

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 11 February 2025 commencing at 7:15 pm

PRESENT:

B Moss (Chair)	F Vickers
M Gibbons (Deputy Chair)	E Keddel
Deputy Mayor T Lewis	

APOLOGIES:

B Spedding

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Barry (part meeting)
Cr Dyer (part meeting)
A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability
P Hewitt, Head of Transport (part meeting)
R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy (part meeting)
R Lemalu Transport Delivery Manager (part meeting)
K Kaur, Spatial Plan Lead (part meeting)
M Randall, Senior Advisor, Climate and Sustainability (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

RESOLVED: (B Moss/ F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 25101

"That the apology received from B Spedding be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

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

Eileen Bonus expressed concern that the closure of the Westpac ATM in Eastbourne would be a significant loss for residents. She said many older people depended on the ATM to obtain cash and to check account balances.

Heather McLean expressed concern that the closure of the Westpac ATM in Eastbourne would impact retailers and the amount of cash they carried for customers. She said the elderly would be forced to travel out of the Eastern Bays for cash. She noted many did not drive and did not find it easy to catch buses.

Liz Palmer expressed concern that Westpac would close its Eastbourne ATM because it was not well used, although residents relied on it. She suggested that profit should not be considered essential for every part of Westpac's business.

In response, the Chair advised that the Board was discussing options with independent ATM providers for an ATM in Eastbourne. She suggested that residents with Westpac accounts contact their bank to voice their concerns.

Heather Mclean said the wooden palings between Rata and Makaro Streets needed to be replaced and asked when this would happen.

In response, the Chair agreed the Board would request an update from officers and would inform the resident once a response was received.

John Rainey-Smith advised that vehicles were often parked near the Kereru Road exit from Williams Park on the south side of the tree between it and the tennis courts. He said the vehicles made visibility poor for motorists leaving the park. He expressed concern for pedestrians and for the likelihood of accidents.

In response, the Chair agreed to ask Council's Transport team to investigate the issue.

Joy Baird and Sue Brown, representatives of St Albans Church (the church), outlined a proposal to earthquake-strengthen and restore the church. They expressed a wish to find new ways the church could be used as a place for the community to connect and they asked for input from residents. They said local people could contact them with ideas.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

Mayor Barry acknowledged the difficult decision made during the Representation Review process to disestablish the Petone Community Board. He said the decision by the Local Government Commission panel to retain the Eastbourne Community Board was a testament to the submissions made by the Board and its residents. He looked forward to working with the Board to improve Council engagement with the Eastbourne community.

Mayor Barry's address is attached as pages 9-10 to the minutes.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

a) **Resident Satisfaction Survey**

The Head of Strategy and Policy explained that the Resident Satisfaction Survey was an opportunity for residents to comment on Council services, operations and decision making. He said it would allow Council to track how it was performing against citizen expectations. He added that Council wanted feedback from a diverse range of people, particularly from those not typically represented in Council surveys. He asked the Board to help promote the survey locally. He advised that the survey would be open for feedback until 14 March 2025.

b) **Tupua Horo Nuku and bird protection areas update**

The Transport Project Manager provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Tupua Horo Nuku presentation](#)

c) **Sustainable Growth Strategy**

The Spatial Plan Lead provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055 presentation](#)

The Chair agreed to promote the consultation amongst Eastern Bays' residents.

d) **Low Carbon Acceleration Fund**

The Senior Advisor, Climate and Sustainability provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Low Carbon Acceleration Fund](#)

In response to a question from a member, the Senior Advisor, Climate and Sustainability confirmed that tree planting could fit the criteria for funding but eligibility would depend on the permanency and height of the trees to be planted.

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

Cr Duthie provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council presentation](#)

In response to questions from members, Cr Duthie said a decision on the purchase of Gollans Valley Farm was likely to be made by GWRC towards the end of February 2025. He confirmed that Iwi would take part in evaluations during partnership conversations.

6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflicts of interest declarations.

7. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (B Moss/M Gibbons)

Minute No. ECB 25102

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 22 October 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

8. **ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIR**

Memorandum dated 17 January 2025 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 25103

"That the Board:

- (1) notes that the Deputy Chair for the 2022-2025 triennium will be selected on a rotational basis; and*
- (2) elects Murray Gibbons to the position of Deputy Chair from 11 February 2025 until the end of the triennium on 11 October 2025."*

9. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2025

Report No. ECB2025/1/17 by the Senior Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 25104

"That the Board:

- (1) approves the meeting dates until October 2025 in respect of its meetings, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (2) agrees that the venue for future meetings will be the East Harbour Women's Clubrooms, subject to availability, until the sound quality at the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub is addressed;*
- (3) agrees the start time for all meetings will remain at 7.15pm;*
- (4) notes that the Board Chair will set the dates for informal get-togethers of the Board as the need arises;*
- (5) notes that under Standing Order 9.12, the Chair of the Board may cancel the meeting in consultation with the Chief Executive; and*
- (6) notes that the meeting times will be publicly notified by the Democratic Services business unit."*

10. EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD APPEAL AGAINST COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSAL

Memorandum dated 22 January 2025 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/E Keddel)

Minute No. ECB 25105

"That the Board:

- (1) notes that appeals against Council's representation proposal decision were required to be lodged by 15 October 2024;*
- (2) notes that any appeals submitted by the Board require formal endorsement by way of resolution; and*
- (3) retrospectively endorses its appeal attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."*

11. CHAIR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2025/1/18 by the Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

RESOLVED: (B Moss/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. ECB 25106

"That the report be received and noted."

12. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2025/1/19 by the Democracy Advisor

The Democracy Advisor agreed to ask officers for a representative to accompany the Board on its annual Walkaround on 29 March 2025.

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 25107

"That the Board:

- (1) receives and notes the report;*
- (2) agrees to continue current advertising arrangements for the Board's 2025 meetings;*
- (3) agrees the Eastbourne Community Board annual Walkaround will be held on Saturday 29 March 2025; and*
- (4) approves up to \$200 from the Board's operational budget for a wreath for the Eastbourne ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2025."*

13. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Report No. ECB2025/1/20 by the Democracy Advisor

a) Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust

M Gibbons advised no meetings had been held since the last update in October 2024. He confirmed the Trust was running smoothly.

b) MIRO

F Vickers noted that a potential purchase of land in Gollans Valley by Greater Wellington Regional Council would provide a significant asset for the region.

He advised MIRO had offered plants to the Te Horo Nuku project.

c) **Eastern Bays Climate Response Network**

There was no update.

The Chair would advise the Eastern Bays Climate Response Network that funding opportunities were available through Council's Low Carbon Acceleration Fund and Community Climate Action Fund.

d) **Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust**

E Keddell advised that the Youth Group (the group) would soon begin for the new year and it was hoped a large intake of year 7 students would attend. She said there would be a fee increase for attendees due to the increased hire rate for the venue. She added that the group would reduce the time it used the venue to save costs.

e) **Eastern Bays Residents' Associations**

The Point Howard Residents' Association asked for an update on its request for timber from the old wharf.

- The Lowry Bay and York Bay Residents' Associations were in discussion with Tupua Horo Nuku project managers regarding various details of the project design.
- The Days Bay Residents' Association asked for a progress update on the removal of the old jail from Williams Park.

f) **Wellington Region Emergency Management Office**

A written update from B Spedding is attached as page 11 to the minutes.

14. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

15. **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 8.57 pm.

B Moss
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 15th day of April 2025

Mayor's Address

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you have all had a good break since we last met.

Te Ngaengae

One of the most exciting things to have happened in the past few months has been the grand opening of Te Ngaengae Pool and Fitness. After 250,000 hours of mahi and \$68m investment we delivered the pool on time and under budget - an amazing achievement. Since December, Te Ngaengae has been open to the community and has proved very popular. If you haven't visited, definitely take the opportunity to enjoy the new facility with friends and whānau.

Motutawa Avalon Skate Park

We celebrated the opening Lower Hutt's newest skate park in Avalon this weekend. Funded by NZTA, Motutawa Avalon Skate Park replaces Melling Skate Park which will be demolished as part of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi. The skate park has six different skate zones to cater for beginner, intermediate and expert users, and has been designed using local knowledge through a specialist advisory group comprising roller, scooter, BMX and skateboarding experts.

Water leaks

This summer, due to one-off investment, we've seen huge progress on the number of leaks in Lower Hutt. Since January 2024, Wellington Water has fixed 3300 leaks in Lower Hutt, and we have nearly reached a sustainable backlog of leaks thanks to increased investment this year. This has been positively received by our community.

Of course, we know that fixing leaks doesn't solve the underlying problems. Wellington Water has also renewed 3.6km of water pipes in 2024. Hutt City Council has invested in renewing pipes across the city and we expect to continue to see progress on renewals over the coming years.

Proposed District Plan and Draft Sustainable Growth Strategy

Last week, we launched public consultation on the Council's Proposed District Plan and our Draft Sustainable Growth Strategy. With the city's population expected to increase by 40,000 over the next 30 years, we need a strategy to manage this growth. This includes updating environmental and development regulations. The Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055 and the Proposed District Plan are now open for public feedback until April 4th.

Eastbourne

- On Sunday 23 February we will be celebrating the 'Halfway There' point of Tupua Horo Nuku. This event marks a significant milestone for the project and provides an opportunity to showcase successes so far.

- Three completed sections will be open for the public to enjoy - York Bay, Sunshine Bay and Mā Koromiko.
- It is also an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate a milestone for the project, noting successes so far in construction and ecology, whilst being able to provide direction for the remainder of the project.

Thank you Judy:

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to Judy who is retiring from Hutt City Council, but is continuing to support the community boards until the election. Thank you for all your mahi over the years Judy!

Wellington Region Emergency Management Office update – B Spedding

The Eastern Bays Emergency Radio Network has been dealing with technical issues which seem to have been caused by the Maungaraki repeater. After raising this with various agencies this seems to have been fixed. We seem to be the only group who run monthly tests.

We are still looking for a volunteer radio operator for York Bay. This is not an onerous role and is not overly technical, typically involves a 10 minute radio test from home each month. I'd be happy to talk to anyone who may be interested.

New Zealand Rescue Team 18 (NZRT18) may be able to run some exercises in our area which would be good for recruiting and also show us what they do (they are essentially the urban search and rescue team for HCC). NZRT18 are all volunteers and rely on charity funding to complement funding from HCC (largely taken by the annual insurance costs),

We are hoping to work with the local Red Cross to multipurpose the Red Cross garage as a civil defence store for Eastbourne. We are also hoping to get Wellington Water to house some water bladders and distribution equipment here. Menzshed are currently overhauling a Red Cross wheelchair (there are 3). If anyone is interested in joining the local Red Cross please get in touch.

Another priority for this year is to review and revitalise the Eastbourne emergency plans, and build a stronger network with the Eastern Bays overall.

Council is terminating the current Hutt River flood siren network as it is deemed inadequate and superseded by other forms of alerting.