


## Minutes Whakatāne District Council Meeting – 2 May 2024

 <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TOTARA ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 2 MAY 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.</b>
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors G Dennis, A Iles, J Jukes, T O'Brien, T Boynton, J Pullar, N Rangiaho, N Tánczos and W James
	In Attendance:	S O'Sullivan (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Development and Environment Services), S Perdiá (General Manager Strategy and Transformation), G Fletcher (General Manager Community Experience), G Connolly (CFO/General Manager Business Partnering), E Hatch (GM People and Engagement), P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), B Gray (GM Infrastructure), L Woolsey (Manager Strategy and Performance) H Keravel (Senior Strategic Policy Analyst), C Ball (Climate Change Strategy Project Manager), C Viljoen (Manger Governance Services), and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	<i>Via Teams:</i> S Henderson (Independent Chair Risk and Assurance Committee)
	Apologies:	

### 1 KARAKIA

Mayor Luca opened the meeting with a Karakia at 9:00 am.

### 2 MEETING NOTICES

Attendees were advised that the meeting was being livestreamed.

It was noted an administrative oversight had resulted in an additional submission scheduled for 12:15 pm.

The Chairperson advised that the LTP and Climate Pathway reports would be moved forward in the agenda and be presented as the first and second reports.

### 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

### 4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil

## 5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

## 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Refer to page 10 of the agenda.

Van Mei spoke about the real life situation of oppression occurring in Palestine. Van Mei stated they believed in human interconnectedness, and that this was a horrific humanitarian crisis. Van Mei noted it was easy to feel distance from the situation but that everyone had a choice how to respond and requested that Council:

- take a stand and commit to solidarity.
- call for immediate stop to this crisis.
- consider flying of the Palestinian flag.
- boycott companies profiting from trade because of the crisis in the middle east.

### **Attendance:**

CFO and GM Business Partnering entered the meeting at 9:15 am.

Van Mei and supporters left the meeting at 9:16 am.

## 7 Confirmation of Minutes – ~~21 December 2023~~

Refer to page 11 of the agenda.

It was noted the minutes for the meeting ~~17~~ 18 April 2024 required the tabled items listing to be updated.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Iles

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Council **confirm** the minutes of the following Council meetings as true and correct records:

- Council meeting held on Thursday, 14 March 2024
- Council meeting held on Thursday, ~~17~~ 18 April 2024 (subject to completion of tabled items listings)

### **CARRIED**

Note: Council meeting 14 March 2024 Public Excluded minutes, Councillor Pullar to be listed as present within the title block.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor James

### **RESOLVED**

THAT, subject to the above note, the Council **confirm** the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday, 14 March 2024.

### **CARRIED**

## **8 Minutes and Recommendations from Standing and Joint Committees**

### **8.1 Standing and Joint Committee Minutes**

Refer to page 12 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the following Standing Committee minutes be **received**:

- Chief Executive Performance and Support Committee meeting – held on 27 February 2024
- Risk and Assurance Committee meeting – held on 1 March 2024
- Living Together Committee meeting - held on 4 April 2024
- Infrastructure and Planning Committee – held on 11 April 2024

#### **CARRIED**

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Boynton

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT, the following Public Excluded Committee meeting minutes be **received**:

1. Commercial Advisory Board Public Excluded Minutes 20 February 2024
2. Chief Executive Performance and Support Committee Meeting Public Excluded Minutes 27 February 2024
3. Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting 1 March 2024

#### **CARRIED**

### **8.2 Recommendations from Standing Committees**

#### **8.2.1 2022 and 2023 Storm Damage Update**

Refer to page 13 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Iles

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT Whakatāne District Council **retrospectively approve** the unbudgeted expenditure \$1,429,432.00 with the local share related to this unbudgeted expenditure being \$450,047.00 funded from the Roothing Storm Reserves.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **8.2.2 Whakatāne Speed Management Plan Adoption**

Council agreed that the draft Speed Management Plan required further review and hence would be deferred to a future meeting (to enable the required amendments to be identified). This needed to occur before recommending to Council for adoption. For this reason, the recommendation from the Infrastructure and Planning Committee was not put.

## 9 REPORTS

### 9.1 Hearings of Submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024-34 – 2 May 2024

Refer to pages 32-94 of the agenda and pages 94a-d of the tabled items.

Mayor Luca spoke about the Long Term Plan process, and of council etiquette, in particular regarding the submission and hearing process.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

#### RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council **receive** the 'Hearings of submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024-34 – 2 May 2024' report; and,
2. THAT the Council **note** the use of the special consultative procedure in relation to Long Term Plan (Section 93 A) and the requirements of Section 83 (1) (e) of the Local Government Act 2002 to ensure that any person who wishes to present his or her views to the local authority or its representatives is given a reasonable opportunity to do so.

#### CARRIED

### 9.1.1 High Level Summary of Verbal Submissions on LTP

- Support both for and against the Rex Morpeth Hub development. Request to leave the iconic structure of the hall.
- Feedback was given regarding the food waste options.
- Concerns expressed regarding the proposed rating increase and the importance of focusing on core Council business.
- Council was urged to take the next steps implementing a dark sky reserve for Whakatāne.
- Support for the infrastructure upgrades, Matata wastewater project, second bridge access and an Arts Centre.
- Importance of civil defence resilience.
- Request for a budget to remove phoenix palms from council land, and for weed control.
- Importance of collaboration, relationships with stakeholders, and of economic regeneration.
- Appreciation for the time and effort with the submission process.
- Commercial framework required for management of commercial assets.
- Risks raised concerning the Boat Harbour project.
- Expertise required for the harbour related activities and reinstatement of the harbour committee.

### 9.1.2 Adjournments

Speakers 1 – 2

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 am and recommenced at 9:40 am.

Speakers 3 – 4

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 am and recommenced at 10:35 am.

**Attendance:** Councillor Iles left the meeting at 10:40 am.

Speakers 5 – 13

**Attendance:** Councillor Iles re-entered the meeting at 11:40 am.  
The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm and reconvened at 1:02 pm.

## **9.2 Hearings of Submissions on the draft Whakatāne Climate Pathway**

Pages 95–114 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

### **RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the 'Hearings of submissions on the draft Whakatāne Climate Pathway' report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Council **note** the hearing of submissions is consistent with Section 83 (1) (e) of the Local Government Act 2002, to ensure that any person who wishes to present his or her views to the local authority or its representatives is given a reasonable opportunity to do so.

### **CARRIED**

**Attendance:** Councillor Dennis entered the meeting at 1:04 pm.

### **9.2.1 High level Summary of the Verbal Submissions on Climate Pathway**

- Submitters spoke both for and against the Climate Pathway strategy.
- Mix support was expressed for increasing the Electric Vehicle fleet. Positive support was given for use of e-bikes.
- Air Pollution; advocate for public health and the need for Central Government assistance.
- The Pathway was a considered approach, with the ability to take more action.
- Encouraged further engagement.
- Review the emissions impact on planning decisions, and it was suggested to offset emissions caused by developments through vegetation plantings.
- Concerns regarding the Climate Pathway document was not widely publicised and hence public awareness of the strategy was very limited.
- Queries as to investment of solar farming within the district and incentives for homeowners to install solar panels.
- Urgency required on the Emergency Response Plan.
- Opportunities for collaboration between the Council, Trust Horizon and others within the following areas: sustainable energy transition, transport, community-led change, and carbon offsetting

**Attendance:** Councillor Boynton left the meeting at 1:34 and re-entered the meeting at 1:47 pm

**Attendance:** Councillor Iles left the meeting at 1:42 pm and re-entered the meeting at 1:45 pm.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm and reconvened at 2:36 pm.

## **10 MAYORAL AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **10.1 Mayor's Report – March 2024**

Refer to pages 16-27 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Mayoral Report – May 2024 be **received**.

#### **CARRIED**

**Attendance:** Councillor Dennis entered the meeting at 2:37 pm.

### **10.2 Chief Executive's Report**

Refer to pages 28-31 of the agenda.

Completion of the 'Healthcheck 2020 Review' was expected by end of May 2024.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Chief Executive's Report – May 2024 be **received**.

#### **CARRIED**

## **11 REPORTS continued...**

### **11.1 Council Policies and Bylaws: 6 Monthly Work Programme Update Council Report**

Pages 125-145 of the agenda

Manager Strategy and Performance advised that the 'Dog Policy' had been reviewed since the date noted of 2004, and this had occurred in 2022. In response to a query about the Seal Extension Policy timeframe, she advised that if consultation was a requirement, the timeframe would be extended.

**Attendance:** Councillor Tánczos left the meeting at 2:54 pm.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Council Policies and Bylaws: Work Programme Update Report be **received**; and,
2. THAT Council **note** that some policies have been rescheduled to allow for the Long-Term Plan work programme and community consultation to be completed; and,
3. THAT Council **note** a schedule of the policy and bylaw review timetable similar to Appendix 1 & 2 will be published on the Council website.

#### **CARRIED**

### **11.2 Global Cities Whakatāne Committee Update**

Pages 115-124 of the agenda.

Additional information: Councillor Jukes had been appointed as the Deputy Chairperson of the group.

Councillor Iles offer to provide further background and overview information to Elected Members.

**Attendance:** Councillor Pullar left the meeting at 3:15 pm and re-entered the meeting at 3:22 pm.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor James

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Council **receive** the Global Cities Whakatāne Update Report; and
2. THAT the Council **note** all agendas and minutes of Global Cities Whakatāne being entered into Stellar Library (Agenda Management software); and
3. THAT the Council **note:** The Eastern Bays will be hosting a government delegation, alongside the Ōpōtiki, Kawerau and Bay of Plenty Regional Councils, from the Jiangxi region in China; and, Global Cities Whakatāne will prepare a plan for consideration to take a business, school and Council delegation to the Jiangxi region in China and sister city in Kamagaya and friendship city in Shibukawa in Japan later this year.
4. **Load** agendas and meeting minutes into Stellar Library software so that these are available to all Councillors to read and keep up to date with the group's activities.

**CARRIED**

**11.3 Climate change Hearing continued...**

Representatives from the Whakatāne Youth Panel reported Climate Changes was not within the school curriculum and hence it was students with an interest who proactively got involved. They felt advertising in 'small bites' helped the momentum to keep moving forward.

The meeting closed with a Karakia by Mayor Luca at 3:30 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:	27 June 2024
CHAIRPERSON	