

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI
EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the East Harbour Women's Clubrooms, 145 Muritai Road,
Eastbourne on

Tuesday 13 February 2024 commencing at 7:15 pm

PRESENT: B Moss (Chair) F Vickers
M Gibbons E Keddell
B Spedding (Deputy Chair) Deputy Mayor T Lewis

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barry (part meeting)
A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability
J Rowe, Owner Interface Manager - Tupua Horo Nuku
(part meeting)
A Shahin, Traffic Engineer (part meeting)
S Winyard, Administrator, Transport (part meeting)
A Lee, Workflow Coordinator, Transport (part meeting)
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora.

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

Under Standing Order 16.1, the Chair allowed public comment from residents on items not appearing on the agenda.

R Hammond, Communications and Engagement Advisor, Te Ara Tupua were in attendance for Public Comment.

Speaking under public comment, **Amelia Hanson, a representative of the Days Bay Residents' Association**, asked officers to reduce traffic delays caused by pedestrian crossings during summer holidays. She asked for a response from officers on options to ease traffic congestion. She suggested installing a temporary ad-hoc traffic light at the Williams Park crossing during hot summer days to help with traffic flow. On a separate issue, she noted visitors were lifting the bollards at the site that was previously occupied by the caretaker's cottage and parking their vehicles on the grass.

Speaking under public comment, **Matthew Mallett** questioned the decision to use Rona Bay as a Bird Protection Area (BPA). He said the beach behind Bishop Park was popular for recreation, yet the sole focus was on the protection of birds. He believed changing the Greater Wellington Regional Council resource consent requirements would be possible. He requested more information from officers on the impacts, costs and maintenance requirements.

Speaking under public comment, **Peter Smith** questioned why BPAs were being created when Council no longer intended to introduce little blue penguins to BPAs.

Speaking under public comment, **Suzanne Willis** questioned why dogs were to be banned from the beach area near Bishop Park when they were already required to be leashed. She further questioned why Council would install a BPA in the middle of a leashed area. She expressed disappointment that the area was to be fenced off.

Speaking under public comment, **John Tattersall** said he walked his dog daily in the Bishop Park beach area and had never seen evidence of penguin activity. He believed penguins tended to nest further south past the rugby field. He expressed frustration that residents would no longer be able to walk their dogs near Bishop Park. He noted it would also be difficult for children in the playground to access the beach. He suggested retaining the area for leashed dogs and moving the BPA north of the stormwater outlet at the end of the beach. He believed this would allay residents' concerns.

Speaking under public comment, **Eddie Gray** expressed support for the comments shared by the previous speakers. He supported relocating the BPA from Bishop Park to Windy Point. On a separate issue, he asked for action on lowering the speed limit on Marine Parade. He said vehicles sped through Marine Parade, making it dangerous for pedestrians and children.

Speaking under public comment, **Amanda Mallett** agreed with the previous speaker regarding high speed traffic on Marine Parade. She asked for speed bumps to be installed to slow down traffic and to prevent vehicles from cutting corners. On a separate issue, she said the level of human activity, sport, floodlights and the rubbish dumped in the dunes behind Bishop Park did not make the area safe for penguins. She expressed concern for the welfare of dotterels if fences and tunnels were installed. She expressed concern for the welfare of geckos and lizards if the Marram grass was removed.

Speaking under public comment, **Peter Pointon** requested the Board's support for opposing BPAs in Rona Bay. He expressed frustration that a unique environment enjoyed regionally was being destroyed.

Speaking under public comment, **Margaret Murphy** proposed that BPAs be situated past Burdan's Gate where there was no traffic or dogs and fewer people and cats. She suggested a bird reserve on Council land that did not affect residential areas.

Council's HCC Owner Interface Manager – Tupua Horo Nuku, advised the HW Shortt Park and Bishop Park Bird Protection Areas (BPAs) were required under the Greater Wellington Regional Council resource consent conditions to offset the works for the shared path. He encouraged residents to make submissions on the Tupua Horo Nuku Dog Bylaw and BPAs on Council's website until 1 March 2024. He explained BPAs were being installed to counteract habitat loss rather than to relocate penguins. He said the best way to object to installing BPAs was to contact Council directly using the business cards provided at the meeting.

The Chair confirmed that the Board supported residents' views on BPAs expressed at the meeting. She acknowledged the challenges that objectors faced when BPA areas had already been set in place by the Environment Court. She advised that the Board would continue to seek changes to BPA plans for the Eastern Bays.

The Chair asked officers to respond to concerns raised under public comment regarding vehicle speeds on Marine Parade.

The Chair requested a response from officers to the issues raised by the Days Bay Residents' Association representative.

Mayor Barry thanked the residents who spoke under public comment. He confirmed the Board had communicated residents' views on BPAs at Council meetings on their behalf. He said if the Dog Restriction and BPA Hearings Subcommittee chose not to go ahead with the BPA areas, a new directive would be needed. He agreed to share the views expressed at the meeting with GWRC to find a solution. He emphasised the importance of avoiding situations that could become tangled in court proceedings and delay progress, which could risk the entire project.

