

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA
WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub, Queen Street,
Wainuiomata, on

Wednesday 20 August 2025 commencing at 6:30 pm

PRESENT: L Bingley (Chair) D Chrisp
T Harker G Sue
Cr K Brown

APOLOGIES: TA Puketapu

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor C Barry (part meeting)
Cr G Tupou
Cr T Stallinger
Cr J Briggs (part meeting)
P Hewitt, Head of Transport
E Scherer, Transport Engineering Manager (part meeting)
F Thomas, Funding and Contracts Advisor (part meeting)
A Moor, Head of Connected Communities (part meeting)
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.</i>
Tihei mauri ora.	

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/Cr Brown)

Minute No. WCB 25401

"That the apology received from TA Puketapu be accepted, and leave of absence be granted."

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

Rosie Goss, a representative of Grey Power Wainuiomata, acknowledged the Board's support for the Wainuiomata community. She expressed gratitude for the Board's continued commitment.

In response to a question from a member, Rosie Goss recommended that the new Board focus on finding ways to better support senior citizens.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Barry provided a verbal address, attached as pages 9-10 to the minutes.

Cr Brown acknowledged Mayor Barry as a respected member of the Wainuiomata community and as an example for others. She highlighted his strong values, which had led to meaningful change, despite resistance at times. She commended him for confronting the issue of failing pipes and noted that a significant portion of Lower Hutt's rates was now allocated to infrastructure improvements.

Daniel Chrisp acknowledged Mayor Barry for his 15 years of service to Lower Hutt. He thanked him for initiating the community revegetation programme, Mouri Tupu.

In response to a question from a member, Mayor Barry stated that the continuation of the Mouri Tupu programme would depend on decisions made by the new Council.

MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Statement from Te Awa Puketapu

The Chair read a statement from Te Awa Puketapu, attached as page 11 to the minutes.

Statement from Council's Chief Executive Officer

The Democracy Advisor read a statement from Council's Chief Executive, attached as page 12 to the minutes.

5. PRESENTATIONS

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

Cr Duthie spoke to a 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 upcoming GWRC Environment Committee meeting would decide the pest control programme for ungulates. The plan was to remove as many ungulates as possible from the water collection area, install a fence to prevent re-entry, and eliminate any remaining animals.
- a decision on the future of Waterloo Station was expected by mid-2026, with construction of a new station expected to begin between 2028 and 2029, subject to Government funding. Cr Duthie agreed to report back to members on plans for engaging with the community on this project.
- parking at the upgraded Waterloo Station was expected to be limited due to space constraints, however, it would still be included in the overall plan. Some of the available land would be developed for housing, while other areas would be used to accommodate feeder buses.
- Culling operators did not remove pest animals from the forest. However, in the Northern Forest where recreational hunters had access, there were opportunities for conversations with community groups about the use of culled animals by local communities.

Members thanked Cr Duthie for his regular attendance, informative presentations, advocacy for Wainuiomata, and for reporting back on questions raised by the Board.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Tamsyn Harker declared a conflict of interest in item 10: Community Climate Action Fund: Round 3 Funding Applications and took no part in discussion or voting on the item.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/G Sue)

Minute No. WCB 25402

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Wednesday, 11 June 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **Proposed Relocation of Bus Stop 9915 - Parenga Street, Wainuiomata**

Report No. WCB2025/4/208 by the Traffic Engineer

The Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Transport Engineering Manager explained that since buses were infrequent, the bus stop's encroachment on a driveway was unlikely to inconvenience the resident. He advised that wind direction was considered when deciding on the need for additional half-wall protection in bus shelters. He also stated that the open bus shelter with clear panels was not expected to increase crime in the area.

Cr Brown stated she did not support the installation of an additional half-wall on the bus shelter. She recognised that more bus shelters were needed, and believed allocating extra funds for a single bus shelter was not justified.

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/G Sue)

Minute No. WCB 25403

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

b) **No Stopping At All Times - Wainuiomata Hill Road**

Report No. WCB2025/4/209 by the Roading Engineer

The Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Transport Engineering Manager advised that 'No Parking' signs were installed at intervals of 200 metres to prevent vehicles from parking in the area and to enable enforcement. He agreed to confirm the distance between the signs and report back to the members.

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/D Chrisp)

Minute No. WCB 25404

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

c) **Konini Street, Wainuiomata - new parking configuration (Konini Primary School)**

Report No. WCB2025/4/210 by the Traffic Engineer

The Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/Cr Brown)

Minute No. WCB 25405

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

d) **Broken Yellow Lines - No Stopping At All Times - Halifax Street and Whitehall Street, Wainuiomata**

Report No. WCB2025/4/211 by the Roading Engineer

The Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Transport Engineering Manager confirmed that residents living within 100 metres of the proposed broken yellow lines had been consulted, and no negative feedback was received. He explained that the proposed changes would allow access for both Waste Management and emergency vehicles. He clarified that most other narrow streets did not experience the same parking issues and therefore did not require broken yellow lines.

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/D Chrisp)

Minute No. WCB 25406

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

9. COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND: ROUND 3 FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Report No. WCB2025/4/212 by the Community Funding & Contracts Advisor

Tamsyn Harker declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting for the duration of the item.

The Community Funding and Contracts Advisor elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Connected Communities advised that a total of 11 applications had been submitted to the Community Climate Action Fund (the fund). She explained that if these applications were approved, they would receive most of the remaining funds. She noted that the new Council would set the purpose of the fund in the upcoming triennium. She confirmed that officers would provide an evaluation of the fund's effectiveness to the new Council. She highlighted that the fund was expected to have a long term impact on carbon reduction in Lower Hutt.

The Community Funding and Contracts Advisor advised that community engagement outreach by officers had led to a significant increase in applications.

Cr Brown noted that Wainuiomata had received a significantly higher allocation of funding than it had under the previous Community Engagement Fund. She also highlighted Wainuiomata's success in securing this funding for its community.

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/G Sue)

Minute No. WCB 25407

"That the Board:

- (1) notes that the Community Climate Action Fund Panel (the panel) agreed at its meeting on 28 April 2025 to hold a further four-week funding round (Round 3) with decisions to be made in August 2025;*
- (2) notes that prior to Round 3, a total of \$151,952 has been allocated against the Community Climate Action Fund, from a total pool of \$392,004, leaving an unallocated balance of \$240,052;*
- (3) notes its share of \$26,568 from the Community Climate Action Fund has been overallocated by \$2,816;*
- (4) notes that one funding application relating specifically to the Wainuiomata community was received in Round 3, totalling \$4,895;*
- (5) agrees to endorse the Wainuiomata Primary School funding application for \$4,895 to the panel, for approval to fund; and*
- (6) agrees that if the panel declines to fund this request, the applicant be advised they were unsuccessful."*

10. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. WCB2025/4/99 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/Cr Brown)

Minute No. WCB 25408

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

11. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

Cr Tupou thanked the Board for its work over the triennium and for advocating for Wainuiomata to Council. He noted the future opportunities for Wainuiomata due to its growing population and changing demographics.

Cr Stallinger commended the Board for its strong advocacy and performance, which helped secure its continuation as a community board.

12. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!

Unuhia!

Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui

Kia wātea, kia māmā

Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te
ara takatū

Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki
runga

Kia wātea, kia wātea!

Ae rā, kua wātea!

Hau, pai mārire.

Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks

To be clear and free

in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey

Oh Rongo, raise these words up high

so that we be cleansed and be free,

Yes indeed, we are free!

Good and peaceful

13. VALEDICTORIES

The Chair read Te Awa Puketapu's valedictory address, attached as pages 13-14 to the minutes.

Daniel Chrisp thanked members and acknowledged the senior members who helped guide new members when they were first elected in 2022. He stated he felt privileged to advocate for residents and bring their concerns and questions to Council.

Tamsyn Harker thanked members for the positive experience of working alongside them. She stated that she would continue to question Metlink and advocate for Wainuiomata in her role on the Public Transport Advisory Group (PTAG). She planned to reapply for appointment to PTAG in 2026.

Gary Sue thanked members for their work and acknowledged that being a voice for others could be challenging. He was confident the Board was in good heart and, as a result, was pleased to step down and make room for fresh faces and new ideas.

The Chair dedicated her time to acknowledge retiring Democracy Advisor Judy Randall for her long service in different areas of Council. She thanked Judy for her valued support to the Wainuiomata Community Boards - past and present, but particularly her guidance and advice to both herself and Te Awa Puketapu. An Ulalole was presented to Judy with thanks on behalf of the Board.

Cr Brown acknowledged retiring member Gary Sue for his volunteer work in the community. She highlighted his involvement on various boards, including those of local schools and sports organisations, and described him as a keystone of the Wainuiomata sporting community. She thanked him for his commitment and for asking challenging questions.

Cr Brown acknowledged retiring member Tamsyn Harker for her significant contributions to public transport during her time on the Board. She noted that Tamsyn's expertise was invaluable in guiding transport conversations. She expressed hope that Tamsyn would continue to engage in public transport discussions after retiring from the Board.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.01 pm.

L Bingley
CHAIR

J Miller
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mayor's Address

Kia ora koutou,

Tonight marks the final meeting of this triennium and the last one with me in the mayor's chair.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you on the Wainuiomata Community Board for the work you've put in over the past three years. It's not easy putting your hand up for local democracy, but you've given your time and energy to stand up for your community.

Project updates:

As someone who grew up here, I can honestly say Wainuiomata is looking and feeling better than it has in decades.

On a single day off recently, I started at the new Way of Life gym, grabbed a coffee at the new Columbus café in Mitre 10, picked up some shopping at the new-ish Woolworths, walked the dogs at Les Dalton Dog Park, and finished with dinner at Yathai Thai on Queen Street. That's a day out in a town that is growing, vibrant, and full of new opportunities.

This growth isn't by accident. Businesses like Mitre 10 tell me their confidence to invest comes from intensification — more people living here — and the significant investment in above and below-ground infrastructure over recent years.

Intensification does bring challenges — some of them forced on us through government rules, like carparking requirements. But if we hadn't made the decision in 2017 to change the intensification rules, I'd hate to think how much Wainuiomata would have missed out on.

Mouri Tupu

I'm pleased to share that we're on track to reach our target of 114,000 native plants — and it looks like we may even tip over that milestone by my final day as Mayor.

On Saturday 23 August, from 10am to 1pm, there will be another Community Planting Day at Delaney Park in Stokes Valley.

The combination of plant gifting, school planting projects, and strong community participation has been key to getting us across the line.

October election referendums

Before we close, I have been asked to briefly explain two important questions you'll see on the ballot this October at the local election.

Your voting papers this year will include the vote for Mayor and Councillors, the Māori Ward referendum and the non-binding referendum on exploring amalgamation.

Māori Ward:

- This is the first time Lower Hutt Voters on the Māori electorate will elect a dedicated Māori Ward councillor for the term 2025-28.
- However, the Government has reinstated the legal requirement for local authorities to run a poll on Māori Wards.

- This means you'll see a binding referendum question in voting papers. The outcome will decide whether the Māori Ward stays in place beyond this coming term.

Council wide amalgamation:

- Alongside the Māori Ward poll, Lower Hutt voters will be asked to weigh in on whether they support exploring amalgamation with neighbouring councils like Porirua, Wellington, Upper Hutt and Greater Wellington.
- However, unlike the Māori Ward question, this will be a non-binding poll.
- This means the new council will not be obligated to act on the referendum's result, but it will serve as a strong measure of residents' support.
- Why now?
- Local Government is in a period of major change. Especially with the uncertainty around three waters reform. That's brought fresh talk about amalgamation back into the mix.
- With councils across the country under serious financial pressure now's the right time to take another look at this. We owe it to our communities to ask the tough questions about how we can do things differently and deliver better value for every ratepayer dollar.

Whatever the outcome in October, what matters is that people stay involved, engaged and participate.

Thank you again for everything you've put into serving Wainuiomata this triennium. To those running — thank you for putting your hand up again. To those stepping back: Leah, Tamsyn, Te Awa & Gary — thank you for the time you've given and the contribution you've made to Wainuiomata.

As this is also my last board meeting as Mayor, I want to say it's been a privilege working alongside you. I wish the new board every success as you carry this work forward into the next term.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Statement from Te Awa Puketapu to Mayor Barry

To His Worship, Mayor Campbell,

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge you as you near the end of your time as Mayor of Te Awa Kai Rangi. Your journey began here as a member of the Wainuiomata Community Board before you became a City Councillor and then Mayor.

It's a privilege to have the opportunity to acknowledge you here tonight, so thank you for being present.

I hope you'll receive this acknowledgment in two ways: first, as the Mayor, and second, as a respected member of our community – a "Wainui lad," if you will.

The path you have taken is inspiring and one that I hope will leave a lasting impression of "I can do this" and "I too can be Mayor one day" in the minds of current candidates running for Council or the Community Boards, especially those from Wainuiomata.

We have a lot of strong youth leadership, and I hope the path you've paved will inspire them to pursue careers in local government and beyond.

We have shining stars like Keelan Renata and Tau Sa'u who have bright futures ahead. Your example, Campbell, surely gives them hope and shows them that anything is possible.

Wainuiomata is a great community, and it can often be seen in a different light by those who don't live here. But when we produce people who go on to become sports stars, coaches, referees, commentators, councillors, Members of Parliament, and mayors, we can only be proud of the gifts that come from our community.

Thank you for being one of those gifts. Thank you for becoming a Community Board member, a Councillor, and then Mayor. I'm sure we all agree that Wainuiomata is proud of you, your work, your role modelling, your leadership, and the path you have forged for us all. Thank you to your family and friends for the sacrifices they have surely made by having you in such a public role. I'm sure we all wish you nothing but the best for your future.

Thank you, Mayor Campbell.
Aku mihi kia koe
Te Awa

Statement from Council's Chief Executive Officer

Kia ora

I'm sorry that I won't be able to join you for your final meeting of the triennium

I'm writing to thank you for your service to Hutt City Council and your community. This is very much appreciated, and your mahi doesn't go unnoticed.

Farewell to Gary, Leah, and Tamsyn. Thank you for your service to your community.

Congratulations to Te Awa on being elected unopposed as the Mana Kairangi ki Tai Māori Ward Councillor. Thank you for your contributions to the Board.

We will continue to work with communities/Boards to reset and strengthen our relationship. Kathryn Stannard has written to you about this and shared a potential framework for this important mahi.

I wish Lesa and Daniel all the best in the upcoming elections.

Wishing you all a successful meeting.

Ngā mihi nui

Jo Miller

Tumu Whakarae
Chief Executive

Valedictory – Te Awa Puketapu, Wainuiomata Community Board Chair

Tena katou katoa

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few words and mainly to thank a heap of people, as we come to the close of our last Community Board meeting for this triennium. When I decided to stand for the Community Board, I have to say I didn't really know what I was getting into. But I am so incredibly proud of the work we have done. As a Board with a new majority, we had a lot to learn! Thank you, Gary, Daniel, Tamsyn, Leah, Lesa, and Keri, for your commitment and advocacy for our community. Thank you supporting and trusting me as the Chair of this Board.

I recall our first submission we did, where we were quite deliberate to focus on the opportunity to try and get our own version of Avalon Park and an outdoor exercise area into the long-term plan alongside other points raised. This was something I know we all wanted to push for, and something I hope we can be continued.

From our first big engagement at Wainuiomata Marae and then the following year, Christmas in the Nui, to street signs, street lights, parking, stormwater drains into a black creek, housing, Wainuiomata Hill repairs, potholes, Maru - Streets for People, street naming (particularly acknowledging the Lomax and Olsen Whānau), SNAs (argh!), which became Indigenous Biodiversity, parking limits, pushing for disabled car parks, EV parks, Coastal Road spawning season, WREMO concerns, bus stops, broken yellow lines, bus transport (especially fighting for buses to Wellington) - thank you PTAG - and Tamsyn also, cemetery and crematorium conversations, Fairy Gardens, pest control, dog bylaws, dirt bikes, submissions on the Representation Review (I'm so glad the Wainuiomata Community Board remains!), Wainuiomata Spirit Awards, Community Funding, and more! What a learning journey it has been.

You have all been amazing. We have had our moments, but we remained focused on our principles of Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga, and Mātauranga, and on our focus of collective impact.

I also want to thank all members of the public who have attended our meetings over the years, bringing issues and concerns to the table. I especially want to thank Rosie and Helen, our Grey Power Representatives who came to every meeting for three years. Thank you for your support and for bringing your voice to this space. This is exactly why we need our Community Boards. You have represented Grey Power well, and I hope our Board has been able to do justice to the issues raised and the advocacy needed.

To the Council Officers and Cr Duthie, who attended each meeting to answer questions and give updates – thank you.

To Frank Neil, who drives from Ōtaki to be here – thank you for your attendance and our conversations.

Thank you to our trailblazers before us, Mayor Campbell Barry, as I spoke about earlier, Councillor Tupou, Councillor Brown, and Councillor Briggs, for setting the pathway.

Thank you to Judy Randall, our amazing boss woman and the democratic services team. You've held us down every meeting, always there to keep us on track, teach me in real-time about standing orders, take notes, and everything else. Enjoy your retirement, and thank you for being amazing.

Lesa, thank you for being my right-hand person. You have been amazing and have stepped in when needed.

Last but not least, thank you to Sisi Leafa Paki and Leah Clark for originally nominating me to do this, and to my family for giving me the space to serve.

I want to wish all the candidates standing for the Wainuiomata Community Board elections all the best. You are all amazing, and I know the Community Board will only get better and stronger. I hope we leave it in a place where you can springboard to greater things. Wainuiomata is unique. We are a growing community. We need to keep our Board to represent our community so we don't get lost in the enormity of our wider community, and we can hold strong to our unique identity.

All the best to everyone, keep being amazing, and please, support Māori Wards!

Aku mihi,

Te Awa