

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA  
WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Library, Queen Street, Wainuiomata on  
Wednesday 19 June 2024 commencing at 6:30 pm

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**PRESENT:** L Bingley (Chair) D Chrisp  
T Harker Cr K Brown

**APOLOGIES:** TA Puketapu, G Sue, L Clark

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Mayor T Lewis  
Cr T Stallinger  
J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement  
P Hewitt, Head of Transport  
C Truman, Project Manager – Transport  
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**

**RESOLVED:** (L Bingley/Cr Brown)

**Minute No. WCB 24301**

*"That the apologies received from TA Puketapu, G Sue and L Clark be accepted and leave of absence be granted."*

Under Standing Order 16.1, the Chair allowed comments from a resident on an item not on the Order Paper.

**Steve Lister, a representative of the Wainuiomata Seniors' Table Tennis Group** (the group), advised that Council planned to increase hire charges for the Wainuiomata Community Centre Supper Room (the supper room). He believed that the increased charges would be too expensive for the group. He tabled a document, attached as pages 6-7 to the minutes, outlining the group's concerns. He added that Council lacked a policy to support seniors.

In response to questions from members, Steve Lister expressed concern that Council intended to charge the group at club rates, even though it was not a registered club. He highlighted that the supper room would now be hired at the same rate as the Community Centre Hall complex. He confirmed the group had not been able to find an alternative venue that could accommodate its needs.

The Chair asked for a response from officers regarding the increased hire charges.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. ACTING MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

Acting Mayor Tui Lewis provided an address attached as page 8 to the minutes.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**a) Love Wainuiomata update**

Chastity Card, Kaiwhakahaere of Love Wainuiomata shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Love Wainuiomata update](#). She advised that Love Wainuiomata was creating a work plan and would survey residents to ensure the plan was relevant to its community.

In response to a question from a member, Chastity Card said she had discussed the work plan survey methodology with Council officers. She advised that a survey and group sessions would be used to brainstorm ideas.

**b) Presentation: Wainuiomata Hill Road slip repair**

The Project Manager – Transport, shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Wainuiomata Hill landslide remediation](#).

In response to questions from members, the Project Manager – Transport stated that the landslide remediation project was on track and was expected to be finished by 31 August 2024. She pointed out that there could still be delays in the schedule, but traffic management was functioning effectively.

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

Cr Quentin Duthie shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Regional Councillor update](#).

In response to questions from members, Cr Duthie said there was an opportunity to advocate for a bus from Wainuiomata to the Hutt Hospital through the draft Regional Public Transport Plan. He explained the possum control operation taking place in Wainuiomata was focused on the catchment's water collection area. He confirmed that the Board's feedback on the Long Term Plan consultation's ease of use had been passed on to GWRC officers.

6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflicts of interest declarations.

7. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** (L Bingley/D Chrisp)

**Minute No. WCB 24302**

*"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Wednesday, 17 April 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

8. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND 2023-2024**

Report No. WCB2024/3/144 by the Programmes & Innovation Manager

Members agreed the request from Endo Warriors Aotearoa (the group) was declined due to the limited funding available, the regional funding received by the group and the funding provided by the Board in previous years.

**RESOLVED:** (L Bingley/Cr Brown)

**Minute No. WCB 24303**

*"That the Board:*

- (1) notes that this is the first round of Community Engagement Funding for the 2023-2024 financial year for the Board;*
- (2) notes that the Board has \$4,661.63 to allocate this round;*
- (3) notes the Community Engagement Fund closed on 20 May 2024 with seven applications received;*
- (4) notes the New Zealand Collective of Abused in State Care Charitable Trust application had to be removed from round two due to the project predominantly taking place outside of Wainuiomata;*
- (5) notes that the Wainuiomata Community Engagement Fund criteria does not support projects outside of Wainuiomata;*
- (6) notes the New Zealand Collective of Abused in State Care Charitable Trust applicant was advised to apply to the Hutt City Council Mouri Ora Fund;*
- (7) notes the Pukeatua Kohanga Reo Charitable Trust application was removed from round 2 due*

*to being funded by the Matariki Puanga Event Support Fund;*

- (8) approves the request from Wood Hatton Play Centre for \$462.00 for volunteers to attend a refresher first aid course;*
- (9) declines the request from Endo Warriors Aotearoa for \$2,869.84 for the distribution of period products at the Wainuiomata Hub;*
- (10) approves the request from Ulalei Wainuiomata Sport for \$777.96 for equipment to run a soccer fun day for Māori and Pasifika children at Wise Park Wainuiomata;*
- (11) approves the request from Hills NZ Church to the value of \$1,710.83 to contribute to the cost of a bouncy castle, food and entertainment for the 'Block Party' to be held at Wainuiomata Community Hall;*
- (12) approves the request from Wainuiomata Rugby Football Club to the value of \$1,710.83 to contribute to the food and catering costs at youth events and a contribution toward trophies;*
- (9) agrees the applications received under the Community Engagement Fund are considered according to the merits of the application criteria and priorities of the fund; and*
- (10) agrees the organisations granted funding will be invited to attend a meeting of the Board once the event/activity has been completed."*

**9. 2024 COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE AND KO TĀTOU | LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE**

Memorandum dated 28 May 2024 by the Elected Member Support Coordinator

**RESOLVED:** (L Bingley/T Harker)

**Minute No. WCB 24304**

*"That the Board:*

- (1) receives and notes the information;*
- (2) notes the 2024 Community Board Conference programme attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum;*
- (3) notes the 2024 Ko Tātou | Local Government Conference programme that includes the Te Maruata Hui and the Young Elected Members Hui attached as Appendix 2 to the memorandum; and*
- (4) nominates two Board members to represent the Wainuiomata Community Board at the 2024 Community Board Conference in Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington from 21-23 August 2024 with registration costs covered by the Community Board's training budget."*

## 10. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. WCB2024/3/69 by the Democracy Advisor

Members thanked officers for addressing questions raised at the Board's meeting on 17 April 2024. The Board agreed to meet informally to discuss how officer responses would be provided to public speakers who raised issues.

Cr Brown pointed out that the bollards in the Maru | Streets for People area of Wainuiomata were frequently being vandalised and damaged. She raised concerns about whether Council should keep funding replacements and asked for an update on the funding structure for the bollards.

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/Cr Brown)

Minute No. WCB 24305

*"That the Board:*

- (1) *receives and notes the report; and*
- (2) *considers holding the Board's annual Wainuiomata Spirit Awards before the Board's meeting on 14 August 2024."*

## 11. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

## 12. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!

*Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks*

Unuhia!

*To be clear and free*

Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui

*in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey*

Kia wātea, kia māmā

*Oh Rongo, raise these words up high*

Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te ara takatū

*so that we be cleansed and be free,*

Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki

*Yes indeed, we are free!*

runga

*Good and peaceful*

Kia wātea, kia wātea!

Ae rā, kua wātea!

Hau, pai mārire.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

L Bingley  
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 14th day of August 2024**

## **INTRODUCTION**

I'm here to talk about the increased hire charges for the Community Centre Supper Room.

In particular, the impact they will have on the group of seniors who play table tennis there on Friday mornings.

And secondly, to ask if there is anything that the council can do to assist in supporting this group of seniors.

## **BACKGROUND OF FRIDAY TABLE TENNIS**

Following the closure of the Wainuiomata Table Tennis Club in 1998, a group of older players started Friday morning table tennis. For reasons unknown, they continued under the name of the Wainuiomata Table Tennis Club.

Friday table tennis is run by seniors for seniors. It has played a very important role in the wellbeing of a lot of older people over the last 26 years.

There is mounting scientific evidence about the health benefits of table tennis to older adults, such as better cardiovascular health, hand eye co-ordination and cognitive performance, as well as gains in emotional and social outcomes

## **COST INCREASES**

Up until March 2024, the hire for the Supper Room was \$9:75 per hour. (\$29:25 per day)

In March 2024 the cost increased around 31% to \$12:75 per hour (\$38:25 per day).

We have now been advised that the price will increase from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to \$33:00 per hour. (\$99.00 per day)

This is an increase of around \$240% from the 2023 costs.

The hiring of the Supper Room seems to have increased to be the same rate as the much larger main hall.

## **CURRENT PARTICIPATION**

Although there are currently 16 casual players, usually only 8 to 12 players participate on any one Friday.

If we only have 8 players turn up, then we would have to charge \$13:00 each to cover the room hire and a cup of tea.

All but two players are in their 70's and 80's.

## **CURRENT HALL USAGE ON FRIDAY MORNINGS**

I have personally played Friday Table Tennis for the past 11 years.

During that time, except for national elections and Matariki, neither the main hall nor the supper room have been used by any other activity group on Friday mornings.

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO FRIDAY TABLE TENNIS**

Current players have all said that the proposed increases from 1<sup>st</sup> July will be unsustainable, given that most rely solely on their pensions.

**Unless we can find another suitable venue to play and store the tables at, we will be forced to close.**

**In this event, the seniors will miss out on a valuable activity and the council will miss out on revenue.**

This is not the outcome that we (and I expect the council) would want.

### **WHAT THE PLAYERS WOULD LIKE**

We would like the council to review and reduce the charges for seniors so that we can continue to use the Supper Room.

If the rent can't be reduced, then could the council possibly look to provide a grant of some kind to help subsidise the room hire.

We would need a grant of around \$2160.00 per year to be able to continue.  
ie. 36 weeks x \$60/week to make up the shortfall.

This would not only be a great opportunity for the council to provide a very affordable, worthwhile and needy facility for the aging population, but will also provide a small income which would be better than having no income at all.

### **HUTT CITY SENIOR'S POLICY**

During my time in preparing this submission, I realised the following :-

That unlike the Wellington City Council, the Hutt appears to have no Senior's or aging population policy whatsoever, and no **detailed** information on its website about senior's activities.

In comparison, the WCC have a Positive Aging Policy along with lists of activities for seniors on their website showing time and place as well as cost including the following example.

Table Tennis at Nairnville Rec. Centre, Tuesdays 1.30pm -3pm. \$2.60 Casual. A table tennis session catered specifically to our senior members.

### **CONCLUSION**

Thank you for your time.

If you need further information from me then I can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Steve Lister.

## **Mayoral Address (Acting Mayor Tui Lewis)**

Kia ora koutou

### **10 Year Plan**

In May, we completed our consultation and public submission process on our 10 Year Plan.

I'd like to acknowledge our community for taking the time to make their voices heard. We received a total of 1770 submissions on the 10 Year Plan – much greater than numbers received for previous Long Term Plan and Annual Plan consultation. This shows that our city cares for its future.

Next week the final ten year plan will be put to Council for sign off - this feels like a considerable milestone. I would like to thank officers, fellow councillors and community board members for their contributions to the 10 year plan.

### **Water investment and crackdown on leaks**

You will be aware that water infrastructure continues to rank high on Council's priority list. Over the next ten years Council is investing \$1.5bn into our water infrastructure.

We have included additional funding in our 10 Year Plan so that Wellington Water can eliminate the current backlog of leaks in Lower Hutt by the end of the year.

Before this crackdown, Lower Hutt had 839 leaks. We now are down to 319 leaks. We need to get down to around 100 leaks, which allows Wellington Water to be able to respond to lower level leaks within the 20 day target.

While fixing leaks alone isn't going to solve our water issues, we need to be doing everything we can to avoid an acute water shortage in the short term.

### **Wainuiomata:**

A quick update on the Wainuiomata Hill slip repair. Abseil Access commenced works on 27 May. Vegetation and loose materials have been removed from the slope. Sacrificial anchors have been installed, and the grout is currently curing. The anchors will be tested on 21 June. Once these tests are successfully completed, production anchors will be installed.

Traffic has been flowing well and there have been no issues identified.