


Minutes – Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 10 February 2025

	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE-OHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOMS, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM
	Present:	C Hamill (Chairperson), Members L Bonne, M Inman, D Mclean, C Howard
	In Attendance:	A Pickles (General Manager Community Experience), V Fergusson (Manager Strategic Property) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	S Clyde, B Goldie, O Dobbin, M Karetai, J Karetai, S Thompson, B Henton, W Anderson, K Montgomery, L Jones, R Ferguson Via Teams: L Williams
	Apologies:	Councillor Boynton and Member Iseri (Jahn)

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a Karakia by the Chairperson at 5:32 pm.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **accept** the apologies from Councillor Boynton and Member Jahn, and an apology for lateness from Member Inman.

CARRIED

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRIBUTES

Members acknowledged and welcomed Alexandra Pickles as the permanent General Manager of Community Experience for Council.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairperson Hamill declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Whakatāne Mountain Biking Club.

5 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 B Goldie and O Dobbin

Locals in the West End area raised concerns about road safety following an incident in which a dog was injured. However, road safety has been an issue for many years, with a heightened risk in the busy summer months. The risks to customers were highlighted, as O Dobbin operates a roadside business, and the need to consider young children using the area was stressed. Discussion centred around speed reduction down the entirety of West End Road as cars are frequently exceeding the speed limit. The option of using traffic-calming measures such as the speed bumps used on Muriwai Drive was also considered.

5.2 Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club - M and J Karetai

The club has been using a substandard bike trailer for several years and they highlighted the loss of a \$10,000.00 bike from a faulty attachment system. A new trailer would decrease the need to use cars to transport bikes to MTB trail routes. Other clubs could utilise the new bike trailer and M Karetai has offered to store the trailer securely. The club also expressed their willingness to take responsibility for maintaining and upkeeping the trailer.

5.3 Whakatāne Kiwi Trust – S Thompson

S Thompson provided an overview of the trust and highlighted its importance to the community. The trust is moving towards having a more tangible presence in town and visibly advocating for its causes by building a hub. The I-site has been identified as the best location for a hub as it is staffed, and visitors with questions can ask I-site staff directly. Suggestions for the Kiwi Trust hub included adding informational displays on walls, creating kiwi burrows, and incorporating more interactive activities for the development of their hub. Improving representation for the Kiwi Capital was also discussed, along with the potential placement of additional informational panels around the district.

5.4 Have a Heart – W Anderson

The initiative focuses on creating a fun and engaging atmosphere to bring families together, and to link people to existing community organisations to facilitate them getting the assistance they need. This is a standard application that the Board has previously funded.

5.5 B Henton – International Fly Fishing Competition

An overview of the fly-fishing scene in New Zealand was presented, highlighting Mr Henton's opportunity to represent the country in an international competition. Mr Henton mentioned that the competition is entirely self-funded. There was a discussion on how to better showcase fly-fishing and increase support for it in the Whakatane District. The Board suggested making posts to acknowledge their support and noted that some sponsorship opportunities had been secured for Mr Henton.

5.6 K Montgomery – Piripai/Coastlands Power Box Project

Expressions of interest have been sent out to local artists to paint power boxes in the Piripai area. Funding for paint and materials has been provided by Resene, and Horizon has agreed to the use of their power boxes. The project aimed to restore the identity of the Piripai/Coastlands area, and showcase the work of local artists.

5.7 West End Wiggle – L Williams

The exhibition for the artworks, created by Wellington-based arts and designers, aims to keep growing and involving the community. The Board's funding would assist in the development of the West End Wiggle event, and build on the success of last year's display.

5.8 Liberty Ministries Trust – L Jones, R Ferguson

The annual “Church in the Park” event is a free community gathering that requires financial assistance to cover its costs. It was proposed that board logos and banners be displayed at the event, which is scheduled to take place on 2 March 2025.

Attendance: B Goldie and O Dobbin left the meeting at 5:45 pm. M and J Karetai left at 5:56 pm. Member Inman entered the meeting at 5:57 pm. S Thompson left at 6:08 pm. W Anderson left at 6:12 pm. B Henton left at 6:22 pm. K Montgomery left at 6:32 pm. L Williams left the meeting at 6:43 pm. L Jones and R Ferguson left the meeting at 6:47 pm.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Refers to page 9–14 of the agenda.

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Chairperson Hamill

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board meeting held on Monday, 18 November 2024 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 Reports

7.1 Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board – Activity Report February 2025

Refers to pages 15-28 of the agenda.

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

- Shade sails require specific conditions to ensure the most practical options for the structure’s construction and ongoing maintenance.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Bonne

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

7.2 Governance Administration – February 2025

Refer to pages 29-155 of the agenda.

Recommendations are on pages 29-30 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Governance Administration report be **received**; and
2. THAT Members **note** the pecuniary forms for year 3 are due to the Governance Services team no later than 28 February 2025.

CARRIED

Chairperson Hamill vacated the Chair and did not take part in the discussion of the next item.

Deputy Chairperson Bonne took the chair.

Moved Member Bonne / Seconded Member Inman

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$4,500.00 from their discretionary funds to the Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club to assist in the costs associated with the purchase of a 20 plus bike trailer for the Whakatāne Youth riders.

CARRIED

Deputy Chairperson Bonne vacated the Chair and Chairperson Hamill resumed as Chairperson.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$5,000.00 from their discretionary funds to the Whakatāne Kiwi Trust to assist in the costs associated with establishing the Kiwi Experience Hub.

CARRIED

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Member Bonne

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$2,000.00 from their discretionary funds to Ben Henton to assist in the costs associated with traveling and competing at the 2025 World Fly Fishing Championships.

CARRIED

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$5,000.00 from their discretionary funds to Enhance Coastlands Environment Art Project group to cover artists' fees for the artwork created around the 18 power boxes in Coastlands and request the acknowledgement of the Boards contribution.

CARRIED

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$3,279.96 from their discretionary funds to Have a Heart Charitable Trust to assist in costs associated with the Heart to Heart Expo and Family Festival 2025.

CARRIED

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Member Bonne

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$1,500.00 from their discretionary funds to the EBOP Kayak Fishing Club to cover the promotion and prizes for the annual kayak fishing competition in 2025.

CARRIED

Members deferred the Eastern Bay of Plenty Riding for the Disabled application to a future meeting as they felt the application was incomplete and the Board Members raised questions related to the application.

Moved Member Howard / Seconded Member Inman

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$1,000.00 from their discretionary funds to West End Wiggle to cover labour costs associated with the arts exhibition held on 11-13 April 2025.

CARRIED

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Howard

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$624.00 from their discretionary funds to the Liberty Ministries Trust to assist in the purchase of sausages for church in the park celebration held on 2 March 2025.

CARRIED

8 Chairperson Report

8.1 Chairpersons Report November 2024

Refer to pages 156-157 of the agenda.

There was a discussion about members attending “Hikoi for Health” and reduced speed limits for West End Road.

Action: Chair to follow up with staff regarding reduced speed limits for West End Road.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Inman

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Chairperson’s report November 2024 – February 2025 be received; and
2. THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board delegates authority to Chairperson Hamill to make a submission on behalf of the board to the NZTA Bay of Plenty Speed review around the Whakatāne Bridge to Gateway Drive turnoff speed limit.

CARRIED

The meeting closed with a karakia led by the chairperson at 8:02 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:

CHAIRPERSON