

Minutes - Tāneatua Community Board 7 April 2025

 WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	TĀNEATUA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT CHEDDAR VALLEY POTTERY, 1034 WAINUI ROAD, OHOPE, MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM
	Present:	Mayor V Luca, Chairperson M Stensness, Members H Thrupp, T Bryant and Councillor A Iles
	In Attendance:	L Woolsey (General Manager Strategy and Growth), N Elliott (Acting Manager Community Regulations) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	S and M Slade, T Thrupp, R Merritt and M Wairua
	Apologies:	Member L Ruiterman and N George

1 KARAKIA

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia by Reverend Thrupp at 6:00.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board **accept** the apologies from Members L Ruiterman and N George.

CARRIED

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair acknowledged the recent passing of her aunt, Herita Toko.

4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Extraordinary Vacancy Candidate:

5.1.1 *Michael John Tuwairua*

Michael John Tuwairua introduced himself as a staunch advocate with a deep connection to the ward. He worked at TPOOM and served as the Hapū delegate for his Marae. He was also a member of the Waimana Sports and Cultural Club. Mr Tuwairua expressed his willingness to undertake

governance training, subject to his election to the board. He had previously worked closely with former Mayor Judy and had established strong connections within the community. His role as the secretary at TPOOM was highlighted, and members expressed overall support for his application.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 8-12 of the agenda.

Moved Member Bryant / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Tāneatua Community Board meeting for Monday, 24 February 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Governance Administration – April 2025

Refer to pages 13-18 of the agenda.

Members discussed concerns regarding the under-resourcing of police services in Whakatāne. It was noted that there is a need for increased support and resources to effectively address the demands on local law enforcement.

Moved Member Bryant / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Governance Administration April 2025 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.
3. THAT the Tāneatua Community Board appoint Michael John Tuwairua to the Board for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium; noting that he will complete a declaration once his appointment is resolved.

CARRIED

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm and reconvened at 6:23 pm.

7.2 Tāneatua Community Board – Activity Report April 2025

Refers to pages 19-27 of the agenda.

Acting Manager Community Regulations and the General Manager of Strategy and Growth highlighted the following points from their report:

- A presentation regarding the Pekatahi Bridge by Waka Kotahi was scheduled for the next meeting.
- Members discussed ongoing dog control issues, including 311 complaints received over a two-month period. However, only five complaints were reported from Tāneatua. The topic of Animal Control's roaming routes in the area was raised.
- The importance of community engagement and utilising the Hono Hapori van for educating the public on Animal Control matters was emphasised.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Bryant

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

8 MEMBERS REPORT

8.1 TCB Chairperson April 2025

Refer to pages 28-29 of the agenda.

- It was noted that the current focus of initiatives was concentrated in Tāneatua, with an emphasis on expanding efforts to cover a broader area. Members were encouraged to contribute to the Chairpersons report.
- The Ahurei event, taking place over Easter, was highlighted.
- There was a discussion on the Climate Change meeting held on 1 April, where local residents attended and were given information about high-risk areas. A follow-up event is scheduled for 14 April 2025 in Waimana, where flyers will be distributed to raise awareness. On 28 April 2025, a similar event will be held at the Tāneatua Hall.
- Members discussed safety barrier issues in the Wainui area. Members are reminded that these requested need to follow the RFS process.
- The discussion included the importance of climate change education and the potential involvement of the Youth Council in raising awareness and driving action.

Attendance: R Meritt left the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Member Thrupp

RESOLVED:

THAT the Tāneatua Community Board Deputy Chairpersons Report – April 2025 be received

CARRIED

It was noted that the Tāneatua Cemetery remains in the work plan.

Ongoing police-related concerns were highlighted during the meeting.

Attendance issues at local schools were raised as a concern.

A youth group initiative for children, organised by Tāneatua Church, was discussed.

Member Bryant required access to the Facebook group for better communication. Additionally, a bio for Member would be displayed along with upcoming events and promotional photos.

The meeting closed with a karakia from Reverend Thrupp at 7:07 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON