


Minutes – Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 25 July 2022

	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE-OHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE FISHER QUAY BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 106 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE ON MONDAY, 25 JULY 2022 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM
	Present:	Mayor J Turner, Councillors L Immink, and J Pullar; M Hanna (Chairperson), L Bonne, J Manning, A Hall, C Hamill and C Howard
	In Attendance:	S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor) <i>Attendance in part:</i> J Finlay (Manager Capital Projects) and G Fletcher (GM Community Experience)
	Visitors:	<i>Attendance in part, via Zoom:</i> J and M Cleghorn, M Verstegen (Cycling Without Age Eastern Bay of Plenty), R Humpherson (Bike Whakatane Trust), W Anderson and R Taipeti (Have a Heart Charitable Trust) and R Hamer <i>Attendance in part, in person:</i> P Wardale (Te Rāhui Herenga Waka Whakatāne), Sophie Napier (Youth Councillor), Gordon Dickson, Ryan Manning
	Apologies:	Members C Lee and M Inman

Chairperson Hanna opened the meeting with a Karakia at 5:30 pm.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board accept the apologies from Member C Lee and Member M Inman.

Chairperson Hanna/Councillor Immink

CARRIED

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson advised that the speaking order for the Public Forum section would vary from that listed in the agenda; Member Manning would speak to the two Events Network Trust applications first.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Member Manning declared a conflict of interest regarding the two discretionary fund applications from The Events Network Trust.

Member Hamill declared an interest in the following two discretionary fund applications: Bike Whakatāne Trust and Cycling Without Age Eastern Bay of Plenty.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

4.1 The Events Network Trust; Rebranding – Member Manning

The Events Network Trust were rebranding to EBOP Community Network. Member Manning said this better reflected the Trust and the support services they provided, their services, and events they held within the community. The feedback the Trust received on the new name had been positive and made it clearer as to their purpose; to network, connect and collaborate.

It was queried if rebranding was a business operational cost and Member Manning replied that the Trust was a small, not-for-profit organisation where funding was limited, and they supported promoting other organisations in the community.

4.2 The Events Network Trust; Charity Calendar – Member Manning

The Local Charity Calendar was a pilot project for TENT and Member Manning reported it would help showcase, and fundraise for, the organisations the Trust had worked with over the past six years. She said 12 organisations were confirmed for the 2023 calendar and if successful, they would look for sponsorship for future calendars.

Member Manning advised the Trust were looking at a print run of 250. When asked about the level of funding, Member Manning said the project would still proceed however less funding would potentially result in less funds raised for the 12 featured organisations.

Attendance:

General Manager Community Experience entered the meeting at 5:39 pm and Member Manning left the meeting at 5:41 pm.

4.3 Jessica Cleghorn

Refer also to pages 7a-b of the tabled items.

The Chairperson acknowledged the amazing opportunity for Jessica to attend Asia Pacific Sprint Kayak Championships in Japan, noting it was a testament to her dedication and commitment.

Mr Cleghorn advised the meeting they had also applied to the Kopeopeo Lions and to Rotary for financial assistance. Jessica had been kayaking for 6.5 years, training on the Whakatāne River. She presented a short slideshow showing some action shots, including tandem kayaking with Dame Lisa Carrington.

Attendance: J and M Cleghorn left the meeting at 5:46 pm.

4.4 Bike Whakatane Trust - Rex Humpherson

Mr Humpherson reported a substantial amount of funding was required to upgrade the bike pump track at Warren Park. He advised the Trust had also applied to other organisations and that any funding granted would not be required until March 2023 however he said the commitment was required now to enable the Trust to apply for a Lotteries Community Facilities grant.

Mr Humpherson explained the upgrade would not just be the pump track but would include facilities to enable working with Whānau on Wheels, a bike skills development area and said it would become a cycling hub for the community.

General Manager Community Experience reported that the Council were working in partnership with the Bike Trust, had financed the Resource Consent and design costs, and had engaged a resource to

assist with fundraising. It was noted also that the Ōhope Community Board had helped fund the original bike track.

Attendance: Member Manning re-entered the meeting at 5:59 pm.

4.5 Cycling Without Age Eastern Bay of Plenty - Maureen Verstegen

Ms Verstegen reported she had recently visited the Napier Cycling Without Age chapter and 'tried out' their trishaw. She said it was easy to ride, great for our cycleways and would be the perfect trishaw for Whakatāne. Ms Verstegen spoke passionately of the independence the ride provided, the socialising aspect for passengers and the ability to get out-and-about to enjoy the environment.

Cycling Without Age EBOP was now incorporated and a registered charity. Ms Verstegen explained that Napier had offered to help with the required administration and that several groups and people were keen to help with the project. She would love to involve schools with planning hospitality for passengers, designing flags and accompanying the rides and she noted that overtime, there was the potential to work with local engineering businesses to develop and build more trishaws.

In conclusion Ms Verstegen spoke of the promotional work to advertise the project and that the Trust would be applying to other organisations for funding. The next steps would then be working with providers in the community; rest homes, aged care facilities, schools etc.

The Board suggested to consider including more trishaws in their future funding applications.

Attendance:

W Anderson and R Taipeti entered the meeting at 6:04 pm.

P Wardale and J Finlay entered the meeting at 6:08 pm.

M Verstegen and Mr Humpherson left the meeting at 6:13 pm.

4.6 Have a Heart Charitable Trust - Wendy Anderson

Ms Anderson introduced the founder and lead facilitator of the mahi kai programme, Rangiaho Taipeti. Mr Taipeti spoke of his background and learning skills in hunting, fishing, and the preparation of the kai and now wanted to pass on his knowledge and teach these life skills to the youth.

Attendance: W Anderson and R Taipeti left the meeting at 6:20 pm.

4.7 Mr Gordon Dickson

Mr Dickson, a resident of Ōhope for the past 30 years spoke to the Board regarding historical incidents and in particular, an event that occurred on Maraetotara Reserve in Ōhope and requested the Board intercede on his behalf. A Point of Order was raised for irrelevance, as it was outside the role of the Board.

Attendance: Member Hamill escorted Mr Dickson from the meeting at 6:34 pm and Member Hamill re-entered the meeting at 6:36 pm.

5 PRESENTATION

Te Rāhui Herenga Waka Whakatāne

Project Director, Mr Phil Wardale, spoke on the project Te Rāhui Herenga Waka Whakatāne and the following points were noted during his PowerPoint presentation:

- The original added berthage option, drafted in 2019 in co-ordination with the Yacht Club, was evaluated against the 'focus of the project' and this was before looking at consenting logic.

- Multiple options in town were explored however they did not give all the features required for a sustainable solution. The Project Team assessment was that in-town options would not gain resource consent as the Iwi Authority would not support any further items in the river.
- The application to PGF included commercial berthage however it was quite clear that the first stage would see recreational boats and project purpose was jobs in the marine and tourism sectors and that on-land servicing capabilities were key.
- Climate Change considerations were a big part of what had been consented.
- Scale, expansion, and future stages were key to the PGF requirements.
- The core of both the PGF application and core components of first stage that had been consented were listed. More building space had been consented to cater for potential future demands.
- Partnership was key and was the reason the referral application for fast track consenting was approved by Ministry for the Environment. There was only the one chance to apply, and the application decision was released in June 2022.
- The 75 parties invited to submit on the Consent application were neighbours who could see the site, all those neighbouring the site, all Iwi Claimants, all those who held consents on river and the Councils. Of the 36 submissions, 16 were opposed.
- Social media was being monitored and responded to.
- Graphics showed the development stages of the site. It was noted that the entire facility had been consented however not all buildings had been included in the original budget.
- Some work was required in the river including dredging, location of channel markers and new revetment walls. It was noted with multiple users on the river the importance of the harbour master ensuring compliance.
- Members were shown the governance structure for the project delivery and Elena Trout was the Board Member representing the Council. The Tangata Whenua and the Community Liaison groups would exist for the duration of the 35-year consent.
- The local construction sectors had been briefed, including dates for tendering, and it was felt that with careful management local contractors could do most of the work.
- Tasks underway were:
 - where the timber waste was going and looking at options for sustainable reuse.
 - DOC concession to get from the river to the Boat Harbour
 - Enabling works on site (mainly Health and Safety focus)
- When finished, the concrete wharf (known as finger wharf) would be demolished, to help return the river closer to its natural form.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 23 May 2022

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board meeting held on Monday, 23 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Member Hamill/Member Hall
CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Activity Report – July 2022

Refer to pages 13-55 of the agenda.

Members acknowledged that the report was well written and informative.

The Water Station for Ngā Tapuwāe o Toi Walkway had been ordered and a media launch would occur.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board - Activity Report to July 2022 be received.

Chairperson Hanna/Member Howard

CARRIED

Attendance:

Mayor J Turner, Youth Councillor S Napier, and Manager Capital Projects left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm and recommenced at 7:41 pm.

