Murupara Community Board 27 November 2023
- Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 27 November 2023
- Rangitāiki Community Board 29 November 2023
- Tāneatua Community Board 16 November 2023
- Community Funding Committee 8 December 2023

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Better Off Funding Programme Update

Refer to pages 9-17 of the agenda.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Living Together Committee receive the Better Off Funding Programme Update.

CARRIED

Attendance: The Chief Executive left the meeting at 9:36 am and re-entered the meeting at 9:38 am.

7.2 Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive Trust Memorandum of Understanding Report

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive Trust Memorandum of Understanding Report be **received**;
2. **THAT** the Living Together Committee **note** the following: The Chief Executive will sign an operational Memorandum of Understanding with Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive Trust, dated 29 February 2024
 - The Memorandum of Understanding commits Council to develop a Diversity and Inclusion Policy
 - A paper on the development of that policy will be presented at an upcoming Living Together Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at: 10:00 am and reconvened at 10:18 am.

Attendance: G Evans and E Fenton left the meeting at 10:00 am. S Perdia re-entered the meeting at 10:26 am.

7.3 Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan Update – February 2024

Refer to pages 25-32 of the agenda.

General Manager Community Experience and Senior Reserves Advisor presented the report and answered the Committees questions. It was noted that resolution 2 would need to be corrected to go to EER rather than council.

Correction to resolution 2. The decision to include the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan project in the draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan budget for community consultation would be made at the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the “Mā Koutou, Mā Tātau –Our People,Our Spaces, Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan Update – February 2024” report be **received**;

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

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 Environment Energy and Resilience Committee as part of the Long Term Planning process.

CARRIED

Attendance: The Chief Executive left the meeting at 10:35 am and re-entered the meeting at 10:44 am.

7.4 Awatapu Lagoon, Sullivan Lake and Matatā Lagoon Recommended Environmental Improvements

Refer to pages 33-208 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Living Together Committee **receive** the “Awatapu Lagoon, Sullivan Lake and Matatā Lagoon Recommended Environmental Improvements” report and note that a decision regarding the funding required to carry out further maintenance and improvements to these water bodies will be made by Council as part of the Long Term Plan 2024/34 budget and work programme process.

CARRIED

Attendance: The Chief Executive left the meeting at 11:13 am and re-entered the meeting at 11:24 am. Councillor Iles left the meeting at 11:32 am and re-entered the meeting at 11:35 am.

8 Resolution to Exclude the Public

Recommendation is on page 209 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Mayor Luca

RESOLVED:

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely the EBOP LAP Appeal Process.

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
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EBOP LAP – Appeal Process	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)
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This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
1	Maintain legal professional privilege (Schedule 7(2)(g))

CARRIED

The public was readmitted to the meeting and it was confirmed that the following resolutions were to be restated in the public section of the meeting.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Local Alcohol Policy report be **received**; and,
2. THAT the Living Together Committee **exclude public** from consideration of this report on the grounds set out in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 under Section 48(2); and,
3. THAT the Living Together Committee **confirm** that the report be released to the Public once the legal proceedings have been completed; and,

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:36 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON