


Minutes – Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 15 April 2024

	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE-OHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOMS, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL 14 COMMERCE STREET, 15 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM
	Present:	C Hamill (Chair), M Inman, D McLean, C Howard and L Bonne and Councillor T Boynton
	In Attendance:	G Fletcher (General Manager Community Experience), V Fergusson (Manager Strategic Property), P Check (Manager Properties and Facilities Assets), F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	R Locke and L Husband (Ohope Beach Lions Club), B Dakin (Coastland Community Group) and R Koolen (Youth Council) <i>Via teams:</i> J Cathro (The Ministry of Inspiration)
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia given by Chairperson Hamill at 5:34 pm.

2 APOLOGIES

The board noted an apology from Deputy Mayor Immink.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRIBUTES

Chairperson Hamill acknowledged Council Staff and Elected Members efforts during this busy period especially for the General Manager of Community Experience and their Team.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

5 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Ohope Beach Lions Club - R Locke and L Husband

An overview of the club and its proposed use of the garage space was provided. It was noted that the current lease does not permit improvements to the garage being utilised. The club is exploring options such as recladding or constructing a new building. It was acknowledged that funding is not anticipated to be entirely sourced from Council. The lease terms under discussion should aim to ensure the building's weatherproofing. An annual lease arrangement is preferred by the club.

Action: Further discussion is required on the scope of the lease agreement, with the Ohope Lions Club working directly with WDC staff.

5.2 Youth Council

The Manager of Community Partnerships introduced Rene Koolen who is the appointed Youth Council Member for the Whakatāne Ōhope Community Board.

The aim of the Youth Council is to enhance representation beyond Whakatāne and broaden participation. This includes engaging in council events where possible. There is a need for further discussion regarding the role's scope and responsibilities.

5.3 Coastlands Community Group - B Dakin

The Coastlands Community Group was a recently started group. Their primary concerns revolve around ensuring safety for the residents of Coastlands. Currently, there is a collective of 15 individuals involved, with approximately 5 to 6 meetings held to date. Momentum and direction are beginning to take shape, with ongoing development efforts in progress. The group intends to approach the board for additional opportunities to secure funding for initiatives related to addressing issues such as deteriorating footpaths and establishing a community garden.

5.4 The Ministry of Inspiration - J Cathro

The programme was introduced and the board was briefed on the involvement of local schools in competitive events. These competitions span from primary school to high school levels, aiming to enhance students' STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) knowledge. The initiative has garnered plenty of success and support from a diverse range of backers.

Attendance: R Locke and L Husband left the meeting at 5:59 pm. B Dakin, R Koolen and The Manager of Community Partnerships left the meeting at 6:20 pm. J Cathro left the meeting at 6:32 pm.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Refers to page 8–12 of the agenda.

Correction:

- Section 5.2: Whakatane High School competes every second year at Twizel.

Moved Member Bonne / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board meeting held on Monday, 19 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the correct noted.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board – Activity Report

Refers to pages 13-93 of the agenda.

The General Manager of Community Experience and Manager of Strategic Property presented the report highlighted the following.

- The location and design of the newly installed tables in Maraetotara reserve should have undergone consultation with the board. Action: Follow up required.
- Maraetotara flying fox project has paused while further consultation with hapu/iwi is undertaken. Action: Keep the board updated.
- The board acknowledged the Council departments responsible for running the Tamariki Foodie Fair as it was well received by the community.
- Staff confirmed the approval of a renewed lease for horse grazing in the paddocks between Amber Grove and the Warren Cole walkway. Prior to the new lease being signed, Forest and Bird had requested that the new lease agreement would allow for the future development of a small wetland in the area. Staff noted that this lease renewal may not prevent consideration of the area for the proposed wetland project. Action: Staff to provide confirmation if the lease will prevent the site from being used for the wetland project.

Moved Member Howard / Seconded Member McLean

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7.2 WOCB Discretionary Funds – August 2023

Refers to pages 94-128 of the agenda.

Moved Member Bonne / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the WOCB Funding Application – April 2024 report be received: and
2. THAT \$6,223.71 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Discretionary Fund to The Ministry of Inspiration for hosting STEAM competitions in Whakatāne.

CARRIED

8 Chairpersons Report

Refer to pages 129-134 of the agenda.

Chairperson Hamill and Member Inman noted a conflict of interest with this motion and left the room for the discussion of this item. Member Bonne continued the meeting as the Chair.

Members noted that it would be beneficial to keep the board regularly updated with the progression of this project.

Moved Chairperson Bonne / Seconded Member McLean

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board will support the Whakaari Memorial project with seed-funding of up to \$40,000 and note a report will be provided to the community board meetings for the memorial design process and confirmation of the receiver of funds.

CARRIED

Member Hamill and Member Inman returned to the meeting and Member Hamill continued the meeting as the Chair.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Councillor Boynton

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Chairperson's report February 2024 – April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY CHAIRPERSON HAMILL AT 7.41 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON