


Minutes Living Together Committee – 1 August 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, 1 AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	Present:	Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors W James (Chairperson), T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, J Jukes, T O’Brien, J Pullar, N Rangiaho, and N Tánczos <i>Via Teams:</i> His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca
	In Attendance:	D Bewley (Acting Chief Executive), G Fletcher (General Manager Community Experience), P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), S Perdia (General Manager Strategy and Transformation), B Gray (General Manager Infrastructure), L Woolsey (Manager Strategy and Performance), H Allison (Strategic Policy Analyst), S Ellis (Senior Strategic Policy Analyst), T Rua (Project Manager), P Tāne (EA to GM Strategy & Transformation and Kaihautu Maori), K Warren (Reserves Planner), I Molony (Manager Open Spaces), N Burgess (Manager Tourism and Events), J Metcalf (Team Leader Transport Strategy and Assets), C King-Hazel (Team Leader Administration - Transportation), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> E Hatch (General Manager People and Engagement)
	Visitors:	L Jordan (Consultant), K Belshaw O’Brien (Ngāi Tamawera Hapū)
Apologies:		

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A KARAKIA BY COUNCILLOR O’BRIEN AT 9:01 AM.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Iles/ Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

THAT the Living Together Committee **accept** an apology of lateness from Mayor Luca and acknowledges that the Mayor will be joining the meeting online.

CARRIED

Attendance: Councillor Boynton entered the meeting at 9:03 am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Councillor Iles acknowledged the New Zealand Women's 7s Team, including M Paul and S Waaka who won the gold medal at the Olympics.

Councillor Jukes acknowledged that H Wilde also won a silver medal at the Olympics Triathlon event.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor O'Brien declared a conflict of interest due to being related to one of the submitters.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 K Belshaw O'Brien – Ngāi Tamawera Hapū, Hapū of Ngāti Awa located in Te Teko

K O'Brien represented the 1,200 registered members of Ngāi Tamawera. She commended the Council's efforts to include Māori in their decision-making. She emphasised that reclaiming place names is crucial for Māori to reclaim their heritage, with the identification of Tupuna being a key step for future generations. She completed a master's dissertation on the significance of road naming, supported the proposed consultation timeframes, and stressed the importance of compensating those who provide mātauranga.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Refer to page 10 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Living Together Committee **confirm** the minutes of its meeting, held on 6 June 2024 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Minutes of Other and Community Boards

Refer to page 10 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the following minutes be received:

- Tāneatua Community Board 27 May 2024
- Rangitāiki Community Board 29 May 2024
- Community Funding Committee 2 July 2024

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Road Naming and Property Addressing Policy Review

Refer to pages 11-64 of the agenda.

The deliberation focused on timeframes for consulting with Iwi, noting the policy prevented delays, and that the procedure was relevant to Iwi, Hapū and non-Māori. It was agreed that valid time should be allowed for requests to be received and responded to, ensuring ample opportunity to manage upcoming subdivisions. Concerns were raised about the lack of current timeframes for road naming, with some processes being drawn out for years.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Living Together Committee **receive** the Draft Road Naming and Property Addressing Hearings and Deliberations report; and
2. THAT the Living Together Committee **receive** the written and oral submissions; and
3. THAT the Living Together Committee **deliberate** on the draft Road Naming and Property Addressing Policy following the hearings of submissions; and
4. THAT the Living Together Committee **notes** that following this meeting, a report will be provided to adopt the draft policy including any changes to the policy as a result of these deliberations or to retain the existing policy.

CARRIED

7.2 Better Off Funding Programme Update

Refer to pages 65-73 of the agenda.

There was a discussion regarding the delivery of the Hono Hapori initiative.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 10:18 am and reconvened at 10:33 am.

7.3 Approval of amended Public Places and Freedom Camping Bylaw for public consultation

Refer to pages 74-158 of the agenda.

It was noted that the matter was for consultation purposes only. It was deemed appropriate to go public. Consideration was given to potential damage to public property and it was proposed that the language related to 'cooking fires' be refined.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Approval of amended Public Places and Freedom Camping Bylaw for public consultation report be received; and
2. THAT the Living Together Committee **notes** that this report relates to an issue that is considered to be of moderate significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy;

3. THAT the Living Together Committee **approve** the amended Public Places Bylaw for public consultation; and
4. THAT the Living Together Committee **approve** the amended Freedom Camping Bylaw for public consultation; and
5. THAT the Living Together Committee **approve** the Statement of Proposal for consultation between 12 August 2024 to 13 September 2024.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mayor Luca joined the meeting online at 10:33 am. Councillor Iles entered the meeting at 10:37 am.

7.4 Draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy - Ngā Taonga a Tāne

Refer to pages 159-202 of the agenda.

The discussion covered the removal of noxious trees, including privet and palm trees. It was noted that trees would not be removed unless there was significant public interest in their removal.

Moved Councillor Tánčzos / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Living Together Committee **receive** the draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy - Ngā Taonga a Tāne; and
2. THAT the Living Together Committee **approve** the release of the draft Whakatāne District Tree Strategy - Ngā Taonga a Tāne for community consultation.

CARRIED

7.5 Creative Hub Feasibility Investigation Report

Refer to pages 203-246 of the agenda.

A presentation was provided on the Creative Hub Constellation Model. Consideration was given to the lease and potential funding opportunities for inclusion in the next report. It was also noted for staff to bring back further information regarding the rating implications.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the “Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategy – Te Rautaki Toi, Ahurea me Auahatanga - Creative Hub Feasibility Investigation Report” be **received**; and
2. THAT the Living Together Committee **support** a ‘constellation’ creative hub model, based on a network of sites connected by a shared purpose to increase access to, and engagement with, arts, culture and creativity and the Committee requests that staff bring back an implementation plan in relation to the recommendations made in the Creative Hub Feasibility Investigation Report; and
3. THAT the Living Together Committee **request** that staff further explore proposals from high-profile, local, financially sustainable creative enterprises to lease the property known as the Wally Sutherland Building at 266 The Strand, Whakatāne for the purpose of establishing an arts, culture and creativity-based activity/business and visitor experience and bring a recommended proposal back to the Committee for approval.

CARRIED

7.6 Amendments to the Parking Restrictions Register Report – July 2024

Refer to pages 247-262 of the agenda.

It was discussed that the limitation for parking near entranceways could be extended.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor O’Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Amendment to the Parking Restrictions Register – July 2024 Report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Living Together Committee **recommend** to Council for the approval of the parking amendments, including the need for it to be publicly notified, asset out in Appendix 1 ‘Register of Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations Schedule of Amendments – July 2024’; and
3. THAT the Living Together Committee **notes** that the Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions, and Limitations Register will be updated following public notification.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA FROM COUNCILLOR O’BRIEN AT 12:41 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON