

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 10 June 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:

J Miller, Chief Executive Officer (part meeting)
C Ellis, Head of Chief Executive's office (part meeting)
J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development
P Hewitt, Head of Transport
I Brown, Head of Aquatics (part meeting)
A Moor, Head of Connected Communities (part meeting)
E Scherer, Transport Engineering Manager
D Kennedy, Transport Project Manager (part meeting)
F Thomas, Community Funding and Contracts Advisor
(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

There were no apologies.

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

Susan Ewart, Chair of the York Bay Residents' Association, made the following comments:

- the new bus stop at York Bay had no lighting, creating a safety issue for users at night. A new streetlight positioned on the opposite side of the road had not improved the lighting at the bus stop.
- rubbish bins were needed on the shared path to prevent rubbish blowing into the sea. Many people did not take their rubbish with them, causing litter issues.
- thank you to Council officers for addressing issues identified during the Eastbourne Community Board walkaround.
- thank you to Jo Greenman for her years of work in the forests behind the eastern bays.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order 10.4, the Chair accorded precedence to Item 8: Community Climate Change Action Fund – Update and Key Decisions For June 2025.

The item is listed in the order it appears on the order paper.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) Weather events

Council's Chief Executive presented an electronic presentation, which can be viewed here: [Weather events presentation](#).

The Chief Executive stated that, after reviewing the day's actions during the weather event, she felt that Council should have closed the road to Eastbourne in the morning instead of waiting for confirmation from MetService. She concluded that in future weather events, Council would provide information earlier to help the community prepare.

In response to questions from the public, the Chief Executive stated that a CCTV camera could be effective in the eastern bays. However, Council had several competing funding priorities. She also advised that the best way to inform Council about weather events and emergencies was through Council's social media pages or by using 'Report a Problem' on Council's website.

b) The Gollans Valley Station opportunity

Dave Bamford, a state executor of the John Marsden Nankervis Trust, presented an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [John Nankervis presentation](#). He provided an overview of John Nankervis's lifetime of exploration, mountaineering and conservation work.

Ben Bruno, Chair of MIRO and a representative of the 'Harbours to Headlands' group (the group), thanked residents for their support of the Gollans Valley Farm purchase from the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). He noted that the initiative has received backing from the wider Wellington region. The informal group, which had a website to gather ideas for Gollans Valley's future and connect volunteers, had already received numerous offers and proposals. He promised to keep the Board updated as they work with GWRC on future possibilities.

Cr Duthie from GWRC presented an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Greater Wellington Regional Councillor – Gollans Valley presentation](#). He provided an overview of Gollans Valley's recreational and environmental qualities and challenges. He explained that it would take some time to formally establish a park or other amenities for public use.

c) Eastbourne Pool volunteer programme

Speaking under public comment, **Sarah Pettus** expressed support for the potential extension of Eastbourne Pool's operating hours for the summer season of 2025-26, which would involve the use of community volunteers. She pointed out that Council's previous effort to use volunteers for the 2024-25 summer season had caused frustration among locals due to a lack of communication. She suggested that officers adopt a more responsive approach to ensure the initiative's success for the upcoming season.

The Head of Aquatics shared that the Eastbourne community had shown support for extending the Eastbourne Pool's open season for summer 2025-26. He apologised for not being able to extend the 2024-25 season due to preparations for Te Ngaengae Pool and staff shortages. He highlighted that four to five volunteers would be needed for the last few weeks of the 2025-26 season and must complete a three-day training course in August or September 2025. He stated that interested volunteers would be contacted about the training.

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

Speaking under public comment, **Amanda Mallett** expressed concerns about the Taupata plants that were planted against the new fence in Bishop Park. She explained that Council officers had previously assured her that the planting would not grow taller than the Marram grass that had been removed from the area. However, she pointed out that Taupata could potentially reach heights of six metres. She asked for a review of the plantings and suggested replacing Taupata with lower growing species.

The Director Economy and Development agreed to investigate the plantings and report back to the Board.

The Transport Project Manager presented an electronic presentation, which can be viewed here: [Tupua Horo Nuku and bird protection presentation](#).

In response to a question from a member, the Transport Project Manager explained that some sections of the road damaged by heavy vehicles would be reconditioned after the completion of Tupua Horo Nuku, while other areas would be repaired. He added that urgent repairs would be completed promptly, but the majority would be scheduled for warmer weather conditions.

Bruce Spedding advised that heavy trucks had been driving around the bays to turn at the Sunshine Petrol Station when encountering the Port Road closure. He noted that the petrol tanks were not designed to withstand the weight of trucks, which was causing concern for the petrol station owner. He emphasised the need to inform truck drivers about alternative places to turn.

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

Cr Duthie presented an electronic presentation, which can be viewed here: [Greater Wellington Regional Councillor presentation](#)

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

- Eastbourne's electric ferry, Te Ika Rere, was expected to return to service soon. The ferry would no longer accept cash payments for fares, as it was now under a GWRC contract.
- a national ticketing system using integrated ticketing was being planned, but no implementation date had been set. The Board would receive updates as more information became available.

Bruce Spedding asked for the installation of Locky Docks near the Days Bay Wharf and was advised to send his request to Council.

Murray Gibbons asked for a larger shelter on the Days Bay Wharf.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Bruce Spedding declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 8: Community Climate Action Fund - Update and Key Decisions for June 2025 and took no part in voting on the item.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (B Moss/B Spedding)

Minute No. ECB 25308

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 15 April 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

Mobility Parking 'At All Times' across various locations throughout Lower Hutt

Report No. ECB2025/3/152 by the Transport Engineering Manager

The Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 25309

"That the Subcommittee endorses part (1) and part (2) of the recommendations regarding Eastbourne."

8. **COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND - UPDATE AND KEY DECISIONS FOR JUNE 2025**

Report No. ECB2025/3/80 by the Head of Connected Communities

Bruce Spedding declared a conflict of interest in and took no part in voting on the item.

The Head of Connected Communities and the Community Funding and Contracts Advisor elaborated on the report.

Members reviewed the applications and expressed a preference to defer the \$298 requested by the two applicants until the next funding round. They noted that this approach would result in a larger funding pool and give the Board time to promote the opportunity more widely, allowing more Eastbourne residents the chance to apply.

The Head of Connected Communities advised that Council would start accepting applications for the next funding round on 16 June 2025.

RESOLVED: (B Moss/E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 25310

That the Board:

(1) *notes the status of the Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF), and its share;*

(2) *declines the proposed multi-ward funding as follows:*

*Local Energy Ltd - \$205; and
Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$93; and*

(3) *notes the approach to, and timeframes for the final CCAF funding round for the 2022-2025 triennium.*

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2025/3/74 by the Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 25311

"That the report be received and noted."

10. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2025/3/75 by the Democracy Advisor

Frank Vickers clarified that paragraph 8 of the report, "The Eastbourne Community Board supports the draft proposal and community consultation," should more accurately read "The Eastbourne Community Board supports the community consultation."

RESOLVED: (B Moss/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. ECB 25312

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

11. REPORT BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Report No. ECB2025/3/76 by the Democracy Advisor

a) Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust (the Trust)

Murray Gibbons advised that the Trust had increased its fees for the volunteer driver service by \$2. He also mentioned that George Tuffin would be retiring from the Trust at the end of 2025, and a new Trustee would need to be appointed.

In response to a question from a member, Murray Gibbons agreed to review the Trust's rules regarding Board representation and would report back to the Board.

b) Historical Society's Project to Restore Historic Jail

Murray Gibbons provided the following advice:

- he would provide seed money for the restoration of the historic jail.
- he planned to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the historic jail with Council's Head of Parks and Reserves.
- once the restoration work was complete, he intended to relocate the historic jail to its new site near Rona Wharf and formally hand it over to Council.
- Heritage New Zealand had expressed interest in writing a story about his efforts to save the historical jail.

Murray Gibbons agreed to meet with Board members before meeting with Council officers to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding.

c) MIRO

Frank Vickers stated that MIRO nurseries had a large number of plants to plant during the winter of 2025. He said MIRO would be seeking volunteers to help with this task.

d) Eastern Bays Climate Response Network (the Network)

Bruce Spedding advised that the Network's current focus was on an 'Electrify the Hutt' expo to be held in Lower Hutt in October 2025.

e) Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust

Emily Keddell provided the following advice:

- the Loft Youth Group was attracting around 15 young people each week. However, the community's connection with the Group seemed less valued than it had been before.
- an initiative to establish an Eastbourne Community Youth Forum was underway, as attached as page 9 to the minutes, and the Board was encouraged to promote community participation.

The Chair agreed that the Board would promote the initiative through its various networks.

f) Eastern Bays Residents' Associations

The Chair reported that timber from the demolition of the Point Howard Wharf had been recovered, and a portion would be donated to the Point Howard Residents' Association.

g) Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

Bruce Spedding provided the following advice:

- the latest tests on the Maungaraki transmitter indicated that it had stopped functioning.
- he was searching for an independent transmission service for the eastern bays. He believed that technology was available that operated on a low power mesh network, capable of generating signals between the bays. This setup would enhance resilience in the event of disasters, as it functioned independently of existing infrastructure.

12. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

13. 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 9.40 pm.

B Moss
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 19th day of August 2025

Eastbourne Community Youth Forum Proposal – ECB Meeting, June 10, 2025

I am excited to propose the establishment of The Eastbourne Community Youth Forum is a youth-led initiative for young people (Year 7 and up, aged 11+) to have a voice, lead solutions, and connect with our community. This concept, developed in collaboration with Kaye Whilmshurst (Youth and Child Wellbeing Therapist) and myself (ECB member and Youth Performance Development Educator), aims to improve mental health, build resilience, and foster a more cohesive and connected Eastbourne community.

Vision and Purpose

The Youth Forum will be a youth-led space, supported by the ECB, where young people can:

- **Voice their needs and interests:** Discuss what matters most to them and collaboratively find solutions.
- **Engage with the community and Foster Community Connection:** Connect with existing groups, events, and resources, such as water sports equipment and expertise from Bruce, art classes with Malcolm Syme, or broadcasting opportunities via Bruce's civil defence radio setup.
- **Fill gaps:** Identify and create new activities or groups tailored to their talents and interests, such as mental health support groups led by experts like Kaye Whilmshurst or youth-driven projects like podcasts or community gardens.
- **Bridge generational gaps:** Dispel perceptions that youth cannot participate in "non-youth" spaces like ECB meetings or Lions Club activities, fostering intergenerational collaboration.
- **Enhance Mental Health and Resilience:** Address issues like anxiety with expert support
- **Empower Youth Leadership:**

The forum will act as a teenage focus group, enabling young people to share their current activities, learn about lesser-known community opportunities, and develop skills through mentorship and peer-to-peer learning. The goal is for the forum to become self-sufficient, run for and by the youth, with ECB support for logistics like space, kai, and facilitator guidance.

Why Now?

Our youth are not fully engaged in Eastbourne's community activities. We want them to feel valued in Eastbourne and to have a voice. Rather than creating programmes for them, we want to give them space to identify gaps, collaborate with the community, and lead solutions. This forum will bridge generational gaps, dispel myths about "non-youth" spaces (e.g., ECB meetings, Lions Club), and build a more cohesive community.

When?

We plan to have the first information sessions for our local youth at the start of the next term - late July 2025. We hope to get the word out over the next month to gather as many young people as possible.

Call to Action

I invite the ECB to endorse the Eastbourne Community Youth Forum and encourage all community members to share their skills, resources, and ideas. Together, we can activate, support, enrich, and empower our youth to lead and thrive in Eastbourne.