



TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O
ŌTOROHANGA
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Open Agenda

KĀWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

2 April 2026

Kāwhia Community Board

Open Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held in the Kāwhia Community Centre, 27 Jervois Street, Kāwhia on Thursday, 2 April 2026 commencing at 4.00pm.

Tanya Winter, Chief Executive

10 April 2026

Kāwhia Community Board attendance

Chairperson	Geoff Good	Attended
Deputy Chairperson	Hinga Whiu	Attended
Board Member	Richard Harpur	Attended
Board Member	Kit Jeffries	Attended
Board Member	Annie Mahara	Attended

ODC Senior Staff in attendance

Group Manager Regulatory & Growth	Tony Quickfall	Attended
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Decision reports**Ngā pūrongo whakatau**

There were no reports.

Information only reports**Ngā pūrongo mōhiohio anake**

There were no reports.

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Public excluded**Take matatapu**

There were no reports.

Closing formalities

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Workshops/briefings

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

Open to public

These Open Minutes were prepared by Manager Governance, Kaia King and approved for distribution by Group Manager Regulatory and Growth, Tony Quickfall on 10 April 2026.

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

Chairperson Good declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

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

Board Member Harpur provided the opening karakia.

Apologies**Ngā hōnea**

There were no apologies.

Public forum**Hui tūmatanui**

Waikato Regional Council's Waipā/King Country Councillor Liz Stolwyk spoke to the Board on her background and her intentions for her time with WRC.

Councillor Jeffries advised he had been working with Barbara Kuriger to take up central Government's offer to increase the number of EV charging stations. He considers Kāwhia has a strong case to make. He queried if it was appropriate for WRC to provide a letter of support. Ms Stolwyk agreed to discuss with the WRC Chairperson and provide a response.

Councillor Jeffries queried the possibility of a Kāwhia to Ōtorohanga bus service. Ms Stolwyk recommended he discuss with Ōtorohanga District Council's Mayor who is the representative on the Waikato Regional Transport Committee. She noted the service between Taumarunui and Hamilton needed to increase numbers before any further prioritisation was given by WRC.

Councillor Jeffries queried the weed control on road reserve or private property. Ms Stolwyk confirmed it was a responsibility of local councils or NZTA for road reserves.

Councillor Jeffries queried how WRC Councillors were faring following their election and then legislative changes to remove those after two years. Ms Stolwyk spoke about the reform and the impact on the next election and the importance of localism.

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 K15: That Kāwhia Community Board confirm as a true and correct record of the meeting the open Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026 as distributed.

Chairperson Good | Board Member Mahara

Decision reports**Ngā pūrongo whakatau**

There were no reports.

Information only reports**Ngā pūrongo mōhiohio anake**

There were no reports.

Board Member updates**Ngā kōrero hou a ngā Kaikaunihera**

Board Member Mahara attended the Kaumatua Mini Games with more than 80 kaumatua in attendance. Kāwhia Kai 4 All was getting low on boxes of kai coming from the supermarkets with only half being delivered now.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu spoke on an email regarding the temporary lane bridge on SH39. She noted there was no contact through to Ngāti Hikairo to attend. ŌDC's Tony Quickfall undertook to take the feedback back to the Leadership Team. Deputy Chairperson Whiu spoke on the timing of road works which are always conflicting with the poukai rounds.

Chairperson Good attended three poukai (including the opening of Ōkapu Marae), joined ŌDC's elected member bus tours, and participated in Annual Plan workshops (noting an upcoming rates increase). He also noted the Board made two submissions to the draft Annual Plan.

Board Member Harpur attended ŌDC bus tours and reported on several local matters—Kaumatua Club funding pressures due to repeated hall use, Kāwhia Sports Club building becoming available for public use,

the museum needing volunteers and planning a re-dedication service, progress on Kai Fest planning, and ongoing storm damage/remedial work concerns. He also noted young people continue to contact him about employment opportunities.

Councillor Jeffries provided a brief update covering the February storm event, Hamilton Airport shareholders day, RAC, meetings/workshops, three poukai, and bus tours.

Kāwhia Kai / Hauora Hub: A letter from Kāwhia Kai was read out by Chairperson Good. Deputy Chairperson Whiu said the Board should support the Hauora Hub and suggested considering the discretionary fund at the next meeting.

Board projects and priorities

Project 1: Kāwhia Storyboards

Deputy Chairperson Whiu advised Frank Thorne had sent apologies. She said the project needed stronger ŌDC support (noting it was better supported previously). She stated they had ideas but needed to align on what the storyboards will look like—possibly including audio via a QR code, and interactive signage concepts like a photo/selfie board seen in Whitianga. ŌDC's Tony Quickfall agreed to connect her with ŌDC's Comms team for design input and noted ŌDC staff can help with installation.

Board priorities

The Board previously held an informal session to consider their priorities for the 2025-28 Triennium. Mr Quickfall advised a formal resolution was required to guide staff.

Resolved K16: That the Kāwhia Community Board confirm their priorities for 2026/27 financial year:

- a) Progress the Kāwhia boat ramp carpark and lease; and,
- b) Progress the Kāwhia Community Centre improvements and maintenance.

Chairperson Good | Board Member Mahara

Kāwhia General Reserve Fund

There were no distributions made. Chairperson Good requested information on deposits into the Fund and any usage since.

Kāwhia Community Board discretionary fund

Date of grant	Resolution #	Recipient	Purpose	Amount (excl. GST)	
				Budget	\$ 5,963.00
03/07/25	K120	Kaiewe MMWL	Kai for Maketū Marae pōwhiri for new Police Officer.	\$	500.00
07/08/25	K125	Kāwhia Kai Committee	Kāwhia Kai Festival 2026	\$	1,000.00
				Total granted	\$ 1,500.00
				Total remaining	\$ 4,463.00

Request/s for funding

Chairperson Good spoke in support of a grant to the Kawhia RSA and the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund.

Resolved K17: That the Kāwhia Community Board grant:

- a) \$1,000 to the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund; Chairperson Good and Councillor Jeffries.
- b) \$500 to the Kāwhia RSA to assist with the costs for the 2026 Kāwhia ANZAC Day parade.

Chairperson Good | Board Member Mahara

Kāwhia Community Centre hire charge waivers

Chairperson Good advised that 'Rowley Clegg – weekly hire of the main hall for the purpose of providing music both live and via website playlists to provide residents the opportunity to sing or play an instrument (volunteer run)' was not using it anymore and should be removed from the hire charge waiver list.

Resolution Register

Resolved K18: That the Kāwhia Community Board approve the removal of Resolution K10 from the Register.

Chairperson Good | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

Public excluded

Take matatapu

There were no reports.

Closing prayer/reflection/words of wisdom**Karakia/huritao/whakataukī**

Board Member Harpur provided the closing karakia.

Meeting closure**Katinga o te hui**

Chairperson Good declared the meeting closed at 5.01pm.

Workshops/briefings

The following workshops were held.

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