

HUTT CITY COUNCIL
POARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI
EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the East Harbour Women's Clubrooms,
 145 Muritai Road, Eastbourne on
Tuesday 15 April 2025 commencing at 7:15 pm

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

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability
 P Hewitt, Head of Transport
 D Kennedy, Transport Project Manager
 A Moor, Head of Connected Communities
 H Clegg, Minute Taker

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.	<i>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.</i>
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2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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

Diane Cheyne, a representative of the Days Bay Residents' Association, asked for an estimated timeframe for when the historic jail would be moved to its new location, how many car parks were being taken by the jail at its current location, and information about its repainting.

Murray Gibbons reported receiving iwi consent for relocating the building on reserve land by the wharf. He mentioned that the lead-based paint would be professionally

removed and the building repainted at its new location. While a specific relocation timeline was not available, the work was expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

Adrian Moonen expressed his opposition to the testing of fire sirens in Eastbourne. He tabled a document outlining his concerns, which is attached as page 7 to the minutes.

The Chair and Bruce Spedding agreed to investigate the issue further and report back to Adrian Moonen.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) Tupua Horo Nuku and bird protection areas update

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

In response to questions from members, the Transport Project Manager provided the following information:

- officers had not installed rubbish bins on the Tupua Horo Nuku shared path (the path) due to the risk of rubbish blowing into the harbour. However, officers were currently reconsidering the need for bins.
- officers were considering the best way to allow cyclists and pedestrians to transition between Sunshine Bay and Days Bay.
- the height of the Bishop Park fence would not be changed. Officers were investigating alternative latch mechanisms to prevent the gates from blowing open.
- officers would report back on the status of the penguin nesting situation.

b) **Seaview Energy Resilience Project**

Brent Cooper, a representative of Z Energy, and William Woods, a representative of Centre Port, spoke to an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Seaview Energy Resilience Project presentation](#).

In response to questions from members, William Woods provided the following information:

- the staging wharf was designated as a construction base as per its resource consent. Any change to allow public use would require adjusting the resource consent. An extension could be sought if a decision on using the staging wharf was not made by 2026.
- he agreed to contract Greater Wellington Regional Council about the possible future of the wharf as a ferry stop and a resilience landing point for natural disasters.

In response to questions from members, Brent Cooper provided the following information:

- he would talk about potential noise from the pipe upgrade work with the Point Howard Residents' Association.
- the pipe upgrade project would comply with Council's District Plan requirements for noise levels and work hours. Local businesses would retain access during business hours.
- the cycleway would remain open during the pipe construction, and the cycle network would receive an update on the works.

c) **Presentation by a Park Ranger from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)**

Jo Greenman spoke to an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [East Harbour Regional Park – Park Ranger presentation](#).

In response to questions from members, Jo Greenman provided the following information:

- she would contact hunters after the deer hunting season ended to assess their results, and update the Board.
- local iwi had recently opened rental accommodation close to Baring Head that complements the GWRC accommodation. Vehicular access was possible almost up to the accommodation via private land.

d) **Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council**

Cr Quentin Duthie spoke to an electronic presentation that can be viewed here:

[Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council presentation.](#)

The meeting adjourned at 8.23pm and resumed at 8.25pm.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 25201

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 11 February 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

7. COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND - ROUND TWO 2024-25

Report No. ECB2025/2/51 by the Head of Connected Communities

The Head of Connected Communities advised that officers were reviewing the total funding allocations for each Board to ensure accuracy. She agreed to report back with confirmation of the available funds. She stated that applications spanning multiple wards could be accepted and considered by the Board.

Members agreed to notify the Eastbourne community once the funding amount was clarified. They also agreed that application decisions would be made at their meeting on 19 August 2025.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2025/2/52 by the Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

RESOLVED: (B Moss/E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 25202

"That the report be received and noted."

9. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2025/2/53 by the Democracy Advisor

The Chair advised she had asked that the Board be included as a key stakeholder of the Strategic Cycleway Network Plan. She noted that the Tupua Horo Nuku cycleway ran directly through Eastbourne's community.

In response to a question from a member, Deputy Mayor Lewis advised that officers were investigating the cycle access issue at the Waione Street bridge. She said that the

Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee would consider a report on this matter on 8 May 2025. She noted that a variety of opinions had been received from cycling networks.

RESOLVED: (B Moss/B Spedding)

Minute No. ECB 25203

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

10. REPORT BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Report No. ECB2025/2/54 by the Democracy Advisor

a) Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust

Murray Gibbons reported that work was ongoing. He advised that volunteer driver costs might increase by \$2.00.

b) MIRO

Frank Vickers advised that the MIRO nursery was relocating based on advice from the Greater Wellington Regional Council Ranger.

c) Eastern Bays Climate Response Network

The Chair said that there were no updates available.

d) Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust

Emily Keddell said that there were no updates available.

e) Eastern Bays Residents' Associations

The Chair advised that the Board had met with residents' associations. The York Bay Residents' Association had provided an update attached as page 8 to the minutes.

f) Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

Bruce Spedding provided the following information:

- no operator had yet been found for York Bay.
- there seemed to be no emergency evacuation route for individuals near Seaview Marina to reach higher ground. The issue needed to be addressed.
- A successful civil defence exercise was recently conducted at Wellesley College, and Muritai School expressed interest in organising a similar exercise.

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 8.43 pm.

B Moss
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 10th day of June 2025

Eastbourne Community Board

15 April 2025

Last year I talked to the Community Board about the fire siren and the danger it is to the school children. I am sure none of you have studied sound or have contacted a sound expert.

The Fire Siren in Eastbourne stands on the school boundary. The Siren is rated at 129 dB. The distance to the nearest school building is 3 metres. There is no sound proofing in the school walls and no double glazing. After the siren has gone the children have sore ears. There can be no clearer indication that the sound of the siren is damaging.

Because of the duration it is worse than putting a class of Muritai School children on the runway of Wellington Airport when a plane is taking off.

I got, after a long time, a very weak email from the Mayor of Hutt City to say that the Mayor had spoken with the Chief Fire Officer in Lower Hutt. Any exemption for or prohibition of any sound is not a question of a private talk between Mayor and Fire Chief. There are Council laws and as such it is the Council who decides if an exemption stays or goes. The exemption for the siren in Eastbourne goes back to the Eastbourne Council, when the beepers were not that good. Now we have good beepers and good cell phones. The siren as a firemen's call is no longer necessary.

We do need a siren for emergencies and as such the siren should be placed in the centre of Eastbourne, which is the middle of the Recreation Ground, on the beach side, and which is also has the maximum distance from houses.

In the past I have asked ACC, the Health Department, the Education Department, and others to speak out. But ACC tells you that it promotes accident [hearing loss] prevention, except when you ask for help. The Health Department will tell you that it is not their job but the Council's. The Education Department tells you that the welfare of school children is not really their job. This is a typical new zealand reaction when one asks for help: "it is not our job".

I am for a Community Board that dares to speak out and has more rights than the Eastbourne Community Board has at present. I would like to see a Community Board that has some financial say when it comes to Eastbourne matters.

Get a sound expert in and get a professional opinion.

Adrian Moonen

York Bay Residents' Association (YBRA) update

March was a busy month for the York Bay Residents' Association:

- It held a very successful annual BBQ on its beach on 2 March, with the completed section of Tupua Horo Nuku, providing a welcome safety buffer between the beach and passing traffic.
- It participated in the second gathering of representatives from all the bays' residents' associations on 6 March, a very useful forum for exchanging information and ideas.
- YBRA representatives appreciated the ECB's support on 13 March when they presented their case to the HCC's Infrastructure & Regulatory Committee for retaining the 50km/hr speed limit on Marine Drive through York Bay, and are delighted that the Council accepted the Committee's recommendation to maintain that limit.
- The YBRA also thanks the ECB members and GWRC Councillor Quentin Duthie for their time and attention during the walkaround on 29 March, during which we were able to raise various issues, involving local residents on relevant matters. We always find this to be a very valuable way of resolving issues.

Susan Ewart