


Minutes – Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 19 February 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE-OHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ŌHOPE FIRE STATION, HARBOUR ROAD ŌHOPE, 19 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM
	Present:	C Hamill (Chair), M Inman, D McLean, C Howard and L Bonne, O Iseri (known as O Jahn), T Boynton
	In Attendance:	G Fletcher (General Manager Community Experience), V Fergusson (Manager Strategic Property) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Di McCarthy (Whakatāne Beacon), J Simmons and G Lewer (EBOP Kayak Fishing), C Knapton, A May, S Knapton, L Mahy, A Schutz, H McPherson (Whakatāne High School), M Wiremu (Youth Encounter Ministries) and V Mei
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia given by Chairperson Hamill at 5:32 pm.

2 APOLOGIES

The board noted an apology from Deputy Mayor Immink.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/Tributes

Chairperson Hamill advised that the recent adaptive surfing open day which was supported by the Board was highly successful and is planned to become a regular event.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Member Bonne declared a conflict of interest as being an employee of Whakatāne High School.

Chairperson Hamill and Member Inman declared a conflict of interest as being members of the Whakaari Memorial Steering Group.

5 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 EBOP Kayak Fishing

J Simmons and G Lewer presented the application and shirt from the previous year's competition which displayed the boards logo as a sponsor. The board was familiar with the application.

5.2 Whakatane High School Rowing Team

One of the most successful sports team at Whakatāne High school and renowned for its consistent achievements. The team competes every second year at the national competition held in Twizel. Because of the rigorous training schedule of nine sessions per week, funding poses a challenge. Ten boys were selected to represent WHS at the Maadi Cup. The team focuses on fostering wellbeing, confidence, and camaraderie among its members.

5.3 Youth Encounter Ministries Trust

M Wiremu presented the application and gave an overview of the programme that was included in the agenda.

5.4 V Mei

Chairperson Hamill acknowledged the late request to hear from V Mei in the public forum. However, because of time restraints there would be limited opportunity for questions and discussion. During the forum, V Mei expressed their concerns regarding the ongoing situation in Palestine along with actions they would like to see happen from Council.

The Chair commended the efforts of the youth who spoke during the meeting.

Attendance: J Simmons and G Lewer left the meeting at 5:38. C Knapton, A May, S Knapton, L Mahy, A Schutz and H McPherson left the meeting at 5:48. M Wiremu left the meeting at 6:04. V Mei left the meeting at 6:12.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Refers to page 8 – 13 of the agenda.

Moved Member Howard/ Seconded Member Inman

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board meeting held on Monday, 27 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board – Activity Report

Refers to pages 14-38 of the agenda.

Manager Strategic Property and General Manager Community Experience presented the report where discussion ensued and the following points were highlighted:

- LTP (Long-Term Plan) and the opportunities for consultation/submission.
- Operational issues need to be raised as a RFS (request for service) to the Whakatāne Council.
- Acknowledgment to the waters team for their prompt response to fixing a water leak.
- Action: There are still matters that need to be addressed before the installation of the Flying Fox at the Maraetōtara Reserve. The Board had requested potential dates.

- Council has not received any requests for showers at the Heads. No funding has been allocated for this project. It was recommended the community engage with Council to include this into the LTP.
- Toi's Track had reported two slips and funding had been applied for. The tracks viability was also a concern.
- Action: Picnic Tables at Maraetōtara reserve had installation scheduled for the next couple of months. The Board would like to request input into locations for installation.
- The addition of Toilets at the end of the Bird Walk would need to be included in the LTP.
- Council was planning to undertake further landscaping and planting of the Landing Road roundabout to improve visual amenity.
- Action: The Board requested an update on the road works at Peace Street.
- The addition of food waste bins would need to be included in the LTP.
- Action: CCTV current and future locations have been requested by the Board.
- Action: Revisiting the locations for fatigue stops for better suitability on the Ōpōtiki side was considered.
- Balancing the boards discretionary fund in conjunction with the rates rise.

Moved Chairperson Hamill/ Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7.2 WOCB Discretionary Funds – August 2023

Refers to pages 39-126 of the agenda.

7.3 EBOP Kayak Fishing

Moved Member Howard/ Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the WOCB Funding Application – February 2023 report be received: and
2. **THAT** \$1,500 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Discretionary Fund to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Kayak Finishing Club for costs associated with the Club Open Competitions promotion and prizes; and

CARRIED

7.4 EBOP Riding for the Disabled

Moved Member Howard/ Seconded Councillor Boynton

It was recommended that the organisation get in contact with member Inman for further funding opportunities.

RESOLVED:

THAT \$7,000 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Discretionary Fund to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Riding for the Disabled for costs associated with the purchase of the disability toilet block; and

CARRIED

7.5 Whakatāne High School

Member Bonne declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the discussion of this resolution.

Moved Chairperson Hamill/ Seconded Member Inman

RESOLVED:

THAT \$2,000 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to support the Whakatāne High School Rowing Team with expenses related to their participation in the Aon Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta; and

A **division** was called.

For	Against	Abstention
Chairperson Hamill	Member Howard	
Member Jahn	Member Inman	
Councillor Boynton	Member McLean	
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The chairperson had the casting vote and the motion was **lost 4-3**.

Moved Chairperson Hamill/ Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

4. **THAT** \$5000 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to support the Whakatāne High School Rowing Team with expenses related to their participation in the Aon Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta; and

CARRIED

7.6 Youth Encounter Ministries Trust

Moved Councillor Boynton/ Seconded Member Inman

RESOLVED:

5. **THAT** \$2,500 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Youth Encounter Ministries Trust to assist in costs related to their Group Dirt Bike Therapy Sessions.

CARRIED

8 Chairpersons Report

Refer to pages 127-128 of the agenda.

Chairperson Hamill summarised the report and highlighted the main points. It was also noted that the next Combined Community Board meeting will be held on the 12 March 2024 which will feature a discussion around the LTP Consultation process.

Member Inman shared an overview of his involvement of in project steering group for the Whakaari memorial. Expression of interest are currently being circulated. The scale of the project has been highlighted as larger than expected.

Chairperson Hamill and member Inman left the room for and Member Bonne became chair for this resolution.

Moved Member Bonne/ Seconded Member Howard

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board will support the Whakaari Memorial project with seed-funding for initial concept designs once expressions of interest are received.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Boynton/ Member Inman

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Chairperson's report December 2023 – February 2024 be received; and

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY CHAIRPERSON HAMILL AT 7.45 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON