


## Minutes – Combined Community Board 10 September 2024

 <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>COMBINED COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATANE ON TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM</b>
	Present:	Chairperson - Member C Hamill (WOCB) Mayor V Luca  <i>Murupara Community Board (MCB)</i> M Honeycombe, S Jones, J Morgan-Ranui, A Silcock, I Prentice and Councillor Rangiaho <i>Rangitāiki Community Board (RCB)</i> L Waaka, C McIndoe, P Flowerday, Councillor Dennis, H Brown, Councillor James and <i>via Teams</i> R Gardiner <i>Tāneatua Community Board (TCB)</i> T Bryant, N George and Councillor Iles, <i>Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board (WOCB)</i> C Hamill, D McLean, M Inman, L Bonne, Deputy Mayor Immink and Councillors T Boynton and J Pullar
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), K Summerhays (Senior Community Development Advisor), G Moore-Jones (Strategic Advisor), V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning), T Rua (Project Manager), A Prince (Community Development Coordinator), D Ganley (Senior Policy Planner), C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services), S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor), A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) and L Edwards (Governance Support Coordinator)
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	TCB Members D Yalden and L Ruiterman, RCB Member P Falwasser, WOCB Member O Jahn, MCB Member M Edmonds Late arrive L Bonne (WOCB) Early departure Councillor Dennis and P Flowerday

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm with the Chairperson welcoming all present.

### 1 KARAKIA and WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA

After the opening Karakia, meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### 2 APOLOGIES

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Councillor Iles

#### RESOLVED:

**THAT** the Combined Community board accept the following apologies:

- Board Members, D Yalden, L Ruiterman, P Falwasser, O Jahn, and M Edmonds

- Late arrival Member L Bonne
- Early departure Councillor Dennis and Member P Flowerday

**CARRIED**

### **3 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/TRIBUTES**

Members congratulated Steven Perdia as the new Chief Executive and welcomed Jesse Morgan-Ranui as the newest member of the Murupara Community Board.

Deputy Mayor Immink and Member M Inman were acknowledged for their time and effort presenting at the LGNZ Super Local conference, noting they received a standing ovation.

### **4 Conflicts of interest**

Nil.

### **5 Confirmation of Minutes**

Refer to page 5-8 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Member S Jones

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the minutes of the Combined Community board meeting held on 12 March 2024 be confirmed as true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### **6 Reporting**

#### **6.1 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy**

Refer to pages 9-65 of the agenda.

Ms Summerhays spoke to the PowerPoint presentation and highlighted several slides of particular interest. She explained the background to the policy development, its alignment with the Te Toi Waka Whakareia strategy, and that action plans would follow.

A project group had been established, research of migrant and ethnic communities had been commissioned and there were well-represented focus groups. Ms Summerhays noted however, that the rural community was not well represented and encouraged the meeting to get this sector involved.

It was reported that consultation would occur from 14 October to 10 November 2024, and it was intended the policy be adopted by the end of the year. It was queried if the timeframes could be delayed, for more information to be provided to the Community Boards.

**Attendance:** Member L Bonne entered the meeting at 4:22 pm.

#### **6.2 Climate Change Pathway and Tree Planting**

Refer also to page 66 of the agenda and pages 66 a-c of the tabled items.

**Attendance:** Ms Summerhays and Ms Prince left the meeting at 4:27 pm.

Speaking to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Moore-Jones (Strategic Advisor) noted that the Climate Change Strategy was adopted in July 2024 and that the implementation plan was now in development. He said everyone had a part to play and the implementation plan would address the understanding gap; to help people understand what actions they could take. Of the 229 actions, 41 were identified as community led priorities.

In conclusion Mr Moore-Jones referenced the draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy – which outlined a framework for managing, protecting, and growing the district’s tree population. The Community Boards would be invited to the planting of Kauri tree at Peace Park.

**Attendance:** G Moore-Jones left the meeting at 4:47 pm.

### 6.3 Operative District Plan – ePlan

Ms Ganley explained that the Operative District Plan had changing from a paper-based system to an integrated online system, which included the relevant maps, and links to the rules and zones that effected the selected property. She explained how to access the online tool and gave a demonstration of several features.

It was suggested a video relating to ‘real-life’ scenarios would be beneficial.

**Attendance:** Councillor Iles left the meeting at 4:52 pm and re-entered the meeting at 4:55 pm. Ms Ganley left the meeting at 5:08 pm.

### 6.4 Governance Services September 2024 Update

Manager Governance Services highlighted several items from report.

**Attendance:** Member Gardiner left at the meeting at 5:18 am.

A discussion ensued about community board discretionary funding and the following points were noted:

- Many members did not have devices, and issue of limited internet access, if processing of funding applications went electronic.
- When reviewing funding applications the following suggestions were noted: conflicts of interests to be declared, other fundraising activities undertaken by the applicant, query how the applicant would promote the Board if successful, quotes provided and from local suppliers, planning of event sufficient and did the applicant attend to present to the meeting.
- It was suggested a video to help applicants would be beneficial.
- It was noted more applications were being received from schools and these caused uncertainty; including school funding versus departmental funding and, being a targeted rate, the benefit must go back to the community.
- It was fine to ‘agree to disagree’.
- Importance of setting precedents however each application was reviewed on its own merits.
- Uncertainty of areas Boards covered impeded some potential applicants.
- Community Grants were processed and filtered by dedicated Council staff, with the Committee then using a scoring system to allocate funding.

## 7 Community Board Reporting

The Chairperson invited those members who attended the Local Government Super Local conference to give an overview of their experiences. Following this, each Board updated the meeting on their activities.

## 7.1 Murupara Community Board

Refer to page 70a of the tabled items.

MCB Chairperson Honeycombe spoke about the Board's vision, the areas under the Boards umbrella, and introduced members present, including the Board's newest member Jesse Morgan-Ranui. She reported that the Whakatāne Youth Council was hosted at the Murupara Youth Space, and it was great to help the youth to connect. Vicky Richards was acknowledged for all the support provided to the Board in producing their Strategic Plan and Chairperson Honeycombe concluded reporting of the allocation of Board's discretionary funds.

**Attendance:** Member Inman left the meeting at 5:49 pm and returned to the meeting at 5:52 pm. Member Brown left the meeting at 5:55 pm.

## 7.2 Rangitāiki Community Board

Refer to page 70b of the tabled items.

RCB Chairperson Waaka gave an overview of the projects Board members had been involved with, and supported, in relation to their four Pou (pillars). Ms Waaka recommended more support for Community Board members, particularly those new to the Local Government space. She questioned if there was a 'check-in survey' to measure, assess, and then identify what further support was required.

It was felt there was no point of contact for Rangitahi as a whole.

**Attendance:** Member Flowerday left the meeting at 6:03 pm.

## 7.3 Tāneatua Community Board

Councillor Iles advised that the TCB Strategic Plan have been reviewed, refreshed, and updated and that work had commenced on the community plan.

Councillor Iles acknowledged the passing of Basil Simpson and reported the Board had donated money for the memorial seat located at Nukuhou Salt Marsh Reserve. He advised that meetings were hosted throughout the ward, and he thanked the council for the earthquake strengthening of Nukuhou Hall. He mentioned the work resurfacing the Tāneatua netball courts and installation of new hoops, and the cleanup at the cemetery.

In conclusion Councillor Iles acknowledged the issues concerning Pekatahi Bridge and also acknowledged the success of local Olympians and Rugby 7s.

## 7.4 Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board

Member Bonne listed the projects the WOCB had been involved with and reported members had recently attended the Indian celebration 'Onam', hosted by the Kerala community. She mentioned some of the successful discretionary grant applications and advised that a steering group had been established for the Whakaari memorial, and that the Board had allocated seed funding.

Youth council representatives had been attending meetings, and board was aligning and networking with their communities.

**Attendance:** Councillor Iles left the meeting at 6:13 pm and returned to the meeting at 6:16 pm.

The Governance Services team were thanked for organising the Combined Community Board meeting.

**THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM CHAIRPERSON HAMILL AT 6:18 PM.**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

Unconfirmed