


Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 9 April 2025

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), P Flowerday, C McIndoe, and Councillor G Dennis <i>Via Teams:</i> Deputy Chair R Gardiner
	In Attendance:	V Richards (Community Plan Coordinator), F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships) and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	M Sykes (Matatā Collective)
	Apologies:	Members H Brown and P Falwasser

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened at 5:30 pm with a Karakia led by Chairperson Waaka.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the apologies from Member Brown and Member Falwasser be **accepted**.

CARRIED

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – DEPUTATION

Refer to page 7 of the agenda and pages 7 a-ad of the tabled items.

Attendance: Manager Community Partnerships entered the meeting at 5:34 pm.

5.1 Matatā Collective

Mr Sykes, representing Matatā Collective, introduced himself, gave his background.

The Community Plan Coordinator discussed her role in supporting the Matatā Collective to establish their Plan, highlighting the valuable input gained through community engagement. It was truly a 'community-led project' and the graphics and design of the final product were also created by locals.

Mr Sykes highlighted Matatā's growth as a town and emphasised the importance of leaving a legacy for future generations. He referenced various sections within the document, including a focus on the history and culture, and the stakeholders and involvement of local Iwi. In conclusion he highlighted the key objectives of the Plan.

Ms Richards stated that the Edgecumbe Community Plan was currently undergoing a revamp and review, with a survey already underway. She also mentioned The Amazing Race event that will be held in Edgecumbe for children/families on Monday, 14 April. Information had been sent to local schools and Board Members were invited to attend.

Attendance: Mr Sykes and Ms Richards left the meeting at 5:56 pm.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 26 February 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report

Refer to pages 13-21 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships highlighted that the Creative Communities Scheme and Rural Travel Fund were both now open and encouraged members to inform their contacts.

An update was given regarding the Matatā pond silt clearance. The heavy rainstorm last week had dislodged and transported more debris down the Awatarariki and Waitepuru streams causing further need to clear the stream above, and the sedimentation ponds for the Awatarariki, and the sediment basin for the Waitepuru. This work is currently underway. A RailCorp maintenance team were on site yesterday to check their assets-in particular the rail bridge over the latter mentioned stream.

Members expressed interest in meeting the newly appointed General Managers.

A discussion ensued regarding Customer Services and members were reassured that they do forward enquiries to the correct person or team but are not responsible to ensure calls have been returned. It was reiterated the importance of logging calls through the Request for Service system as a record of actions is recorded.

Council staff to follow up regarding improved access to Thornton stop bank for mobility scooters, wheelchairs, and strollers.

Moved Member Gardiner / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report for April 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

7.2 Governance Administration

Refer to pages 22-23 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member Gardiner

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Governance Administration April 202 report be **received**; and
2. THAT Members **RSVP** to the Governance Services team of their attendance or apology for the 6 May 2025 Combined Community Board meeting.

CARRIED

5 Chairperson and Councillor Reports

5.1 Chairperson Report

Refer to pages 24-25 of the agenda.

Moved Member Flowerday / Seconded Member McIndoe

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – 9 April 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

5.2 Councillor Report

Refer to page 25 of the agenda.

Councillor Dennis provided updates on the meetings he attended, including those of the Te Teko Residents Association, Matatā Residents Association, and the Manawahe District Hall Committee. He advised that speed limit changes were on the agenda for the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting tomorrow and discussed their specific impacts within the Board's area.

Councillor Dennis would contact Thornton School to inquire whether a convex mirror could help improve visibility regarding traffic on the Thornton Bridge. He also provided details about the roading issue at Manawahe, explaining how the newly applied bitumen had led to problems and further work was now required.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member Flowerday

RESOLVED:

THAT the verbal report given by RCB Ward Councillor be **received**.

CARRIED

5.3 Member Reporting

Member McIndoe reported back from the Fonterra Community meeting he attended.

The meeting closed with a Karakia lead by Chairperson Waaka at 6:50 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON