

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. KKC25-3
HELD IN THE CENTRE - PĀTUKI MANAWA DIGITAL HUB, 21 MAIN ROAD, KATIKATI (BOYD
ROOM).ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025 AT 6.30PM**

1 PRESENT

Chairperson J Clements, Deputy N Mayo, Member A Earl, Cr A Henry and Cr R Joyce

2 IN ATTENDANCE

R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

16 members of the public including:

Mayor J Denyer

Waihī Beach Community Board Member R Goudie

3 ABSENT

Member T Sage

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 VARIOUS SPEAKERS - HIGHFIELDS POND

Russell Squire and Jim Davidson were in attendance to discuss matters relating to Highfields Pond. They noted the below points:

- Council, alongside Project Parore, had relocated the unsuitable plants from Highfields Pond.

- Mr Squire was of the understanding that Council had asked the MenzShed to manufacture some steps for Highfields Pond. He had suggested that instead of building steps in the steep area, fill was placed there to provide access for vehicles and machinery.
- A group of residents were looking to become volunteers for council to look after Highfield's Pond.
- There was an ongoing issue of water weed in pond. Options to manage the weed were being investigated, which included; dragging, and introducing grass carp. The latter would require approval from the Department of Conservation. It was noted that the grass carp that could be used were sterile and were unable to breed.
- A staff member from the Regional Council had looked at the weeds in Highfield's Pond and determined that they were not notifiable species.
- An unofficial regatta for miniature sailing yachts had been held at Highfield's Pond, with some attendees travelling from as far away as Taranaki.
- Mr Davidson felt that Highfields Pond should be given an official name. He had been advised that council did not have a policy for naming ponds and offered the name 'Lake Waterford'.

The General Manager Strategy and Community advised that the primary function of Highfield's Pond was stormwater attenuation, however, some stormwater assets also functioned as a recreational asset for the community. Although council did not have a naming policy for this situation, it did not preclude council from undertaking a naming process for the pond.

7.2 JOHN BOTHWELL – BASKETBALL HALFCOURT AT MOORE PARK

Mr Bothwell was in attendance to provide an update to the Board on the project to install a basketball halfcourt at Moore Park. He noted the below points:

- Research was being undertaken into the most appropriate options for materials and equipment for the halfcourt. They were considering installing a concrete and synthetic turf for the basketball halfcourt.
 - They were seeking funding from the Community Board and other sources like Bay Trust and TECT for the project.
 - The New Zealand Basketball Association had funded some outdoor basketball courts, however, they had spent their budget for this year.
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7.3 SHARON OLSEN-CARSON – REMOVAL OF TREES KOTAHI LANE

Ms Olsen-Carson, a resident of Katikati, was in attendance to discuss the removal of cherry trees from Kotahi Lane carpark area. She noted the below points:

- The trees had been removed last year and had not been replaced. She queried if any new trees would be replanted in the area.
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The Board advised that it was intended to replace the trees that were removed, however, they were waiting on a decision from Council regarding the use of the land at Kotahi Lane.

7.4 ROSS GOUDIE – LOCAL WATERS DONE WELL

Mr Goudie, a resident of Katikati, was in attendance to discuss Local Waters Done Well. He noted the below points:

- It was important that members of the community were made aware of Local Waters Done Well. He noted that the Local Waters Done Well legislation made it difficult for council to undertake an in-house model for waters.
- Mr Goudie queried if the a multi-council Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) for waters could include councils that were in the Bay of Plenty or outside of the area.

It was clarified that a multi-council CCO could include councils that were in the Bay of Plenty or near the Bay of Plenty.

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 PRESENTATION – MATAHUI SCHOOL

Representatives from Matahui School were in attendance to provide the Board with an update on the school, including an overview and history of the school. The following points were noted:

- Matahui School celebrated neurodiversity and was a place for children who did not fit the traditional schooling system to learn.
- The School's roll had been impacted by the Kiwifruit PSA outbreak, global financial crisis, Covid-19, and more recently the recession.
- The School nearly closed in 2020, however, they were supported financially by alumni families.
- The Board of Trustees applied for Charter School status in 2024, however, this was declined as they were a private school. They investigated becoming a state-integrated school but the funding model of one teacher to 25 students did not work for their school.
- The school was now facing possible closure. The families had contributed financially to keep it open until the end of the year.

Representatives responded to pātai as below:

- There were currently 44 students enrolled at Matahui School, 75 per cent of which were considered neurodiverse.

- The school's academic results showed that 80 per cent of the children attending were working at or above the national average.
- They still wanted to go down the path of a Charter School if possible.
- They were licensed to have 120 students enrolled at the School and could cater for 80 students comfortably under their current model.

9 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

9.1 MINUTES OF THE KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2025

The Board considered the minutes from the previous meeting and the following points were noted:

- A query was raised whether the minutes of the previous meeting accurately reflected the discussion raised in public forum by Ross Goudie.

The Board was advised that the recording for the previous meeting would be relistened to and the minutes amended, if required.

RESOLUTION KKC25-3.1

Moved: Member A Earl

Seconded: Deputy N Mayo

1. That the Minutes of the Katikati Community Board Meeting held on 2 April 2025 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the Chairperson's electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD – WORKSHOP NOTES – 30 APRIL 2025

The notes from the 30 April 2025 Katikati Community Board workshop were considered and no discussion was held.

10.2 KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – MAY 2025

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 28 May 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- The Board was advised that work was progressing regarding delegations for Community Boards for the next triennium. The delegations would be decided by the new Mayor and Councillors at the beginning of the next triennium.
- Candidate information sessions were being held in Ōmokoroa and Te Puke.
- A concern was raised that the recently re-sealed roads were lifting in some areas.

- It was clarified that the source of power for an EV charging station at Market Square would be from the Library. The infrastructure would be installed on the footpath alongside the library and would not compromise any pavement that was laid as part of the Market Square project.

RESOLUTION KKC25-3.2

Moved: Member A Earl

Seconded: Deputy N Mayo

That the Chairperson's report dated 28 May 2025 titled 'Katikati Community Board Chairperson's Report – May 2025' be received.

CARRIED

10.3 KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – MAY 2025

The Board considered a report from Councillor Joyce dated 28 May 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the Local Waters Done Well proposed model and Government legislation. Furthermore, it was noted that Council had chosen to leave the LGNZ Representative Body.

RESOLUTION KKC25-3.3

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Member A Earl

That Cr Joyce's report dated 28 May 2025 titled 'Katikati Community Board – Councillor's Report – May 2025' be received.

CARRIED

10.4 APPLICATION FOR ROAD NAMING – 113B AND 115 PARK ROAD, KATIKATI

The Board considered a report from the Consents Planner dated 28 May 2025. The General Manager Strategy and Community provided an overview of the report and roading naming process. The Board provided feedback on the road naming application as below:

- The name 'Gallaher' was closely associated with rugby, it was suggested that the name be used for a road closer to the rugby fields at Moore Park.
- It was noted that there was a road close to Moore Park that was yet to be named where the name 'Gallaher Street' could be used.
- The Board supported 'Mere Close' being used for this particular road naming application.

RESOLUTION KKC25-3.4

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Member A Earl

1. That the Consents Planner's report dated 28 May 2025 titled 'Application for Road Naming – 113B and 115 Park Road, Katikati' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **low** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That the Katikati Community Board consider and provide feedback on the proposed road name options of '**Gallaher Street**' OR '**Mere Close**' for a public road to be vested in Council (being Lot 110 of RC12888s).
4. That the Katikati Community Board requests that the proposed road name '**Gallaher Street**' be considered for a road closer to Moore Park.

CARRIED

10.5 KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD – PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT – MAY 2025

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 28 May 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- It was noted that there had been an increase in service request complaints regarding dogs.
- A concern was raised about overall town maintenance particularly in relation mowing and roading.

RESOLUTION KKC25-3.5

Moved: Deputy N Mayo

Seconded: Member A Earl

That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 28 May 2025 titled 'Katikati Community Board – Projects and Operations Report – May 2025' be received.'

CARRIED

10.6 KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2025

The Board considered a report from the Finance Business Partner Lead dated 28 May 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- The Board queried if all the invoices had been processed for the Katikati Community Sport and Recreation Centre.
 - A recommendation to release the unspent committed funds back into the Roothing Account would be included in the next Community Board agenda.
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RESOLUTION KKC25-3.6

Moved: Chairperson J Clements

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Finance Business Partner Lead's report dated 28 May 2025, titled 'Katikati Community Board – Financial Report – April 2025', be received.
 2. That the Katikati Community Board approve for the remaining funds from the below resolutions, to be released back into the Reserve Account:
 - a. K22-4.5 with remaining funds of \$1,000
 - b. KKC23-7.5 with remaining funds of \$285
 - c. KKC23-7.4 with remaining funds of \$500; and
 - d. KKC24-6.5 with remaining funds of \$107.66.
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CARRIED**11 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT**

Nil

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Katikati Community Board meeting held on 23 July 2025.

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Chairperson J Clements
CHAIRPERSON