


Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 21 February 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGEKUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGEKUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.32 PM
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), R Gardiner, H Brown, P Flowerday, Councillor G Dennis and Member McIndoe
	In Attendance:	Councillor O'Brien, F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships), N Burgess (Manager Tourism and Events), V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning), L Devany (Tourism Product Development Advisor), and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	M Leaming, M Ruitter and supporters, D McCarthy (Beacon)
	Apologies:	P Falwasser

The meeting was opened at 5:32 pm with a Karakia led by Member Brown.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

3.1 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1.1 Jason Newton – CAYAD Coordinator Te Tohu o Te o Ngāti Awa

An apology was received by Mr Newton advising he could no longer attend the February meeting.

3.1.2 Margaret Leaming

Refer also to the tabled document, page 7a.

Ms Leaming raised concerns that would impact those Edgecumbe orchardists with boundaries adjacent to a potential section of the proposed Rangitāiki River Walkway – Edgecumbe to Thornton extension:

- Initially felt there had been no consultation in the early stages, prior to funding be granted and no targeted consultation to effected landowners.
- Riverbank was a mix of public and private ownership and concerns there could be loss of private land rights if access was not given by the landowners.
- Health and Safety; consideration, communication, and mitigation in relation to orchard spraying.
- Safety and security of assets and livestock.

- Potential loss of income from land grazing and/or if orchard was reduced due to spraying issues.
- Financial concerns including if the complete project had been costed, how any cost overruns, annual maintenance would be covered and the potential impact on rates.

Mr Ruiter explained that in 2025, Zespri would be introducing rule that impacted if spraying close to sensitive areas, and how structures could not be erected on the Riverbank to protect spray drift and hence the orchardists felt they were in a 'no-win' situation.

In conclusion Ms Leaming suggested a meeting with all parties in attendance would be beneficial.

Manager Tourism and Events emphasised the project was within the research phase and no decisions had been made as to where the final track would be located. She reported several landowner group meetings had occurred where opportunities and issues were discussed, and Council staff had requested to meet landowners to enable onsite viewing of the public (DOC) and private boundaries. She added that Council staff were also working with Department of Conservation and that as part of the research phase, full costings would be investigated.

Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning explained the community project was originally identified in 2011 and had full support of the E.D.I.T (Edgecumbe Development and Improvement Team) and the community. This project was also reconfirmed as a priority through community engagement following the Edgecumbe Flood in 2017, and the Edgecumbe Collective had also confirmed this within the Edgecumbe Community Plan document.

Attendance: N Burgess, V Richards, and L Devany left the meeting at 6:03 pm.

3.1.3 Ezra Herangi

Miss Herangi received discretionary funds to assist her student exchange to the United Kingdom in December 2023. She reported the trip helped shape her as a person and as a leader, that she was involved in new experiences, and had enjoyed being immersed in a different culture. She stepped up to new challenges and her confidence had increased. Miss Herangi expressed her gratitude to the Board for the grant.

Attendance: Miss Herangi left the meeting at 6:12 pm.

3.2 DEPUTATION

Nil

4 APOLOGIES

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board accept the apology from Member Falwasser.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-11 of the agenda.

It was noted Councillor O'Brien attended the November meeting.

Moved Member Brown / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 29 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report

Refer to pages 12-27 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships highlighted several key dates relating to Council activities.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Flowerday

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board - Activity Report February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

7 Chairperson and Sub-Committee Reports

7.1 Chairperson Report

Refer to pages 28-29 of the agenda.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Member Brown

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Councillor Report

Refer to pages 30-31 of the agenda.

Councillor Dennis reported the Matatā Blue Light Whānau day, held in January, was very successful.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor – February 2024 report be accepted.

CARRIED

7.3 Rangitāiki Community Board Strategic Plan

Refer to page 32 of the agenda.

Chairperson Waaka would follow-up regarding the history section. As it was a living document, it was agreed to retain current photographs and they could be replaced at another revision of the plan. It was suggested the plan also be embedded within Facebook, as well as being available on the Board's website.

7.4 Member Reporting

Refer to page 32 of the agenda.

Members spoke of meetings attending and some concerns were raised. Members were reminded to contact the Council and log a job when it was in relation to maintenance. The following points were noted:

- Member McIndoe was provided contact details to follow up his query regarding tree trimming. A status update on the Local Alcohol Policy would be provided to members.
- Member Flowerday had been elected to the Rangitāiki-Tarawera River Scheme Committee.
- Progress was happening regarding a BBQ to be installed at Matatā Beach and for a potential new location for the bus stop at Mapou.
- A booking system had been setup for the use of the Community BBQ trailer.
- It was suggested the Board could assist at the Rangitāiki River Festival.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY MEMBER BROWN AT 7:12 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON