

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI | EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Eastbourne Library, 38 Rimu Street, Eastbourne on
Tuesday 13 August 2024 commencing at 7:15 pm

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

APOLOGIES: F Vickers

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr G Tupou (part meeting)
J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development
P Hewitt, Head of Transport (part meeting)
E Scherer, Transport Engineering Manager (part meeting)
R Lemalu, Project Delivery Manager (part meeting)
D Kennedy, Transport Project Manager (part meeting)
C Ellis, Head of the Chief Executive's Office (part meeting)
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

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

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.</i>
Tihei mauri ora.	

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (B Moss/ E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 24401

"That the apology received from F Vickers be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

The Chair informed members about a minor item not on the agenda relating to a broken outfall sewer pipe at Days Bay.

Tim Harty, Head of Network Engineering and Operations at Wellington Water Limited (Wellington Water), provided an update on the broken outfall sewer pipe at Days Bay. He explained that a failed valve between the outfall sewer and pump station had caused the issue. He said Wellington Water had been unable to stop the discharge of untreated waste from the Days Bay site.

He explained that Wellington Water had used emergency provisions to discharge treated wastewater to Waiwhetū Stream. He highlighted that Wellington Water had erected warning signs on the evening of Saturday, 10 August 2024, and more comprehensive communications were also sent out. He advised that Point Arthur and York Bay pump stations were now pumping back to the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said the main pipeline needed to be drained for repair work. He expected the valve to be replaced by Thursday, 15 August 2024, and the pump station repair to be completed three or four days later. He noted that repair was dependent on weather conditions.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Network Engineering and Operations agreed to place signage along the harbourway and near the Waione Bridge to warn fishers about water contamination.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

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

Speaking under public comment, **Neil Newman** supported retaining community boards in Lower Hutt. He believed it would be a mistake to disestablish them. He said it was important to retain the Petone Wharf for tourism purposes.

Speaking under public comment, **Liz Palmer** expressed her appreciation for the Board's work.

Speaking under public comment, **Kat Downs, Lower Hutt Neighbourhood Support Coordinator for the Greater Wellington Neighbourhood Support Trust (the Trust)**, advised that the Trust supported residents to initiate neighbourhood groups. She said the Trust aimed to improve community safety, reduce crime, encourage preparation for emergencies, increase community connectedness and enhance wellbeing.

Speaking under public comment, **Adrian Moonen** read a statement attached as pages 8-9 to the minutes.

The Chair agreed to follow up with Council on the fire siren decibel levels.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) **Presentation: Delegation of Authority to indicate 'no stopping' areas**

Council's Transport Engineering Manager explained that the Delegated Authority was a legal document providing Council with the power to make changes without consultation where safety was an issue or to allow emergency access. He highlighted that changes would be limited to decisions on broken yellow lines and Give Way and Stop controls. He confirmed that officers would continue to notify affected properties and community boards before implementing changes. He noted that the Delegated Authority process would reduce the implementation time from five months to two or three months.

In response to a question from a member, the Transport Engineering Manager advised that in areas with no community board, only affected residents would be informed before changes were implemented.

b) **Presentation: Proposed Road Closure(s) - Hutt Valley MotorSport Club - Port Road Sprints and Cam County (Inc) Wellington - Port Road Drags**

Council's Transport Engineering Manager provided the following advice:

- officers had received an application for the annual Port Road Sprints which would take place on 27 October 2024 and 19 January 2025 from 7am to 6pm. The road configuration had not changed from the previous year's event. Officers did not expect any major issues in terms of traffic.
- officers had received an application for the annual Port Road Drags scheduled for 10 November 2024 from 7am to 6pm with 17 November 2024 as a rain date. The road configuration had not changed from the previous year's event. Officers did not expect any major issues in terms of traffic.
- notices about both events would be published in the Hutt News. Event organisers had obtained support from local businesses and had been in contact with the Point Howard Residents' Association.

The Chair asked officers to publish notice of both motorsport events in the Eastbourne Herald.

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

Cr Quentin Duthie provided a verbal presentation as follows:

Public Transport

- over the past year, public transport patronage was consistently reliable, with greater than 99% reliability, and a full complement of drivers. There had been almost five million boardings on Hutt Valley buses and almost five million on the Hutt Valley Line trains. This was an increase of 16% and 5%, respectively, in the previous 12 months.
- the proposed Waterloo Station upgrade had been assigned funding, and the design work was underway. The proposal would create a new station and allow for a commercial space.
- the Regional Public Transport Plan (the Plan) consultation was open for submissions from 23 September to 18 October 2024. The Plan would seek feedback on the Waterloo Station upgrade, removing cash on public transport, allowing dogs on board, and paid parking to manage Park n Ride demand. The Plan was also an opportunity to advocate for Lower Hutt's public transport needs.

Environment and bulk water supply

- a wastewater emergency at Days Bay resulted in treated discharge at Seaview. A rahui was in place.
- the newly refurbished East Harbour Regional Park Lighthouse Keepers Cottage was now available for booking on AirBnB.
- pollution in waterways could be reported via the Environmental Hotline at 0800 496 734.

Planning and Representation

- the GWRC Long Term Plan was approved.
- GWRC's Te Tiriti Komiti was scheduled to meet the week of the Board meeting to reaffirm or rescind its Māori Ward decision.
- GWRC was transitioning to live-streaming its meetings, with the video recordings available on YouTube.

In response to questions from members, Cr Duthie advised that a new GWRC-controlled bus depot was planned for Miramar. He said a new bus depot for the northern suburbs was also being considered. He agreed to report to Metlink that vegetation along Marine Parade needed trimming.

The Chair advised that the Board would submit on the Regional Public Transport Plan. She emphasised the importance of GWRC considering connecting buses with the East by West Ferry.

d) **Presentation by Park Ranger from Greater Wellington Regional Council**

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

e) **Presentation: Tupua Horo Nuku update**

Council's Project Delivery Manager, Transport, shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Tupua Horo Nuku and Bishop Park BPA](#).

In response to questions from members, the Project Delivery Manager, Transport, agreed to provide updates to affected residents on the design of a short aluminium fence for the bird protection area (BPA) on Marine Parade outside Bishop Park. He said the fence had been designed to ensure the safety of kororā while also allowing stormwater to flow through to prevent flooding. He confirmed there was a high likelihood of kororā using BPAs due to their proximity to kororā habitat. He explained that once the native plantings grew, they would provide shelter and protection for kororā.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (B Moss/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. ECB 24402

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 18 June 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

- *in the first paragraph on page 13 of the minutes change 'York Bay' to 'Lowry Bay; and*
- *in the last paragraph on page 16 of the minutes change 'fire notification' to 'fire restriction notification.'*"

7. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Report No. ECB2024/4/80 by the Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

RESOLVED: (B Moss/B Spedding)

Minute No. ECB 24403

"That the report be received and noted."

8. **DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Report No. ECB2024/4/81 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 24404

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

9. **BOARD'S SUBMISSION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATION REVIEW PANEL ON HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION PROPOSAL**

Memorandum dated 5 August 2024 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/B Spedding)

Minute No. ECB 24405

"That the Board:

- (1) *notes that submissions in respect of the recommendations of the Independent Representation Review Panel on Hutt City Council's Representation Proposal closed on Thursday, 1 August 2024;*
- (2) *notes that any submissions lodged by a Board require formal endorsement by way of resolution; and*
- (3) *hereby gives retrospective endorsement to its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."*

10. **REPORT BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Report No. ECB2024/4/82 by the Democracy Advisor

a) **Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust**

Murray Gibbons advised that the Trust's Annual General Meeting went smoothly. He noted that the volunteer driver system for taking older people on outings continued to work well.

b) **Eastern Bays Climate Response Network**

Bruce Spedding advised that the Eastern Bays Climate Response Network was asked to present at a select committee meeting about its submission on Climate Change Adaptation. He highlighted the Eastern Bays' proximity to the Baring Head Atmospheric Monitoring Station and that it had been suggested the Eastern Bays could be a useful place for conducting adaptation research given its specific combinations of climate change vulnerabilities.

c) **Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust**

There was no update.

e) **Eastern Bays Residents' Associations**

There was no update, but the Chair noted that residents' associations appreciated the Walkaround updates from Council officers.

f) **Wellington Region Emergency Management Office**

There was no update.

11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

12. **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	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
ara 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 8.58 pm.

B Moss
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 22nd day of October 2024

Public comment: Adrian Moonen

2 Years ago, I spoke to the community board about the fire siren and what danger it is for the pupils at Muritai School. No-one of the Community Board has studied sound. Least of all Mr Gibbons. You can look that up in your records what I said 2 years ago.

Each time the children are exposed to the siren, you know that their hearing has diminished. Hearing loss is permanent.

The siren is for the purpose of Civil Defence and earthquakes and tsunamis. As a siren for the Fire Service it has been surpassed by beepers and cell phones. For the siren to be useful, it has to be positioned in the centre of Eastbourne, which is on the middle of the recreation ground on the beach side.

In the beginning 2023 I spoke to the Mayor. It is clear he does not know what to do. He came back to me after a few months with a very weak statement from the chief fire officer in Lower Hutt.

It is up to the Council to act and not the Fire Service. The Council is in charge of sound and exemptions. Stop the fire siren during all school hours for the time being and look at shifting it to the centre of the recreation ground, beach side, which is the centre of Eastbourne. The siren can be upgraded too to a 3-tone siren so that different sounds can be used for earthquake, tsunami and Civil Defence.

The Education Department in Lower Hutt does not see that it is responsible for the welfare of the schoolchildren. Their job seems to be to shuffle paper. The headmaster also does not see the siren, which damages the hearing of the pupils, as a problem and refuses to talk to me.

I like to suggest that the Council get in an outside sound company in to assess the siren's sound at the school. If that company states that the sound of the siren is not at a dangerous level at the school, I will pay for the cost for the sound company. If it is found to be dangerous the Council pays and takes appropriate action, viz. move the siren and do not use it for Fire Service call-outs.

Adrian Moonen

In the industry the maximum allowable sound is 80 dB for 8 hours

The rating of the fire siren is 129 dB and the distance to a classroom is 3 m.

The distance from the siren to the school boundary is 1 m.

With each 3 dB we double the energy output

We take 80 dB as our starting point

dB	energy x	time
80	1	8 hour
83	2	4 "
86	4	2 "
89	8	1 "
92	16	30 min
95	32	15 "
98	64	7.5 "
101	128	3.75 "
104	256	1.875 "
107	512	56.25 sec
110	1024	28.13 "
113	2048	14.06 "
116	4096	7.03 "
119	8192	3.52 "
122	16384	1.76 "
125	32768	0.88 "
128	65536	0.44 "
129	79433	0.36 "
131	131072	0.22 "