MAJOR ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA

RESOLVED: (B Moss/ F Vickers)

Minute No. PCB 23501

"That in terms of Standing Order 10.12 the Board:

- (1) notes that a matter of 'Broken Yellow Lines (BYL) no Stopping – At all Times under traffic Resolution – Marine Drive Eastbourne' was not listed on the agenda for the reason that it was omitted in error; and*
- (2) agrees to discuss the matter at this meeting."*

4. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Barry provided the following update:

- Council would make final decisions on its draft Long Term Plan (LTP) at its meeting on 20 February 2024. The proposed LTP reflected the significant challenges and cost pressures Council was facing.
- water restrictions could progress to Level 3 if dry conditions continued. Council was continuing to monitor the situation.
- Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant needed ongoing improvements as a priority to further reduce offensive odours.
- officers recently met with the 'Icebergs' group from the Eastbourne Pool. The group was given the option of organising a volunteer programme next summer to extend the opening season.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation by Park Ranger from Greater Wellington Regional Council

Jo Greenman, Park Ranger for the East Harbour Regional Park, provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [East Harbour Regional Park presentation](#)

In response to questions from members, J Greenman confirmed that signs had been erected in the car park, at the Parangarahu Lakes and at the Lighthouse Keeper's house to inform the public of the summer closing hours for the Parangarahu Lakes block. She agreed to consider erecting a sign at the gate entrance of Burdan's Gate to alert visitors to the summer closing hours.

b) Presentation: Tupua Horo Nuku

Jamie Rowe, Council's Owner Interface Manager – Tupua Horo Nuku, provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Te Ara Tupua Alliance presentation](#). He explained he had replaced Michael Siazon as the Owner Interface Manager and was contracted by Council.

In response to a question from a member, R Hammond, Communications and

Engagement Advisor, Te Ara Tupua agreed to advise on the arrangements that had been made for lizards during the Tupua Horo Nuku construction process.

c) **Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)**

Cr Quentin Duthie provided a presentation that can be viewed here: [GWRC presentation](#)

In response to questions from members, Cr Duthie said GWRC was proposing a 19.8% rate rise along with an additional water levy increase. He advised that the proposal to reintroduce the #85 bus service would undergo an engagement process where residents could provide feedback. He agreed to keep the Board updated on the bus service proposal.

6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

7. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (B Moss/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. ECB 24102

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 31 October 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

8. **EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

Report No. ECB2024/1/6 by the Democracy Advisor

The report was deferred to the Board's meeting on 16 April 2024 due to a printing error in the agenda.

9. **REPORT REFERRED FOR BOARD INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

a) **Proposed Temporary Road Closure: Muritai Road for the Eastbourne Memorial Returned Services Association ANZAC Day Event 2024**

Report No. ECB2024/1/12 by the Traffic Engineer – Contractor

The Traffic Engineer – Contractor, explained he would be seeking advance approval from the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee for ANZAC Day event road closures to cover years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Members agreed to recommend the advance road closure approval for years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

RESOLVED: (B Moss/E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 24103

“That the Board endorses the recommendations contained in the report.”

LATE ITEM

BROKEN YELLOW LINES (BYL) NO STOPPING - AT ALL TIMES UNDER TRAFFIC RESOLUTION - MARINE DRIVE, EASTBOURNE

Report No. ECB2024/1/23 by the Traffic Engineer – Contractor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/B Spedding)

Minute No. ECB 24104

“That the Board endorses the recommendations contained in the report.”

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Report No. ECB2024/1/9 by the Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

RESOLVED: (B Moss/E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 24105

“That the report be received and noted.”

11. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2024/1/8 by the Democracy Advisor

In response to a question from a member, the Democracy Advisor agreed to report back on whether Neighbourhood Support groups had started up in the Eastern Bays.

RESOLVED: (B Moss/M Gibbons)

Minute No. ECB 24106

"That the Board:

- (1) *receives and notes the report; and*
- (2) *approves up to \$200 from the Board's miscellaneous budget for a wreath for the Eastbourne ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2024."*

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Report back from representatives for local organisations

Report No. ECB2024/1/10 by the Democracy Advisor

a) Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust

Murray Gibbons advised the Trust would be meeting the following week. He agreed to report back at the Board's meeting on 16 April 2024.

b) MIRO

Frank Vickers confirmed the dotterel breeding season had finished. He advised that the northern area of the Eastern Bays had a successful breeding season. He expressed concern that cats continued to decimate nests at the southern end. He noted an overall improvement from the previous year's breeding season.

c) Eastern Bays Climate Response Network

The Chair advised that most of the group's energy was directed at the Eastern Bays Resilience Expo planned for 24 March 2024.

d) Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust

Emily Keddell advised that attendance at the Friday youth group had bounced back with the start of the new school term. She said there had recently been 25 young people in attendance with an additional 20 young people playing basketball on the courts.

e) Eastern Bays Residents' Associations

The Chair advised that the Lowry Bay and Point Howard Residents' Associations had provided feedback on the draft design detail of the Tupua

Horo Nuku Resilience and Shared Path project and would be giving further feedback.

f) Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

Bruce Spedding provided the following report:

- the Resilience Expo was planned for 24 March 2024. The community would be encouraged to consider resilience and the level of preparedness that might be needed in an emergency or due to a changing climate..
- Wellington Free Ambulance wanted to install an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the Eastbourne Village. Wellington Free Ambulance had decided the location, but Council had not yet given final approval. The new AED would be available outside library hours and more visible than the AED in the library.
- an emergency radio operator had been found for the south end of Eastbourne.

The Chair agreed to follow up on the AED installation approval and on requesting assistance to install the post.

13. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

14. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks</i>
Unuhia!	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te ara	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
takatū	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
runga	
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

B Moss
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 16th day of April 2024