7.2 Six Funding Applications

Refer to pages 56-144 of the agenda.

7.2.1 Jessica Cleghorn

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** the Funding Applications – July 2022 report be received: and
- 2. THAT** \$2,000.00 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to Jessica Cleghorn to assist with costs to attend and participate in the Asia Pacific Sprint Kayak Championships, to be held in Japan from 24 September to 5 October 2022; and Cycling Without Age Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Councillor Immink/Member Bonne

CARRIED

7.2.2 Cycling Without Age Eastern Bay of Plenty Society

Attendance:

Member Hamill left the room at 7:47 pm. GM Community Experience left the meeting at 7.48 pm.

RESOLVED:

THAT \$5,000.00 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to Cycling Without Age Eastern Bay of Plenty Society to assist with the purchase of an electric trishaw, to then provide at no cost, recreational outings primarily for older, low mobility and socially isolated residents.

Member Hall/Councillor Immink

CARRIED

7.2.3 *Bike Whakatāne Trust*

RESOLVED:

THAT \$10,000.00 be allocated, and held until required, from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Bike Whakatāne Trust to assist with costs to upgrade the Whakatāne Bike Park to include a sealed pump track and bike skills development area.

Member Bonne/Councillor Pullar

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Hamill re-entered the meeting at 8:01 pm.

7.2.4 *Have a Heart Charitable Trust*

Members felt the deliverables/outcomes were not clearly defined and noted other organisations ran similar programmes.

RESOLVED:

THAT \$695.58 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to Have a Heart Charitable Trust to purchase the life vests as part of their 'Mahi Kai Youth – Water Safety' project.

Member Bonne/Member Manning

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Manning left the meeting at 8.11 pm.

7.2.5 *The Events Network Trust – Rebranding*

Concerns were raised that the funding request was not for a project; noting rebranding was an operational cost, hence there no funding was allocated for this application.

7.2.6 *The Events Network Trust – Charities Calendar*

RESOLVED:

THAT \$1192.55 be allocated from the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Discretionary Fund to The Events Network Trust to cover the cost of printing 100 of the 2023 calendars show casing the work of local charities in the community.

Councillor Immink/Member Howard

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Manning re-entered the meeting at 8:17 pm.

8 CHAIRPERSON REPORT

8.1 Chairperson's Report – May 2022 to July 2022

Refer to pages 145-147 of the agenda and page 147a of the tabled items.

8.2 Community Engagement

- Member Hamill gave an update on the Waste Minimisation Funding round noting successful applicants were Ōhope Beach Golf Links (recycling stations), Matatā Fire Brigade (reusable coffee cups/lunch boxes) and The Good Tonic (cotton recycling).
- Councillor Immink referred to the handout and reported that the 'Whakatāne Mayoral Youth Community Awards' would initially be available to secondary school students. The awards would be made in four categories: Community Service (voluntary), Arts and Culture, Leadership and Environment and the current subcommittee, along with the sponsors, would evaluate the applications. Being a pilot for 2022, it was noted that some tweaks might be required for future years. Information was being presented at the Council meeting on 5 August for approval, letters would then be sent to schools and a media release would follow.
- Member Hamill advised the second Community Wellbeing hui was well attended and the pilot report developed, regarding the prioritisation of social issues, would be distributed to members.
- It was reported 12 people were interested to participate in a working group as part of the establishment of a Coastlands Residents Group. It was noted the role of the Board was in a support capacity.

8.3 Other Items

The Board supported the Light Box as a project for displaying various public art, but firm costs were required noting that there were other associated costs apart from the installation. A recommendation was proposed to ensure the elected Board for 2022-2025 were aware of the project.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board support in principle the project for the Installation of Light Boxes to display public artwork.

Councillor Pullar/Member Howard

CARRIED

Chairperson Hanna had been approached with an enquiry if the Board would support the submission of a second bridge into Whakatāne. Members acknowledged there were a number of complications and of the importance of the Spatial Plan work, however felt it was good to support, in principle.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board write a letter to Council of support, in principle of a second bridge into Whakatāne township.

Member Bonne/Member Howard

CARRIED

Members were referred to the Election Timelines.

A special acknowledgement was made to Member Hamill on being recently awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Whakatāne Rotary Club.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairperson's Report – May 2022 to July 2022 be received.

Chairperson Hanna/Member Manning

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY CHAIRPERSON HANNA AT 8:42 PM.

Confirmed this	day of
CHAIRPERSON	