

POARI HAPORI O PITO-ONE
PETONE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Te Kākano o te Aroha Marae,
 136 Randwick Road, Moerā, Lower Hutt on
Monday 14 April 2025 commencing at 6:30 pm

PRESENT: M Fisher (Chair) K Yung (Deputy Chair)
 S Freeman M Henderson
 Deputy Mayor T Lewis

APOLOGIES: S Kuresa and M Roberts

IN ATTENDANCE: A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities
 (via audio-visual link) (part meeting)
 P Hewitt, Head of Transport (part meeting)
 E Scherer, Transport Engineering Manager (part meeting)
 A Moor, Head of Connected Communities
 B Gale, Urban Design Lead (part meeting)
 K Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. HE MIHI

Aio ki te Aorangi	Peace to the universe
Aroha ki te Aorangi	Love to the universe
Koa ki te Aorangi	Joy to the universe
Pono ki te Aorangi	Truth to the universe

Nā Rangimarie Rose Pere

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 25201

"That the apologies received from S Kuresa and M Roberts be accepted and leave of absence granted."

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on matters relating to items on the agenda.

Under Standing Order 16.1, the Chair allowed comments from a resident on items not on the agenda.

Karen Arraj-Fisher, Secretary of the Petone Rugby Club, advised that the Club's Old Timers Day would occur on 10 May 2025. She said that the NZ Remembrance Army would present miniature medals, including the Victoria Cross of Major William Hardham VC, to the Petone Rugby Club during the event. She added that the Hardham Cup would also be featured at the event, including a match between Petone and the current cup holders, Wainuimata Rugby Club.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

a) **Seaview Energy Resilience Project**

Brent Cooper and Sophie Andrews, representatives of Z Energy, spoke to a presentation that can be viewed here: [Seaview Energy Resilience Project Presentation](#)

In response to questions from members, Brent Cooper confirmed that the work on Port Road would not affect the Port Road Sprints event. He noted that the General Manager of the Barnes Street Kōhanga Reo was part of the stakeholders' group. He added that the pipeline currently running under the kōhanga was being rerouted. Additionally, he stated that the Chief Executive of Seaview Marina Limited was a key contact responsible for sharing information with key stakeholders.

b) **Petone Parking and the Ava Rail Bridge**

The Head of Transport spoke to a presentation that can be viewed here: [Transport update presentation](#), and advised that:

- paid parking revenue increased in December 2024 and declined in January and February 2025.
- from October 2024 to March 2025 the revenue per month was between 67% and 87% of the forecast revenue.
- approximately 9% of revenue received came from the Peel Carpark.
- there were several thefts of parking meters, prompting a shift to cashless meters.
- MarketView consumer spending figures showed a slight increase in spending on Jackson Street compared to the previous year.
- the removal of the Ava Rail Bridge (the bridge) had been delayed until the end of 2025.
- Council was looking at funding options for the bridge, and safety measures were being added to the options.
- the bridge would be higher than the stop bank, so it would not flood, and would serve as an accessway in the event of a tsunami threat. A report about the bridge would be considered by Council's Long Term Plan/Annual Plan

Subcommittee in May 2025.

- safety measures and any essential work would continue until the bridge was removed, including two days of maintenance work.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Transport acknowledged the need for clear communication to residents regarding the two days of maintenance work, confirming that bridge access would remain open. He noted that the paid parking graph included the Peel Carpark and that while total revenue and transaction counts were recorded, individual transaction breakdowns were not available. He agreed to provide the percentage of electronic versus cash payments.

c) **The Jackson Street Programme (JSP)**

Hellen Swales, Jackson Street Programme Coordinator, provided the following information:

- JSP had applied for funding to undertake some heritage projects.
- a Minecraft Creeper Scavenger Hunt was being held over Easter, involving 22 shops. A virtual Petone Minecraft build competition would be held during the April school holidays.
- a new initiative 'Cuppa with a Copper' was being launched with Sergeant Cam Cross and the JSP Coordinator in early May to help 'brew' connections in the community.
- 12 hours were spent on weekly marketing, with over 100,000 Facebook hits.
- a successful 'Business After 5' event with Ministers Hon Chris Penk and Hon Chris Bishop. Topics of discussion included vital transport links, the Resource Management Act, increasing insurance costs, and inflation.
- a public community meeting would be held that week to inform local businesses of several Council consultation documents. Topics included Council's District Plan and Draft Annual Plan 2025-26, Local Water Done Well, paid parking and transport.
- JSP would submit an official information request about Petone paid parking data.

Hellen Swales asked for an update on the three waters infrastructure projects on Jackson Street.

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

Cr Quentin Duthie spoke to a presentation that can be viewed here: [Greater Wellington Regional Councillor Presentation](#) and advised that:

- 1,000 submissions had been received on the Public Transport Plan.
- there would be a three-year closure of the Melling Station due to the Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi | RiverLink project.
- GWRC was involved in the 'Local Done Well' consultation as it managed the bulk water supply.
- the rates increase for the GWRC Annual Plan 2025-26 was initially 14% but was now approximately 9%.

