


## Minutes – Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 24 March 2025

	Details of Meeting:	<b>WHAKATĀNE-OHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE ŌHOPE FIRE STATION, HARBOUR ROAD, ŌHOPE, MONDAY 24 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM</b>
	Present:	C Hamill (Chairperson), Members L Bonne, M Inman, O Iseri (Jahn) and Councillor Boynton
	In Attendance:	A Pickles (General Manager Community Experience), V Fergusson (Manager Strategic Property) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	R Burgess, D Tate, J Cummins, K Monika, C Lowe, G McCormack and Deputy Mayor L Immink
	Apologies:	Member D McLean

### 1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a Karakia by the Chairperson at 5:31 pm.

### 2 APOLOGIES

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Bonne

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **accept** the apologies from Member McLean.

#### **CARRIED**

### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRIBUTES

None advise.

### 4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

### 5 PUBLIC FORUM

#### 5.1 Eastern Bay Riding for the Disabled - R Burgess

The organisation presented its ongoing efforts to engage more participants, highlighting the benefits of equine therapy. A brief history of the organisation was shared, noting recent capital increases and the acquisition of three additional ponies. The committee discussed the challenges of an overstretched carpark and the potential need for a defibrillator. The carpark project being funding-dependent and existing funds primarily allocated to staff support.

## **5.2 Ōhope Friendship Club - D Tate and J Cummins**

The club focused on connecting communities and engaging with Iwi. With approximately 30 participants for events, the club seeks funding for equipment upgrades, including an eftpas setup and transportation support. Currently utilising personal equipment, the club provides networking and educational opportunities for their elderly members. Operating with a \$3 entry fee and \$25 annual subscription, the club was previously known as the Probus club until it was renamed due to fees. They emphasised the importance of preventing elderly isolation.

## **5.3 Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Awa – K Monika**

The presentation highlight seeking funds for a festival, with approximately 50 Early Childhood Education (ECE) schools expected to participate. They would provide resources such as books that teach Te Reo Māori and noted the possibility of publishing these books for schools to purchase in the future to close funding gaps. This was the first time they sought funding for an event they were not leading. Discussions also included the limited public funding capabilities and the current support provided to numerous ECE schools by the organisation.

## **5.4 Trident High School - C Lowe**

Students were unable to attend due to national tournament commitments. The presentation focused on a unique event recognising local heroes, projected to attract 250 attendees. Sponsorship options were detailed: table sponsorship at \$800 plus GST, Silver Sponsorship at \$5,000 (including table, bar, and acknowledgment), or open donation. 22 students and their families will support the event, with potential for it to become an annual occurrence. All funds raised at the event will be put towards the volleyball teams Japan tour in 2025.

## **5.5 Ōhope Beach Football Club - G McCormack**

The club explored sponsorship opportunities to increase membership, noting approximately 125 members. Funds received would be put towards using specialised grass-marking paint for the senior's pitch. They hope to attract more members and sponsors to avoid seeking funds from the Board.

## **5.6 Crew – G McCormack.**

A brief overview was provided regarding the wood planing machine that the Board funded in 2024, which has generated paid employment and revenue. Schools have submitted pre-orders for timber. Pou Whakaaro aimed to employ six people in conjunction with Ministry of Social Development, providing employment opportunities over a 12-month period. The organisation would have further discussion with Council for future projects. Future applications may include kindling boxes for schools.

**Attendance:** R Burgess left the meeting at 5:47 pm. D Tate and J Cummins left the meeting at 5:57 pm. K Monika left the meeting at 6:08 pm. C Lowe left the meeting at 6:17 pm. Member Inman left the meeting at 6:33 pm and entered at 6:34 pm and Member Jahn left the meeting at 6:32 pm and entered at 6:34 pm. G McCormack left the meeting at 6:37pm.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

Refers to page 8–13 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Bonne

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board meeting held on Monday, 10 February 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## **7 Reports**

### **7.1 Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board – Activity Report March 2025**

Refers to pages 14-27 of the agenda.

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

- Staff considered hosting an opening event and involving the Board at the newly installed flying fox at the Marae tōtara reserve, noting that the posts required curing and thorough testing before public access could be permitted.
- Members preferred fully self-funding the Olympic gold sign for Lisa Carrington Lane. The graphics team could propose some options for the design.
- Action: Chair to contact Lisa Carrington with an invitation to view the new road sign.
- Traffic safety was addressed such as red crossings should only exist in 30 km zones. Zebra crossings were proposed as an alternative.
- Action: Team Leader Transport Strategy and Assets to attend the next meeting and provide an update on traffic safety concerns.
- Members received a reminder about the importance of gathering community evidence to support new project proposals. It was emphasised that the Council would need to carefully consider the ongoing maintenance requirements for any proposed initiatives.
- Members raised their interest in receiving updates on the other wards.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Inman

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board - Activity Report March 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Member Bonne

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board supports funding the Olympic Gold sign for Lisa Carrington Lane from their discretionary fund to the value of up to \$2,000.00 subject to the design concept being approved by majority of the members.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Governance Administration – March 2025**

Refer to pages 28-95 of the agenda.

Members engaged in a discussion detailing the funding criteria, noting the organisation's high funding dependency and importance in the community. Significant interest was expressed in the defibrillator component of the proposal, as the Board deemed they were unable to fund the parking project in its entirety due to budgetary constraints. Members recommended that the applicant re-

apply, with a specific funding request for a defibrillator.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Member Jahn

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Governance Administration report March 2025 be received; and
2. THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$3,000.00 from their discretionary fund to the Ōhope Friendship Club to cover hardware such as laptop, phone and eftpos machine for their club Meetings.

**CARRIED**

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Chairperson Hamill

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$3,500.00 from their discretionary fund to Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Awa to cover costs associated with the Te Haro Toroa – Ngāti Awa Festival in April 2025.

**CARRIED**

Members who showed interest in attending the Everyday Hero Awards included Jahn, Bonne, Inman, Carolyn and Councillor Boynton.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Bonne

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$1,600.00 from their discretionary fund to Trident High School for two tables to assist in the organisation of the 'Everyday Hero' Awards in April 2025.

**CARRIED**

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Boynton

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$500 from their discretionary fund to Lysahn Collier to assist in the travel costs associated with attending two international tournaments in April and May 2025.

**CARRIED**

Moved Member Jahn / Seconded Member Bonne

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$800.00 from their discretionary fund to the Ōhope Beach Football Club to cover the costs of painting the football pitch for the senior team.

**CARRIED**

## **8 Chairperson Report**

### **8.1 Chairpersons Report March 2025**

Refer to pages 96-98 of the agenda.

The Chair updated members with B Goldie and O Dobbins traffic concerns at West End Road. They have been invited to make a presentation at the next Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting on 10 April 2025.

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Boynton

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Chairperson's report February - March 2025 be received.

#### **CARRIED**

Moved Chairperson Hamill / Seconded Member Bonne

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board allocates \$4,500 from their discretionary fund towards the sponsorship of the Tamariki Foodie Festival April 2025.

#### **CARRIED**

The meeting closed with a karakia led by the chairperson at 7:47 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON