

Minutes - Community Funding Committee 20 May 2025

	Details of Meeting:	COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025, COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM.
	Present:	Councillors G Dennis (Chairperson), Councillors J Pullar and N Rangiaho Creative Community Scheme Panel Members: N Chapman, B Wilson (In place of Sue Whale), M Hannah, K Fort and A Caudwell <i>Via Teams: S Gould</i>
	In Attendance:	E Hatch (General Manager People and Partnerships), F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships), E Rossiter (Community Funding Advisor), J Rudkin (Community Development Advisor), C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	A Steel, K Steel, M Steel, R Ngaropo, S Hape, G Hape, A Korenhof, H Williams, D Simon, T Perenara, W Iti, J Dodd, E Sharp, R Rota, T Viitakangas and S Bremner
	Apologies:	

The meeting was opened with a karakia given by Councillor Rangiaho at 1:00 pm.

Attendees were advised of Health and Safety procedures and the Chairperson introduced the Panel Members, Staff and Councillors.

N Chapman entered the meeting at 1:02 pm

1 APOLOGIES

Panel Member K Fort advised of a potential early departure.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/TRIBUTES

None advised.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The following conflicts of interests had been declared by members:

- Beryl Wilson – Arts Whakatāne and Light up Whakatāne.
- Kim Fort – Light Up Whakatane organiser.

- Sue Gould – (perceived conflict) Arts Whakatāne former member.
- Annabel Caudwell – Student at Whakatāne High School.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Kids Unplugged - Anton Steel, K Steel and M Steel

Outlined the documentary podcast series focusing on the harms of screen addiction and social media overuse among young people. They have requested funding to produce five new episodes of the web series, covering hours of organising, filming, and editing.

4.2 He Rourou, He Rotarota - Rangipare Ngaropo

Miss Rangipare presented application for a multi-sensory black-tie event in December, which would showcase her poetry and other live performances, offering an immersive experience of Māori culture.

4.3 Tukutuku Basics - Sonny Hape and Glenda Hape

Miss Rangipare presented application for a workshop introducing participants to tukutuku (traditional Māori wall panel) weaving, fostering cultural connection and creativity open to all in the community with no prior experience.

4.4 Tapa Moana Nui - Amy Korenhof

Miss Korenhof has requested funding to support workshops, and an artist talk as part of their opening exhibition, aimed at sharing traditional knowledge and promoting diverse art forms.

4.5 Te Whare Rakau Whakapai Kura Wananga - Haupai Williams, Danny Simon and Tukirunga Perenara

The group has requested funds to assist with community Mau Rākau workshops, focused on teaching traditional martial arts, leadership, and teamwork. These sessions were aimed at sunning alongside school holidays every.

4.6 Te Ahi Tahutahu Trust - Wairere Iti

Requested funds for Te Māramatanga o te Ātea, a public installation combining sculpture, projection mapping, and LED light, celebrating mātauranga Māori.

4.7 Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated – Elly Sharp

Requested support for a lantern-making workshop for children and families, aimed at enhancing community spirit and contributing to the Lights on Parade.

4.8 Mural at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Orini Ki Ngati awa - Jarrod Dodd

Sought support to create a mural honouring Koro Tutua at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Orini ki Ngāti Awa, aiming to inspire pride and kōrero around local leadership.

4.9 Songwriters of Aotearoa - Mack Apaapa and Tammy Viitakangas

Requested funding for a national event allowing Aotearoa-based songwriters to showcase original work, gain exposure, and win prizes.

4.10 Waioaroariki - Reremoana Rota

Sought funding for a two-day taonga pūoro (Māori musical instrument) workshop, offering participants hands-on learning and the chance to create an instrument to take home.

4.11 Thornton School – Shelly Bremner

Sought support for a whole-school musical theatre production the Seussical, aiming to give students an educational and confidence-building experience in the arts.

4.12 Stage Door Productions Charitable Trust - Claire House (video)

Requested support for their youth production of Newsies Jr, featuring 41 young performers and aiming to build confidence and develop theatre skills.

Attendance: members presenting at the public forum left the meeting at 2:44 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm and reconvened at 3:00 pm.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

THAT the Community Funding Committee **confirm** the minutes of its meeting, held on 18 March 2025 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Creative Communities Scheme - May 2025

Refer to pages 8-11 of the agenda.

The following members declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the relevant application:

- Beryl Wilson – Arts Whakatāne and Light Up Whakatāne
- Kim Fort – Light Up Whakatāne
- Annabel Caudwell – Whakatāne High School

The Community Funding Advisor presented the report, and the following points were highlighted in the discussion:

- It was confirmed that all applicants had completed their required accountability forms.
- Members reviewed the fund guidelines and noted the proposed timetable for advertising Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) funds.
- Members discussed maintaining precedent for applications.
- Members considered the appropriateness of funding wages and professional fees through the scheme.
- The Kids Unplugged project did not meet the Creative NZ guidelines.

- Members discussed whether certain events, given their ticket pricing structure, could reasonably be expected to achieve self-funding rather than requiring funding support.
- Members discussed applications related to school curriculum and how well they aligned with the eligibility criteria. Discussion included consideration of marae-based whaananga delivered through Te Koputu or similar cultural initiatives.
- No retrospective funding would be provided.
- Discussion occurred regarding including provisions for prize money and judging panels for local events. The Board considered an application from Songwriters for Aotearoa, noting the organisation's intention to develop the event into a national programme. Members discussed whether this constituted a private or community-focused event.
- The Board discussed the value of running preparatory workshops ahead of main events to enhance community benefit.
- Members considered artwork projects based in Whakatāne and the associated networking and community hub opportunities these might provide.

Attendance: A Caudwell left the meeting at 3:48pm and re-entered at 3:52pm. K Fort left the meeting at 4:12pm and re-entered at 4:14pm. B Wilson left the meeting at 4:41pm.

Moved Member Chapman / Seconded Member Hannah

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report 'Creative Communities Scheme May 2025'; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Creative Communities Scheme – May 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Creative Communities Scheme – May 2025 and **allocates** the funding to recipients accordingly.

Name (Individual/Organisation)	Activity	Amount Allocated
Theatre Whakatane Incorporated	Sleeping Beauty 2025	\$2,000.00
Mrs Cheryl Wilson	Pake Up!	\$1,000.00
Miss Rangipare Ngaropo	He Rourou, He Rotarota	\$900.00
Whakatane Embroiderer's Guild	Jo Dixey - Long and Short Workshop	\$600.00

Whakatane High School	FLOX Art Workshop	\$1,500.00
Waioroariki	Waioroāriki Taonga Pūoro, Wānanga	\$1,000.00
Stage Door Productions Charitable Trust	Set the Stage: Newsies Jr all-youth production by Stage Door Productions Charitable Trust	\$1,000.00
Miss Sonny Hape	Tukutuku Basics	\$1,000.00
Mr Jinan Dodd	Mural at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Orini Ki Ngati awa	\$2,000.00
Te Ahi Tahutahu Trust	Te Māramatanga o te Ātea	\$2,500.00
Tapa Moana Nui	Tapa Moana Nui Community Engagement: Workshops	\$2,000.00
Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	Creating Light Together: Community Lantern Art Workshop for Trust Horizon Light Up Whakatāne 2025	\$1,654.40
Thornton School	Seussical the Musical, our annual school production	\$1,500.00
Mr Haupai Williams	Te Whare Rakau Whakapai Kura Wananga	\$1,500.00
Total:		\$ 20,154.40

CARRIED

Attendance: Creative Communities Scheme panel members left the meeting at 5:04 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm and reconvened at 5:20 pm.

6.2 Rural Travel Funding - May 2025

Refer to pages 12-15 of the agenda.

The Community Funding Advisor presented the report and there was a discussion around the guidelines and prioritising applications that adhere to the guidelines.

Moved Chairperson Dennis / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report 'Rural Travel Fund – May 2025'; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Rural Travel Fund – May 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Rural Travel Fund – May 2025 and **allocates** the funding to recipients accordingly.

Applicant	Amount Allocated
Rangitaiki College	\$790.24
Matata Public School	\$818.73
Te Teko JAB Club	\$845.49
Trident High School	\$2,000.00
Omataroa netball club	\$500.00
Te Teko Rugby and Sports Club	\$1,561.35
Te Urewera Stags Rugby League	\$729.79
Taoroa Sports & Cultural Club Incorporated	\$375.93
Te kura kaupapa Maori o Te Orini	\$568.15
Edgumbe Junior Hockey Club	\$418.29
Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Huiarau	\$1,913.34
Whakatane Rowing Club	\$850.00
Whakatane High School	\$2,000.00
Eastern Bay Of Plenty Cricket Club Inc	\$1,690.99
Thornton School	\$350.00

Total:	\$15,412.30
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CARRIED

The meeting was closed with karakia by Councillor Rangiaho 5:39 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON