



TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O
ŌTOROHANGA
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Open Minutes

Kāwhia Community Board

3 July 2025

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Open Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held in the Kāwhia Community Hall, 141 Jervois Street, Kāwhia on Thursday, 3 July 2025 commencing at 4.00pm.

Tanya Winter, Chief Executive

10 July 2025

Kāwhia Community Board attendance

Chairperson	Geoff Good	Attended via Zoom
Deputy Chairperson	Hinga Whiu	Attended
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Kit Jeffries	Attended
Board Member	Richard Harpur	Attended
Board Member	Dave Walsh	Attended

Senior staff in attendance

Chief Executive	Tanya Winter	Did not attend
Group Manager Business Enablement	Graham Bunn	Did not attend
Group Manager Engineering & Assets	Mark Lewis	Did not attend
Group Manager Regulatory & Growth	Tony Quickfall	Attended
Group Manager Strategy & Community	Nardia Gower	Did not attend
Chief Advisor	Ross McNeil	Attended

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There are no reports.

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There are no reports.

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These open Minutes were prepared by Manager Governance, Kaia King and approved for distribution by Group Manager Regulatory & Growth, Tony Quickfall on 10 July 2025.

Commencement of meeting**Te tīmatanga o te hui**

Chairperson Good was present via Zoom so the meeting was Chaired by Deputy Chairperson Whiu. Deputy Chairperson Whiu declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

Opening prayer/reflection/words of wisdom**Karakia/huitao/whakataukī**

Deputy Chairperson Whiu provided some opening words followed by a karakia.

Apologies**Ngā hōnea**

There were no apologies.

Public forum**Hui tūmatanui**

Maea Marshall as Chair of the Te Taiao o Kāwhia Moana Society Incorporated spoke on a petition which will be presented to Ōtorohanga District Council on 29 July. Board Members expressed support in principle for the topic of the petition but wanted to ensure an alternative access was in place before any closure was implemented. ŌDC's Tony Quickfall noted a decision to close access would require a Bylaw amendment and the associated public consultation before a decision could be made. He also advised ŌDC staff were working with Tainui Kāwhia Incorporated and had commissioned a feasibility study for the proposed alternative access. He noted the study would identify restrictions for vehicles and the cost of implementation.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu provided an opportunity for Gaylene Kanawa to speak in the public forum on the proposed fitness trail. In response to a comment, ŌDC's Sahndra Cave advised mana whenua had indicated support for the trail, but confirmation had not been received. Deputy Chairperson Whiu advised the Board would support the conversations with mana whenua to ensure confirmation was received by ŌDC staff.

Late items**Ngā take tōmuri**

There were no late items.

Declaration of conflict of interest**Te whakapuakanga pānga taharua**

There were no Declarations made.

Confirmation of minutes**Te whakaū i ngā meneti**

Resolved K118: That Kāwhia Community Board confirm as a true and correct record of the meeting; the open Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2025 (document number 827718).

Councillor Jeffries | Board Member Harpur

Decision reports**Ngā pūrongo whakatau****Item 37 - Proposed Aotea and Kāwhia Plan (Better Places Together)**

ŌDC's Sahndra Cave drew the Boards attention to a couple of minor errors in the Plan which were discovered after the agenda was released. ŌDC's Ross McNeil noted the Plan reflected extensive engagement across the area. He referred to Board Member Walsh's comments regarding the fitness trail noting that the project needed to be seen in context within the other projects.

Board Member Harpur spoke on concerns around the location of the shipping container by the sea. Ms Cave noted that feedback had been received, and the potential location could be moved to the Kāwhia Domain if the Board was in agreement.

Councillor Jeffries referred to page 22, clause 6.11 and queried the ownership of the land. Mr McNeil advised the land was Crown owned and therefore ŌDC were the administering authority. In response to a second query, Mr McNeil advised some projects could be progressed quickly once ŌDC had adopted the Plan. He stated ŌDC would determine how and when resources were allocated to progress individual projects.

Chairperson Good commended the work of Resilio and ŌDC staff noting it was a living document, and it was important for the Board to be involved in the prioritisation of projects. In response to a query from Board Member Walsh, Ms Cave spoke on the removal of the speed bumps on Pouewe and Jervois Streets. She noted the Aotea Ratepayers had requested the repurposing of the speed bumps to Aotea. Board Member Harpur expressed concern around the removal of the Kāwhia seawall and the cost of maintaining the seawall. Mr McNeil advised staff's intention was to provide the overall cost of delivering the Plan and would work to source funding beyond a standard rate-funded approach.

Resolved K119: That the Kāwhia Community Board endorses the proposed draft Aotea & Kāwhia Plan, noting any further changes to be made including minor editorial amendments, and recommends that the Plan be adopted by the Ōtorohanga District Council.

Chairperson Good | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

Councillor Jeffries spoke on the resignation of ŌDC staff member Ross McNeil who was taking up a chief executive role in Australia. He shared his thoughts on Mr McNeil's contribution to the Kāwhia and Aotea communities through multiple projects. He presented a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Board. Deputy Chairperson Whiu completed the presentation with a Māori proverb.

Mr McNeil spoke on the local community's enthusiasm to craft their future and noted he would leave the Ōtorohanga district with its communities firmly anchored in his heart.

Information only reports

Ngā pūrongo mōhiohio anake

There were no reports.

Public excluded

Take matatapu

There were no reports.

Board Member updates

Ngā kōrero hou a ngā Kaikaunihera

Board Member Walsh sought clarification of the removal timeframe for the trees and ŌDC's Tony Quickfall advised staff were looking at alternative work within the area so if protesters stopped the tree removal, the contractors could be redirected to alternative work. He stated the Board and Ngāti Hikairo would be given advance warning.

Board Member Walsh spoke on the recent Kāwhia Sports Club annual general meeting. He advised the consent application was being finalised and would be lodged. Board Member Walsh then advised he would not be seeking re-election at the October Local Government Election. He stated the announcement was to ensure anyone interested in standing had assurance that a seat was available.

Chairperson Good attended Hano Ormsby's farewell from TKI and the Local Water Done Well workshops at the Council Chambers. He noted the three groups who had their Kāwhia Community Centre charges waived for one year were very appreciative.

Board Member Harpur spoke on the Kaumatua Group, the Kāwhia Kai Festival and noted there was interest from community groups to apply for the Centre fees and charges waiver.

Councillor Jeffries attended the Risk and Assurance Committee, the Kāwhia Kai Festival Committee meeting, the Kāwhia Sports Club annual general meeting and also went to Hano Ormsby's farewell.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu advised the 'slow down' sign had been made and would be collected by ŌDC staff and installed. She spoke on the mana whenua led pōwhiri for the new Kāwhia Policeman, noting discussions were being held with Maketū Marae. She noted a community meeting with the Policeman was being arranged but no date had yet been confirmed.

Board projects

Project 1: Kāwhia Storyboards

Deputy Chairperson Whiu advised Frank Thorne was unable to join the meeting however work was in progress and an update would be provided to the next meeting.

Community Board discretionary fund

Deputy Chairperson Whiu sought an allocation of \$500 towards the kai at the mana whenua led welcome of the new Kāwhia policeman.

Resolved K120: That the Kāwhia Community Board grant \$500 excluding GST for kai at the mana whenua led welcome for the new Kāwhia policeman.

Board Member Harpur | Board Member Walsh

Resolution Register

Resolved K121: That the Kāwhia Community Board approve the removal of Resolution K115 from the Register.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu | Board Member Walsh

Closing prayer/reflection/words of wisdom

Karakia/huritao/whakataukī

Deputy Chairperson Whiu provided some closing words and a closing karakia.

Meeting closure

Katinga o te hui

Deputy Chairperson Whiu declared the meeting closed at 5.31pm.

Workshops/briefings

Monthly discussion with staff on items raised in public forum or outstanding matters.