In response to questions from a member, Cr Duthie advised that the Waiwhetū Stream had been graded E for E.coli concentration caused by wastewater entering the stream. He said this was due to faulty pipes.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Orders 10.4, the Chair gave precedence of business to Item 11: Petone Projects Update. The item is recorded in the order in which it is listed on the Order Paper.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/M Henderson)

Minute No. PCB 25202

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Petone Community Board held on Monday, 10 February 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

7. **REPORTS REFERRED FOR BOARD INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

a) **Proposed Time Limited Parking - 223 The Esplanade, Petone**

Report No. PCB2025/2/75 by the Traffic Engineer

The Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 25203

"That the Board endorses the recommendations contained in the report."

b) **Proposed Mobility Parking Restriction - Te Puni Street, Petone (Outside Te Puni Urupa Cemetery)**

Report No. PCB2025/2/81 by the Traffic Engineer

The Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Urban Design Lead confirmed that a letter had been distributed to businesses outlining the project and that discussions were ongoing.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 25204

"That the Board endorses the recommendations contained in the report."

8. **COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND 2024-25**

Report No. PCB2025/2/48 by the Head of Connected Communities

The Head of Connected Communities elaborated on the report, confirming there was sufficient funding available for the proposals under review by the Board. She advised that officers would review each Board's total funding allocations to ensure accuracy. She said a second funding round would take place, with the applications to be considered in August 2025. She further advised that the Community Climate Action Fund Panel asked that the Boards consider multi-ward proposals that might include their areas.

Due to the time constraints in assessing the multi-ward proposals, members agreed to consider them in June 2025, subject to the timing of the initiatives.

The Head of Connected Communities agreed to report back to the Board if any of the applications for June had restricted timeframes.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 25205

"That the Board:

- (1) *notes that this is the second round of the Community Climate Action Fund (the Fund) for the current triennium (2022-2025);*
- (2) *notes that it has \$19,311 for the triennium to allocate;*
- (3) *notes that the funding call closed on 17 March 2025 with two applications received for consideration;*
- (4) *notes that the applications have been considered against the Fund's qualifying criteria and priorities;*
- (5) *approves a grant of \$4,359.50 for Free for All;*
- (6) *approves a grant of \$2,353 for Thumbs Up Charitable Trust;*
- (7) *agrees that the organisations granted funding will be invited to attend a meeting of the Board once the event/activity has been completed;*
- (8) *notes that officers will prepare as a priority, an agreement with funded organisations setting*

out the terms and conditions for the funding; and

(9) notes that officers will conduct a further funding round for residual funding around June, for determinations at the Board's August meeting."

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

Report No. PCB2025/2/49 by the Chair, Petone Community Board

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/M Henderson)

Minute No. PCB 25206

"That the report be received and noted."

10. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. PCB2025/2/50 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. PCB 25207

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

11. INFORMATION ITEM

Petone Projects Update

Speaking under public comment, **Pam Hanna and Sylvia Allan, representatives of Save Petone Wharf**, spoke to a tabled document, attached as page 8 to the minutes.

In response to questions from members, Pam Hanna advised that there was significant community involvement in the Save Petone Wharf Group (the group) and that clear communications could be sent to the group. She noted that the deck of the Petone Wharf was in reasonable condition and pointed out that the piles had already lasted 100 years. She added that a major storm could affect the condition of the Petone Wharf.

The Director, Neighbourhoods and Communities advised that the Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee would consider a report on the Petone Wharf at its meeting on 30 April 2025.

In response to questions from members, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities confirmed that further costings for the Petone Neighbourhood Hub and Petone Grandstand were pending. She advised that she was aware of the proposal from Save Petone Wharf.

The Chair foreshadowed his intention to move a motion in support of the two-stage consent process to repair and remediate the Petone Wharf.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/S Freeman)

Minute No. PCB 25208

"That the Board:

(1) supports a two-stage consent process to repair and remediate the Petone Wharf as per priority two outlined in the Dunning Thornton report, to ensure the timeliness of the

project for the community; and

(2) encourages Council to proceed with seeking consents accordingly."

12. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

M Fisher
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 9th day of June 2025**

Response to engineering/planning reports for Petone Wharf

We are concerned about the potential for delay of work on the wharf if the consent process becomes overly complicated. To minimise delay and facilitate consenting we are proposing a two-stage consent process, which could start straight away. This assumes that most of the wharf can be kept, and that part of the outer head will need to be demolished.

What's involved?	Consent Status	Work Needed	Likely time frame
Stage One Repair/remediation, including fixing piles, work on cross-bracing/bearers, patching the deck, installing seismic beaks, other necessary repairs	Restricted discretionary under Lower Hutt and Greater Wellington Plans. Non-notified	Assemble consent application mostly from existing information. - Minor specialist reports needed on heritage impacts and landscape/visual. Other information provided by planner. - Consultation as necessary, and - Prepare draft conditions of consent (Further engineering detail would be developed in parallel as part of preparation for tender).	4 – 6 months
Stage Two Demolition of outer part of head that cannot be saved within budget.	Full discretionary activity under Lower Hutt and Greater Wellington Plans. Most likely Publicly notified	Scope aspects that are relevant to assessment of effects and commission reports as necessary – these could be quite extensive, but will not be known until it is clear how much of the wharf needs to be demolished. -Analyse policy and prepare applications - Consultation as necessary, and - Prepare draft conditions of consent	Considerably longer, especially if there were objections and appeals (up to 2 years). This process could be undertaken once repairs are under way and more is known about the condition of the wharf and how far the money will extend.

A two-stage process avoids the two types of consent application (repair and demolition) being bundled together and all caught up in one lengthy process.

It will enable the Council to get on with repair/remediation of most of the wharf quickly.

It should enable a large part of the wharf to be available for public use earlier than if bundled consents are sought. It will minimise further deterioration of the wharf, and escalation of construction costs.

The approach is likely to get community buy-in.