



TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O
ŌTOROHANGA
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Kāwhia Community Board

Unconfirmed Open Minutes

Date: Thursday, 01 October 2026

Time: 4.00pm

Location: Kāwhia Community Centre, Jervois Street, Kāwhia

Meeting type: Ordinary

Public access: Open to the public

The recording is available on ŌDC's YouTube channel
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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, 01 October 2026 commencing at 4.00pm.

Tanya Winter, Chief Executive

2 October 2026

Kāwhia Community Board attendance

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

Other elected members in attendance

Mayor	Rodney Dow	Present
Kāwhia-Tihiroa ward councillor	Jo Butcher	Present

ODC's Senior Staff in attendance

Chief Executive	Tanya Winter	Apology
Group Manager Engineering & Assets	Mark Lewis	Online
Group Manager Regulatory & Growth	Tony Quickfall	Present

Chairperson's Certification

These minutes of the meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held on 01 October 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

_____ Chairperson _____ Date:

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Public excluded**Take matatapu**

There were no reports.

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Workshops/briefings

Monthly discussion on items raised in public forum or outstanding matters

Open to the public

Kāwhia property

Closed to the public¹

¹ Members of the public are excluded from this workshop under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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 Mahara provided the opening words and karakia.

Apologies**Ngā hōnea**

There were no apologies.

Public forum**Hui tūmatanui**

Vanessa Rotohiko spoke on the speed of vehicles on Pouewe Street, Kāwhia and requested the installation of additional signage. Board Members spoke in support of her request and undertook to discuss with ŌDC staff.

Teena Jarem spoke against the staff proposal to install a footpath outside her home as presented by Paul Strange at the Board's September meeting. Board Members had no questions. Chairperson Good noted a report on the footpath would be presented to the Board's next meeting for consideration.

Late items**Ngā take tōmuri**

There were no late items.

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

Board Member Harpur and Councillor Jeffries indicated a potential conflict but had not considered their participation at that time. Chairperson Good deferred the declarations until the Kāwhia Discretionary Fund item later in the meeting.

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

Resolved K27: That Kāwhia Community Board confirm as a true and correct record of the meeting the open Minutes of the meeting held on 03 September 2026 as distributed.

Chairperson Good | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

Decision reports**Ngā pūrongo whakatau**

There were no reports.

Information only reports**Ngā pūrongo mōhiohio anake**

There were no reports.

Board project: Kāwhia Storyboards

Chairperson Good took this item before Board Member updates as Frank Thorne was available to present online. Mr Thorne outlined the 13 storyboards prepared to date and in response to Chairperson Good's query, he advised that a centrally located map would be prepared to direct people.

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

Board Member Mahara reported on the Waipā Networks presentation and the ŌDC Pop-Up Council. She also provided updates on a free after-school programme at the Kāwhia Community Centre; the Kāwhia School mobile ear clinic, which checked 45 tamariki; the school's visit to Maketū Marae; a Community Law information session at the Hub; a permaculture workshop at the LDS Church; the Taiao o Kāwhia Moana meeting, including a proposed trapping workshop and maritime safety information; restricted vehicle access at Maketū from Labour Weekend; and the Hauora walking club, which met on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu reported that the Māori Women's Welfare League Kāwhia and Kaiwe branches had attended the League's 75th anniversary celebration at The Atrium the previous Saturday. She advised that an exhibition at ArtsPost on Victoria Street would open the following Tuesday, showcasing the work and history of Māori Women's Welfare League branches from the Tainui rohe, with the Kāwhia branch contributing photographs. She also noted that Waikato-Tainui staff would visit Maketū Marae on 17 November, with five waka undertaking a four-day learning journey from Kāwhia to Port Waikato.

Councillor Jeffries reported on the 25 August CDEM meeting to update the Kāwhia and Aotea community response plans; the 3 September fitness trail meeting; the 3 September Kāwhia Community Board meeting; the 8 September elected members' workshop; the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House Annual General Meeting on 10 September; and the ŌDC meeting on 29 September, including the attendance of Aotea residents for the seawall discussion. He also reported on his presentation to the Waikato Regional Council Public Transport Committee regarding a potential bus service between Kāwhia and Ōtorohanga or Te Awamutu; Kāwhia Kai Festival meetings and work relating to the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi; progress on the Sports Club, which was expected to open before Christmas; Head Start; and the 101st birthday of long-standing community member Bob Blackwood.

Board Member Harpur reported that the Hub gardens had been built and mulched, with topsoil still required. He advised that the Hub's six-week rangatahi programme was progressing well, with approximately 20 to 25 participants; a nurse continued to attend each Thursday; career pathways and work-experience courses continued; and Community Law was expected to visit Kāwhia monthly. He also provided updates on the Kāwhia Kai Festival, including a \$5,000 contribution from ŌDC; the potential for the storyboard project to complement the Kāwhia Museum visitor experience; progress on the Sports Club and its planned emergency-support capability; and Head Start.

Chairperson Good reported that a quote had been obtained for commercial kitchen equipment and passed to staff for procurement. He advised that the proposed \$55,000 internal loan for the Kāwhia Community Centre upgrade had been removed and replaced with funding from the Kāwhia Community Board General Reserve Fund. He raised concerns about household and commercial waste being placed in public rubbish bins and about illegal dumping. He also reported on the ŌDC workshop concerning the Kāwhia and Aotea seawalls and noted that Mayor Dow would attend the Aotea Ratepayers and Residents Society meeting over Labour Weekend.

Kāwhia General Reserve Fund

No disbursements were made.

Declaration of conflict of interest

Te whakapuakanga pānga taharua

Resolved K28: That Kāwhia Community Board

- a) receive the declaration of a conflict of interest from Councillor Jeffries for the Discretionary Fund item, noting his decision to participate in the discussion but abstain from the vote; and
- b) receive the declaration of a conflict of interest from Board Member Harpur for the Discretionary Fund item, noting his decision to abstain from both the discussion and the vote; and

- c) direct the conflicts to be recorded in Ōtorohanga District Council's Conflicts of Interest Register.

Chairperson Good | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

Kāwhia Community Board discretionary fund

Chairperson Good noted ŌDC approved the Board's request to carry forward unspent funds from the 2025/26 financial year at its meeting on 29 September 2026.

Request for funding – Kāwhia Kai Festival Committee

Resolved K29: That the Kāwhia Community Board grant \$1,000 (GST exclusive) to the Kāwhia Kai Festival Committee to assist with the running of the 2027 Kāwhia Kai Festival scheduled for Saturday 6th February 2027.

Board Member Mahara | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

Kāwhia Community Centre hire charge waivers

No requests had been received.

Resolution Register

Chairperson Good requested Resolution K20 remain on the Register.

Resolved K30: That the Kāwhia Community Board approve the removal of Resolution K26 from the Register.

Chairperson Good | Board Member Harpur

Public excluded

Take matatapu

There were no reports.

Closing prayer/reflection/words of wisdom

Karakia/huritao/whakataukī

Board Member Mahara provided the closing karakia.

Meeting closure

Katinga o te hui

Chairperson Good declared the meeting closed at 5.27pm.

Workshops/briefings

Monthly discussion with staff on items raised in public forum or outstanding matters.	Open
Kāwhia property	Closed

Adoption of Minutes

Te whakaūnga o ngā meneti

Resolution to be added following confirmation.

Version control

Version	Status	Date	Description
1.0	Draft	02 October 2026	Initial draft prepared following the meeting
2.0	Confirmed	<i>Yet to be confirmed</i>	Minutes adopted by the Kāwhia Community Board