

**POARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA**  
**WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub, Queen Street,  
Wainuiomata on  
**Wednesday 16 April 2025, commencing at 6:30 pm**

**PRESENT:**                    T A Puketapu (Chair)                    L Bingley (Deputy Chair)  
    D Chrisp                                    L Clark  
    T Harker                                    Cr K Brown

**APOLOGIES:**                    G Sue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**           P Hewitt, Head of Transport  
    A Moor, Head of Connected Communities  
    S White, Policy Advisor  
    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.

*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:** (TA Puketapu/ L Clark)

**Minute No. WCB 25201**

*“That the apology received from G Sue be accepted and leave of absence be granted.”*

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

**Chastity Card, a representative of Love Wainuiomata,** asked for an update on parking in the Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub car park.

In response, the Head of Transport advised that officers had taken the feedback regarding the Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub car park into account. He highlighted that as a result, officers were considering reducing the number of dedicated electric vehicle parking spaces from eight to four. He added that the four remaining parking spaces would be available as standard parking for staff. He said mobility parking spaces would also be included in the car park. He advised that the proposed changes would be reported to the June Board meeting for a recommendation to the Traffic Subcommittee.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### 4. PRESENTATIONS

#### a) Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)

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

In response to questions from members, Cr Duthie advised the following:

- the owner of a property had objected to the initial proposal for a bus shelter, and due process was being followed. He agreed to report back on whether additional bus shelters were planned for Wainuiomata. He explained that priority for shelters was given to bus stops with the highest usage.
- streams in Wainuiomata had been classified with the lowest ecological health rating of 'e'. GWRC aimed to improve this rating to 'c' by 2040, but achieving this target now seemed unlikely. It might take until 2060 to elevate the streams' ecological health to a rating of 'd'.
- deer and pig culling was taking place in the East Harbour Regional Park. He agreed to report back on the number of pest species culled. Officers were investigating the feasibility of extending the existing deer fence to prevent large pest species from accessing the regional park.
- all submissions to the Regional Public Transport Plan consultation, including the Wainuiomata residents' submission, had been received and were being collated.

Cr Brown mentioned that Council's financial constraints prevented it from providing the necessary funding for waterways in Wainuiomata. She pointed out that Black Creek in Wainuiomata was not a natural stream but a man-made channel designed to drain a swamp. She acknowledged the pollution issue in Lower Hutt's waterways and stated that Council supported all efforts to address and improve the situation.

b) **Love Wainuiomata update**

Chastity Card, Kaiwhakhaere, Love Wainuiomata, spoke to an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Love Wainuiomata presentation](#).

She emphasised social media's importance in promoting events and the strategic planning phase the team was advancing.

Members acknowledged and thanked the Love Wainuiomata team for their work in revitalising Wainuiomata.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

The Chair declared a conflict of interest in Item 7: Community Climate Action Fund 2024-2025 and took no part in discussion or voting on the applications or the distribution of funds for the item.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/ D Chrisp)

**Minute No. WCB 25202**

*"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Wednesday, 12 February 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

7. **COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND 2024 - 2025**

Report No. WCB2025/2/55 by the Head of Connected Communities

The Chair declared a conflict of interest and took no part in the discussion or voting on the applications or the distribution of funds.

The Head of Connected Communities elaborated on the report. She advised that the total funding available for the Wainuiomata Ward per triennium was \$26,568. She further advised that the Community Climate Action Fund Panel asked that the Boards have the opportunity to consider multi-ward proposals that might include their areas. She said the next proposed round of funding was in June, with applications to be considered by community boards in August 2025.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Connected Communities explained that the Community Climate Action Fund was established by Council in 2023 by combining the Community Engagement Fund and the Local Projects Fund. She also mentioned several other community funding opportunities on Council's website for groups that did not meet the new criteria.

Members raised concerns regarding the lack of information the TRM Training application provided. They noted it did not include quotes or information on the number of plants and species to be planted, or the proposed locations. They also said that the confusing

application process and short timeframe for submitting applications had probably contributed to the incomplete application. They discussed approving the application in principle, subject to the information being provided by the applicant.

The motion was taken in parts.

Parts (1)-(5) were declared CARRIED on the voices.

**RESOLVED:** (TA Puketapu/L Bingley)

**Minute No. WCB 25203**

*"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 the Board has \$21,710 to allocate;*
- (3) *notes that the funding call closed on 17 March 2025 with three applications received and two for the Board's consideration;*
- (4) *agrees that officers should refer the application from Ulalei Wainuiomata Sport to Council's Parks and Reserve team for consideration; and*
- (5) *notes the remaining two applications have been considered against the Fund's qualifying criteria and priorities."*

The Chair declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussion or voting on parts (6)-(10) below.

The Chair withdrew from the table, and L Bingley assumed the Chair for the remainder of the item.

Parts (6)-(10) were declared CARRIED on the voices.

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

**Minute No. WCB 25204**

- (6) *"That the Board approves a grant of \$2,520 to Transition Town Lower Hutt Incorporated."*

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

**Minute No. WCB 25205**

- (7) *"That the Board approves in principle a grant of \$5,000 to TRM Training, subject to the applicant providing the information required, including suitable quotes."*

D Chrisp requested that his dissenting vote be recorded against the above.

**RESOLVED:** (L Bingley/L Clark)

**Minute No. WCB 25206**

*"That the Board:*

- (8) *agrees that the organisations granted funding will be invited to attend a meeting of the Board once the event/activity has been completed;*
- (9) *notes that officers will prepare as a priority, an agreement with funded organisations setting out the terms and conditions for the funding; and*
- (10) *notes that officers will carry out a further funding round for residual funding around June 2025, for consideration at the Board's August 2025 meeting."*

TA Puketapu resumed the Chair.

## 8. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. WCB2025/2/56 by the Democracy Advisor

In response to questions from members, the Policy Advisor advised the following:

- the Dog Control Bylaw (the bylaw) was currently under review. The most significant proposed changes included limiting the number of dogs one person could walk and a requirement for commercial dog walkers to be licensed. The limit to the number of dogs able to be walked by one person did not apply to licensed commercial dog walkers. The main changes to the bylaw were in response to submissions received during engagement.
- the Queen Street area had a 'dog prohibition' requirement due to a historic incident. However, the proposed bylaw aimed to change this to a 'dogs on leads at all times' requirement, similar to regulations in other public shopping areas. A new dog walking area, situated away from sports fields, was also proposed.
- Council's Policy team collaborated with Animal Services, Parks and Reserves, and Legal teams to develop the Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw.
- managing the issue of roaming dogs in Wainuiomata was constrained by the limited number of Animal Services personnel available. The Bylaw established a mandatory procedure for addressing roaming dogs.

Cr Brown mentioned that the Animal Services team was working to educate the public about understanding dog behaviour. She noted that a recent training session was well-received, and a second session was being planned. She pointed out that dog abuse occupied most of the Animal Services team's time, reducing the time available to address issues related to wandering dogs.

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/L Bingley)

**Minute No. WCB 25207**

*"That the Board receives and notes the report."*

## 9. QUESTIONS

In response to a question from a member, Cr Brown explained that the government's 2024 speed limit directive had reversed the school speed limits established in 2022, raising the speed limit to 50 km/h. She also noted that the Council had received legal advice indicating that there could be no exceptions to this directive.

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

TA Puketapu  
**CHAIR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 11th day of June 2025**