


## Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 28 May 2025

 <b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	<b>RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE LIONS READING ROOM, EDGE CUMBE LIBRARY, COLLEGE ROAD, EDGE CUMBE ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM</b>
	Present:	Members L Waaka (Chairperson), C McIndoe, H Brown and P Falwasser, and Councillor G Dennis <i>Via Teams:</i> Deputy Chair R Gardiner and Member P Flowerday
	In Attendance:	F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships), G Mischefski-Gray (Strategic Policy Analyst), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	R Hamer (Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club), Judith Karaitiana (Nga Toi o nga hapū), Leanne Blackwood and Vera Pawson (Otakiri School & District Centenary Committee), Alan McClumpha and Denise Patterson (Matatā Residents Association)
	Apologies:	

### 1 KARAKIA

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

### 2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

### 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Condolences and aroha to Member Brown and his whānau.

### 4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Member Brown declared an interest in item 5.2 Nga Toi o Nga hapū funding application.  
Member Flowerday declared an interest in item 5.4 Matatā Residents Association funding application.

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC FORUM

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

#### 5.1 Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club (WMBC)

Mr Hamer, president of the WMBC, mentioned the success of the recent amazing race held in Edgecumbe and that he enjoyed interacting with the local community.

As a mountain biker himself Mr Hamer spoke of the popularity of Onepū Park. He advised that 6 (of 220) members were currently first-aid trained and noted the Club saw the importance of having a pre-hospital first-aid trained member for the more serious incidents.

The Club had fundraised and Mr Hamer spoke of how businesses and schools provided sponsorship of the bike trails. He added that if the Club was successful in receiving funding, the Board's logo could be included on a trail sign to acknowledge the grant.

In response to a question, Mr Hamer advised the five-day course was equivalent to a 'first responder' course.

**Attendance:** Mr Hamer left the meeting at 5:44 pm.

## **5.2 Nga Toi o nga hapū**

Refer also to page 7a of the tabled items.

Ms Karaitiana thanked members for the opportunity to speak to their application. She explained the meaning of Ngā Toi Mana Motuhake; a Hapū-Led Wānanga of Art, Identity, and Self-Determination and that art was also about identify, whakapapa and knowledge.

Members were advised this was the second Wānanga, it had increased in size and would be held at the Te Teko marae. The Wānanga was all inclusive and members were invited to attend.

It was clarified the funding request was \$2000.

**Attendance:** Ms Karaitiana left the meeting at 5:57 pm.

## **5.3 Otakiri School & District Centenary Committee**

Ms Blackwood shared her personal connection with Otakiri School, noting that as a member of the teaching staff, the school community had become an integral part of her identity.

Ms Blackwood explained that the Centenary celebration had been postponed twice due to Covid and although the school was now in its 105<sup>th</sup> year, the event would still commemorate the 100-year milestone. Ms Blackwood highlighted the efforts of a dedicated organising committee of eight members and outlined the planned activities, noting that some attendees would represent the fourth generation of their families.

Members were invited to attend the event.

**Attendance:** Ms Blackwood and Ms Pawson left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

## **5.4 Matata Residents Association**

Mr McClumpha, Treasurer of the Matatā Residents Association, said the Association's role was to support the community. The need for a noticeboard in central Matatā was identified, which would help keep residents and visitors informed of events, history of the village, climate related notices etc.

**Attendance:** The Strategic Policy Analyst entered the meeting at 6:14 pm.

Mr McClumpha reported they had permission from Iwi for the noticeboard to be erected on the site where the Drift Café was located. Anti-graffiti coating. Going on advice of experts.

In response to questions Mr McClumpha said the Noticeboard would have an anti-graffiti coating, and that the Association were happy to share information with other Community Boards.

**Attendance:** Mr McClumpha and Ms Patterson left the meeting at 6:20 pm.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Refer to pages 8-11 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member Brown

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 29 April 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## **7 REPORTS**

### **7.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – Activity Report**

Refer to pages 12-21 of the agenda.

The Strategic Policy Analyst introduced herself and that her role included the implementation of the Climate Change Strategy. She spoke to item 3.4 within the report 'Climate Change Fund' and highlighted it was a partnership between Council and Trust Horizon. There would be a round of funding each quarter and \$5K of this fund set aside for youth applications and she reported that the application assessors were community members.

The Strategic Policy Analyst offered her assistance to help with applications.

**Attendance:** The Strategic Policy Analyst left the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Moved Member McIndoe / Seconded Member Flowerday

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Governance Administration**

Refer to pages 22-79 of the agenda.

Manager Community Partnerships advised that Council staff had requested feedback from the Board as to potential solutions regarding mobility-issue access to the Thornton stop back. It was requested that a short pilot be trialled whereby limited, and registered gate keys, be issued to an effected party enabling their access at Tanekaha Street and via 33 College Road.

Consultation was open for Local Road Speed Limits and Member Gardiner volunteered to create a submission on behalf of the Board. It was suggested the submission include the suggestion of a convex mirror on Eastbank Road / Thornton Road intersection, and other options to help improve visibility for traffic on the Thornton Bridge.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Member Brown

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Governance Administration May 2025 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$1000 discretionary funds to the Whakatāne Mountain Bike Club to cover costs for one member to attend pre-hospital first aid training thereby ensuring a volunteer at Onepū Park bike event is first aid trained.

**CARRIED**

Member Brown did not participate in the next discussion, nor did he vote on the motion.

Being an arts and culture event, the Board queried if there were other funds that would be more appropriate for the Roopu to apply for, but also noted the short timeframe whereby the event was this coming weekend. They also suggested earlier planning would ensure they could apply to the most appropriate fund and hence indicated it was a 'one-off' payment.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member McIndoe

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** a one-off \$1500 discretionary grant to Nga Toi o nga hapū to hold a four-day wānanga from Friday, 30 May to Monday 2 June 2025 to bring together hapū members, artists, and kaikōrero to explore the role of art in preserving stories, expressing mana motuhake, and fostering whanaungatanga within the community.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance:** Member Flowerday left the meeting at 7:06 pm and rejoined at 7:09 pm.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Member Falwasser

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$3319.00 from their discretionary funds to the Otakiri School and District Centenary Committee to assist with costs to run their 100-year celebratory event in October 2025.

**CARRIED**

Member Flowerday did not participate in the next discussion, nor did he vote on the motion.

The meeting was advised that the noticeboard had been planned for some time. It was noted that the Noticeboard should be constructed and installed complying with all regulations.

Moved Member Brown / Seconded Member McIndoe

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **allocates** \$3500.00 discretionary funding to the Matatā Residents Association for a double-sided wooden noticeboard to be built and erected in Matatā.

**CARRIED**

## **5 Chairperson and Councillor Reports**

### **5.1 Chairperson Report**

Refer to pages 80-81 of the agenda.

Chairperson Waaka reiterated the importance to complete the 'Resting Room' World War Memorial Plaque project before the triennium end. She would be contacting chairs of the Tāneatua, Murupara and Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Boards and then obtain quotes.

The original project design was complex in that soldiers from World War 1 and II were grouped with hapu. In completing the project, she proposed to simplify the design and relocate WW1 plaques on the left of the 'Resting Room' and WWII plaques on the right. This would also result in just one additional plaque required. Chairperson Waaka and spoken to Councillor O'Brien (Ngāti Awa) and was advised that original whānau of the project had passed on.



Chairperson Waaka would report back, including quotes, to move forward with the project.

Moved Chairperson Waaka / Seconded Councillor Dennis

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the RCB Chairperson Report – May 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Councillor Report**

Refer to page 82-83 of the agenda.

Councillor Dennis spoke to his report. A discussion ensued regarding the 'boat wreck' at Te Teko and potential options were worked through. It was unfortunate the application from the Te Teko Residents Association missed the May meeting deadline however it would be presented at the July Board meeting.

**Attendance:** Member Brown left the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Chairperson Waka

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the RCB Councillor Report- May 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Member Reporting**

Refer to page 85 on the agenda.

Members spoke of interactions with their contacts and community members.

**Attendance:** Member McIndoe left the meeting at 7:57 pm.

**The meeting closed with a Karakia lead by Chairperson Waaka at 8:09 pm.**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON