

**MINUTES OF THE KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN PUORO 1, TE RAUKURA KI KĀPITI, 34A RAUMATI ROAD, RAUMATI BEACH  
ON TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Bede Laracy (Chair), Mr Jonny Best, Ms Tarn Sheerin, Mr Tim Sutton, Cr Sophie Handford

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Karl Webber, Mr Darren Edwards, Ms Jessica Mackman

**WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES:** There were none.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** There were none.

## **1 NAU MAI | WELCOME**

The Chair, Bede Laracy welcomed everyone to the last Raumati Community Board meeting of the financial year and introduced the members of the Board and Council officers in attendance.

The Chair noted there were only two meetings of the Board remaining before local body elections were held later in the year and acknowledged the achievements of the Raumati Community Board this triennium.

## **2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies to record.

## **3 TE TAUĀKĪ O TE WHAITAKE KI NGĀ MEA O TE RĀRANGI TAKE | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

## **4 HE WĀ KŌRERO KI TE MAREA | PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Louie Vatble, alongside Jess Vatble, spoke in support of their grant application to assist Louie's football pursuits in item 8.1 *Consideration of Applications for Funding* and answered members' questions.

Sarah Webb, volunteer at the community vegetable garden at the Uniting Church in Raumati Beach, queried how community groups may be better connected with grant funding opportunities and the Chair, Bede Laracy, outlined the Board's approach.

Aaron Cronin, opened with karakia and alongside Christine Coulter, Valerie Andrews and Karl Webber, spoke on behalf of Ngā Pakeke o Kāpiti in support of the group's grant application in item 8.1 *Consideration of Applications for Funding* to assist this year's Kaumātua Kapa Haka event.

Ann Evans, Secretary of the Whareroa Guardians Community Trust and Jan Nisbet, volunteer, spoke in support of the Trust's Vision Raumati grant application in item 8.1 *Consideration of Applications for Funding*. Ms Evans and Ms Nisbet outlined the Trust's vision and plans for the Whareroa Farm Recreation Reserve and answered members' questions.

Allie Webber, Executive Secretary of the Kāpiti US Marines Trust, spoke to the appended document in support of the Trust’s Vision Raumati grant application in item 8.1 *Consideration of Applications for Funding*. Ms Webber outlined the Trust’s vision and plans to connect the sites of the former US Marines’ Camps in the district and answered questions from the Board and community members present.

Bruce Henderson, Chair of the Kāpiti Coast Trails Trust, and Steve Lewis, member of the Trust, spoke to the appended image in support of the Trust’s Vision Raumati grant application in item 8.1 *Consideration of Applications for Funding*. Mr Henderson and Mr Lewis outlined the Trust’s vision and plans to develop and expand the off-road trails for walking, biking and horse-riding across the district and answered members’ questions.

**TABLED DOCUMENTS**

<b>Appendices</b>	
1	Documentation supporting the grant application for the Kāpiti US Marines Trust (tabled by Allie Webber)
2	Image supporting the grant application for the Kāpiti Coast Trails Trust (tabled by Bruce Henderson)

**5 NGĀ TEPUTEIHANA | DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations scheduled.

**6 NGĀ TAKE A NGĀ MEMA | MEMBERS’ BUSINESS**

- (a) There were no requests for a leave of absence.
- (b) The Chair introduced the following grant applications as matters of an urgent nature which were received after the publication of the meeting agenda and noted the applications would be considered under agenda item 8.1 *Consideration of Applications for Funding*:
  - Discretionary grant application for Ngā Pakeke o Kapiti
  - Vision Raumati grant application for the Kāpiti US Marines Trust

The matters could not be delayed until the next meeting as grant funds must be allocated before the end of the 2024/2025 financial year.

- (c) Community Board Members’ Activities
 

Cr Sophie Handford advised that the recently formed Wharemauku Catchment Group had held two hui to progress the development of a vision for the Wharemauku stream.

The Chair, Bede Laracy, noted he and Cr Handford were also in discussions with an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture at Victoria University as to how students may be able to be involved in future design of the Wharemauku catchment areas alongside The Wellington Company development and Whale Song.

**7 HE KŌRERO HOU | UPDATES**

There were no updates scheduled.

**8 PŪRONGO | REPORTS**

**8.1 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

<p>The Chair, Bede Laracy, introduced the item and members discussed the grant applications contained in the report and those introduced as matters of an urgent nature.</p>
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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCB2025/13**

Moved: Mr Tim Sutton  
 Seconder: Cr Sophie Handford

- A. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Discretionary Grant of \$300.00 to the Combined Lions Clubs of Kāpiti Inc. to assist with the costs of advertising and printing to promote the Club’s annual collection for the Kāpiti Community Foodbank.
- B. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Discretionary Grant of \$750.00 to The Kāpiti Loss and Grief Support Trust to assist with the costs of holding a further WAVES Bereaved by Suicide Support Group for the wider Kāpiti community.
- C. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Discretionary Grant of \$750.00 to Nourish Trust to assist with the costs of providing food hampers to Raumati families in need at Christmas.
- D. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Discretionary Grant of \$750.00 to Louie Vatble to assist with the costs of representing the Ricki Herbert Football Academy in an International football tournament in Christchurch in July 2025.
- E. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Discretionary Grant of \$748.00 to Ngā Pakeke o Kapiti to assist with the costs of staging the annual Kaumātua Kapa Haka event at Te Raukura ki Kāpiti in August 2025.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCB2025/14**

Moved: Mr Tim Sutton  
 Seconder: Cr Sophie Handford

- F. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Vision Raumati Grant of \$5000.00 to the Whareroa Guardians Community Trust to support the ongoing restoration and development of the Whareroa Farm Recreation Reserve.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCB2025/15**

Moved: Mr Jonny Best  
 Seconder: Ms Tarn Sheerin

- G. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Vision Raumati Grant of \$5000.00 to the Kāpiti US Marines Trust to support the development of walking and cycling trails through the sites of the former US Marines Camps in the district.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCB2025/16**

Moved: Mr Tim Sutton  
 Seconder: Cr Sophie Handford

- H. That the Raumati Community Board approves a Vision Raumati Grant of \$5000.00 to the Kāpiti Coast Trails Trust to assist with the costs of developing a website and commissioning a preliminary report to expand and improve the district’s nature-based trails network.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCB2025/17**

Moved: Mr Bede Laracy  
 Seconder: Mr Jonny Best

- I. That the Raumati Community Board grant application for Kamal Patel contained in item 8.1 Consideration of Applications for Funding, should lie on the table to be considered at the next Raumati Community Board meeting of 15 July 2025.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chair, Bede Laracy, spoke to the appended presentation to introduce Ecoreef, a modular seawall system, to the Board.

The Chair outlined a proposal from Ecoreef to install a section of their seawall system free of charge as a trial on the Kāpiti Coast and noted that 7 Arawa Street in Raumati Beach had been identified as a potential installation site.

The Chair and Tim Sutton answered questions from members of the community present and the following recommendations to Council were made.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCB2025/18**

Moved: Mr Tim Sutton  
 Seconder: Ms Tarn Sheerin

That the Raumati Community Board recommends to Council to:

- A. Accept Ecoreef's offer of installing 50 metres of seawall free of charge as a trial on the Kāpiti Coast.
- B. Engage Ecoreef to install this seawall to protect the Council's Reserve land and adjacent sewer just south of the Arawa Street beach entrance.

**CARRIED**

**Appendices**

- 1 Ecoreef Presentation for Chair's Report

**9 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ ĀMIKI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**9.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RCB2025/19**

Moved: Mr Tim Sutton  
 Seconder: Ms Tarn Sheerin

That the minutes of the Raumati Community Board meeting of 8 April 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**10 NGĀ TAKE E MAHIA ANA | MATTERS UNDER ACTION**

**10.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION**

The Chair, Bede Laracy outlined the updates to matters under action as detailed in the report and noted that in addition, a disabled car park had now been installed at the Raumati South Memorial Hall following a request to the Board from the Raumati South Residents' Association.

**11 CLOSING KARAKIA**

The Chair, Bede Laracy invited Paraparaumu Community Board member, Karl Webber, to close the meeting with karakia whakamutunga and the **Poari ā-Hapori o Raumati | Raumati Community Board meeting closed at 9.16pm.**

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**HEAMANA | CHAIRPERSON**