


Minutes - Inaugural Combined Community Board Meeting - 1 December 2025

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	INAUGURAL COMBINED COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE ON MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM
	Present:	<p>His Worship the Mayor N Tánczos</p> <p><i>Murupara Community Board (MCB)</i> M Honeycombe, I Prentice, M Kereopa, A Silcock, and Councillor J Morgan-Ranui</p> <p><i>Rangitāiki Community Board (RCB)</i> S Hale, B Clark, S McHardy, S Bonner, B Evans, and Councillor G Dennis</p> <p><i>Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board (WOCB)</i> S Whale, C Howard, D McLean, L Bonne, R Sloman, S Cessford, and Councillor C Hamill</p> <p><i>Tāneatua Community Board (TCB)</i> Due to the By-election, membership of the Board is not yet complete</p>
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive and Chairperson), E Hatch (GM People and Partnerships), H Patrick (Kaihautu Māori Partnerships and GM Commercial), P Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), D Bewley (GM Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure), V Richards (Strategic Coordinator – Community Planning), F Begley (Manager Community Partnerships), I McNiven (Procurement and Risk Manager), K Boreham (Principal Advisor – Executive Office), C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services), S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor), L Edwards (Governance Services Coordinator) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Visitors, guests and members of the public
	Apologies:	TCB Member V Xavier

1 KARAKIA and OPENING

The Kaihautu Māori Partnerships and GM Commercial led with an opening Karakia.

Following this, the Chief Executive formally welcomed everyone and commenced the inaugural meeting of the Combined Community Board at 10:08 am.

2 MEETING NOTICES

The Chief Executive shared meeting notices on live streaming and health and safety. He also noted that due to the current by-election in progress for the Tāneatua Community Board, they did not meet quorum requirements to appoint a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

The Chief Executive noted it was unfortunate that the live stream was not currently operational; therefore the meeting would be recorded and added to the Council's website. He noted there would

be a brief intermission in the meeting to allow the Community Boards to convene separately, to discuss item 5.5 the appointment of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and confirmation of their first meeting.

3 APOLOGIES

An apology was noted from Tāneatua Community Board Member V Xavier.

4 Reporting

4.1 Declaration by Community Board Members and Appointed Councillors.

Each of the newly elected Members read aloud the statutory declaration pursuant to clause 14 of schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and signed their written declarations which were witnessed by the Mayor.

Mayor Tánzcós invited Members to make introductory remarks after their declarations, and all Members responded.

5 Conflicts of interest

None advised.

6 Reporting Continued

6.1 Legislative Advice to incoming Community Board 2025-2028

The Chief Executive presented the report and gave a high-level overview of certain legal provisions, legislation, acts, and several policies that impacted elected members.

Moved Member Honeycombe / Seconded Member Bonne

RESOLVED:

THAT the Legislative Advice to the Incoming Community Boards 2025-2028 report be **received**.

CARRIED

Member Silcock abstained from voting.

6.2 Resolution of Thanks to Retiring Members

Moved Member Howard / Seconded Member Cessford

RESOLVED:

THAT the following retiring Community Board Elected Members from the 2022-2025 triennium be **thanked**:

Murupara Community Board	Sheena Jones Jesse Morgan-Ranui (<i>elected Councillor 2025-2028</i>)
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Rangitāiki Community Board	Leeann Waaka (Chairperson) Ross Gardiner (Deputy Chairperson) Peter Falwasser Peter Flowerday Clive McIndoe
Tāneatua Community Board	Natasha George Leonardus Ruiterman Moana Stensness (Chairperson) Honey Thrupp Michael Tuwairua
Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board	Carolyn Hamill (Chairperson / <i>elected Councillor 2025-2028</i>) Mark Inman Ozgur Jahn

CARRIED

6.3 Election of Positions and Set First Meeting Date

The Chief Executive presented the report.

Moved Member Bonne / Seconded Councillor Morgan-Ranui

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Election of Positions and Set First Meeting Date report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Boards **selected** System B to determine the election process for these positions.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:04 am, to enable the Community Boards to meet separately and appoint a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and confirm the date for their first meetings in 2026. The meeting reconvened at 11:29 am.

The Chief Executive announced the appointments for the following Community Boards.

6.3.1 *Murupara Community Board:*

- Questions were raised about access to meeting agendas. It was confirmed that the agenda for the inaugural combined meeting had been emailed to all members on 26 November 2025 and published on the Council's website.
- It was further noted that hard copies were not issued unless requested directly, as the Council operated as a paper-lite organisation to actively support climate change strategies and goals.
- Reassurance was sought that, if Te Reo Māori was used during meetings, translations would be provided so all members could understand.
- There had been interest to hold the first meeting in mid-December. However, it was noted that:
 - i) The purpose of an early meeting needed to be clearly defined.
 - ii) Standing Orders required that such a meeting would be classified as an extraordinary meeting.
 - iii) Discretionary funds were not yet available.
 - iv) The Christmas holiday period, member and staff availability, and access to material and organisational updates would also be part of the challenge.

The Board agreed that the first meeting would be scheduled for early in the New Year (2026).

Moved Member Honeycombe / Seconded Councillor Morgan-Ranui

RESOLVED:

THAT Board Member Mere Honeycombe be **appointed** as Chairperson of the Murupara Community Board for the 2025-28 triennium.

CARRIED

Moved Member Honeycombe / Seconded Member Kereopa

RESOLVED:

THAT Board Member Irma Prentice be **appointed** as Deputy Chairperson of the Murupara Community Board for the triennium.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Morgan-Ranui / Seconded Member Kereopa

RESOLVED:

THAT the Murupara Community Board's first board meeting in 2026 be held on Tuesday, 27 January at Murupara Service Centre.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Rangitāiki Community Board:

Moved Member Clark / Seconded Member Hale

RESOLVED:

THAT Board Member Stephanie Bonner be **appointed** as Chairperson of the Rangitāiki Community Board for the 2025-28 triennium.

CARRIED

Moved Member Hale / Seconded Member Bonner

RESOLVED:

THAT Board Member Stu McHardy be **appointed** as Deputy Chairperson of the Rangitāiki Community Board for the triennium.

CARRIED

Moved Member Hale / Seconded Member Bonner

RESOLVED:

THAT the Rangitāiki Community Board **sets** Wednesday, 4 February, 5:30 pm at the Lions Reading Room Edgcumbe as their first board meeting in 2026.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board:

Moved Member Howard / Seconded Councillor Hamill

RESOLVED:

THAT Board Member Linda Bonne be **appointed** as Chairperson of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board for the 2025-28 triennium.

CARRIED

Moved Member Sloman / Seconded Councillor Hamill

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Board Member Sue Whale be **appointed** as Deputy Chairperson of the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board for the triennium.
2. THAT the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board **sets** Wednesday, 2 February 2026 at the Ōhope Fire Station as their first board meeting in 2026.

CARRIED

Mayor Tánzos congratulated the newly elected members and acknowledged their role for the Whakatāne District.

The meeting closed with a Karakia led by the Kaihautu Māori Partnerships and GM Commercial at 11:38 am.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON