


## Minutes – Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board 23 June 2025

 <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>WHAKATĀNE-OHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE ŌHOPE FIRE STATION, HARBOUR ROAD, ŌHOPE ON MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM</b>
	Present:	L Bonne (Chairperson), C Howard, D McLean, M Inman, O Iseri and Deputy Mayor Immink as alternate
	In Attendance:	V Fergusson (Manager Strategic Property) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	M Cleghorn, J McLean, M Prasad, A Gosman and S ...
	Apologies:	Member Hamill and Councillor Boynton

### 1 KARAKIA

The Chairperson tendered an apology for this meeting, and the Deputy Chairperson served as Chair. For the purposes of the minutes, the Deputy Chairperson will be referred to as the Chairperson.

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

### 2 APOLOGIES

Moved Chairperson Bonne / Seconded Member Inman

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **accept** the apologies from Member Hamill and Councillor Boynton.

#### **CARRIED**

### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRIBUTES

None declared.

### 4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

### 5 PUBLIC FORUM

#### 5.1 Jess Cleghorn

Mark Cleghorn presented on behalf of Jess Cleghorn, highlighting her sporting achievements and noted that she had relocated to Auckland. She sought Board support for travel costs totalling

\$15,000, of which \$8,000 had already been raised. He outlined that Jess was a full-time student working part-time to fund her university studies whilst training three times daily.

**Attendance:** M Cleghorn left the meeting at 5:35 pm.

## **5.2 Trident High School - James McLean**

James McLean presented the Whakapiki programme, which focused on improving cultural achievements at Trident High School. The programme aimed to increase tikanga knowledge at the school to develop emerging leaders and support Māori and Pacific Island students' academic achievement. The proposal involved 18 students and three staff members travelling to Rarotonga to experience and learn about the culture.

**Attendance:** J McLean left the meeting at 5:43 pm.

## **5.3 Monique Prasad**

Monique Prasad presented her application for funding to represent the Under-20 volleyball team in Japan. She outlined her commitment to volleyball and her role as a positive influence for students at the school. She noted the limited timeframe for securing funding as the team had only recently been finalised and mentioned her strong social media presence which could provide acknowledgement for the Board's support. She also expressed interest in supporting junior teams' development.

**Attendance:** M Prasad left the meeting at 5:48 pm.

## **5.4 Rainbow Rangatahi Roller Disco - Amy Gosman and Sarah ...**

Representatives presented their application to create a safe space for rainbow youth. They explained that few opportunities existed for this demographic and that limited social media promotion was necessary for safety reasons. They read testimonials from previous event attendees and outlined how their proposal aligned with the Board's strategic plan. The event would target high school-aged participants with no entry fees to ensure accessibility.

**Attendance:** A Gosman and S ... left the meeting at 5:58 pm.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

Refers to page 8–13 of the agenda.

Moved Member Howard / Seconded Member Inman

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board meeting held on Monday, 12 May 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

### **CARRIED**

## **7 Reports**

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

Refers to pages 14-43 of the agenda.

The Manager of Strategic Property presented the report. Discussion highlighted the following points:

- A candidate briefing was scheduled for 11 July 2025.

- Elected Members were investigating further options for Keepa Road upgrades related to the cycleway
- The Boards speed limit consultation submission to include the following:
  - (a) Ōhope Road: The Board supported retaining the current speed limit of 60 km/h, noting a high crash frequency of approximately 22 incidents annually. Members acknowledged that deterioration of the road surface might contribute to both crash risk and vehicle damage.
  - (b) Wainui Road: The Board supported maintaining the temporary speed limit of 60 km/h.
  - (c) West End Road: The Board supported the proposed speed reductions to 30 km/h, with a recommendation to shorten the length of reduced speed zones to better reflect road usage and conditions.
  - (d) Mill Road Roundabout: General safety concerns were raised for inclusion in the submission.
  - (e) Te Teko Road: The Board supported the proposed reduction in speed limit to 80 km/h.
  - (f) Thornton Road: Safety issues were identified, particularly at the bridge and S-bend corners. The Board supported the proposed speed reductions to 80 km/h.
  - (g) Valley Road: The Board supported the proposed reduced speed limit to 50 km/h.
  - (h) Tassel Drive: The speed limit reduction was supported based on ongoing local safety concerns.
- Clarification was sought on the funding for the Rangatahi Road Show.
- Contributions for Orange Sky Aotearoa working in the district.
- Councils support for local tourism was discussed.

Moved Chairperson Bonne / Seconded Member Howard

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

The removal of a sign from the Marae Tōtara reserve by the flying fox was clarified and would be follow up on by the General Manager of Community Experience.

## 7.2 Governance Administration – June 2025

Refer to pages 44-129 of the agenda.

Moved Chairperson Bonne / Seconded Member McLean

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Governance Administration report June 2025 be **received**; and
2. THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **approves** the 'Gold' design concept for the Carrington Lane signage addition, as endorsed by the New Zealand Olympic Committee.

**CARRIED**

Moved Member Howard / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$2,000.00 discretionary funds to Jess Cleghorn for costs associated in competing in the ICF Under 23 Canoe Sprint World Championship in July 2025.

## **CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding criteria for school applications and potential precedents. Members noted that whilst applications could be assessed on a case-by-case basis, it was preferable to standardise practice wherever practicable.

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

## **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **allocates** \$1,200.00 discretionary funds to Trident High School to assist in costs associated with Rarotonga Cultural and Sporting Exchange in September 2025.

## **CARRIED**

The Chairperson declared a conflict of interest and temporarily vacated the chair for the next item. Member Inman assumed the Chair for this item.

Moved Member McLean / Seconded Member Howard

## **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board considers **allocates** \$2,000.00 discretionary funds to the Monique Prasad to cover costs associated in competing in the New Zealand Junior Women's Volleyball Team competing in Japan in July 2025.

## **CARRIED**

Member Bonne resumed as Chair.

Moved Member Inman / Seconded Chairperson Bonne

## **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board considers **allocates** \$1,500.00 discretionary funds to Danae Lee to assist in the costs associated with Rainbow Rangatahi Roller Disco in 2025

## **CARRIED**

Member Jahn abstained from voting.

Members requested that feedback be provided to the group recommending implementation of a gold coin donation for attendees, aligning with standard practice and feedback given to similar events.

Discussion ensued regarding the Youth Encounters Ministries Trust application. Members raised several questions that could not be answered as the applicants had tendered apologies. Members felt that attendance at the meeting to provide examples of the therapy programme from previous Board funding would have strongly supported their case. Due to insufficient information, and noting the Board had previously supported the Trust, members declined the application. The Board encouraged the Trust to apply again in the future

## **8 Chairperson Report**

### **8.1 Chairpersons Report June 2025**

Refer to pages 130-132 of the agenda.

The Chairperson noted that the Community Board national Zoom meeting had been scheduled during the middle of the day and requested that timing be reconsidered. Concerns were raised that parties might withdraw from the Whakaari project due to insufficient engagement and slipping deadlines.

Moved Chairperson Bonne / Seconded Member Jahn

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Chairperson’s report May 2025 - June 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed with a karakia led by the chairperson at 7:02 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON