


Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee Meeting Minutes - 31 May 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TOTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:02 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors G Dennis, A Iles, T O'Brien, W James, J Jukes, J Pullar, N Rangiaho and N Tánczos <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillor T Boynton
	In Attendance:	S O'Sullivan (Chief Executive), G Fletcher (GM Community Experience), S Perdia (GM Strategy and Transformation), D Bewley (GM Development and Services), G Connolly (CFO and GM Business Partnering), E Hatch (GM People and Engagement), B Gray (GM Infrastructure), P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), D Ganley (Senior Policy Planner) L Woolsey (Manager Strategy and Performance), R Daniher (Strategic Policy Analyst), H Keravel (Senior Strategic Policy Analyst), M Avery (Manager Resource Consents), C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services), and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Mark Fort and Linda Conning <i>Via Teams:</i> C Batchelar (Cogito Consulting), and C Newby (Energy Management Solutions (EMSOL))
	Apologies:	Deputy Mayor Immink (for lateness)

COUNCILLOR RANGIAHO OPENED THE MEETING WITH A KARAKIA AT 9:02 AM.

1 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed, and Health and Safety points were relayed.

Attendance: Councillor Boynton entered the meeting at 9:03am and Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 9:04 am.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee **accept** the apology for lateness from Deputy Mayor Immink.

CARRIED

Councillor Iles advised he would leave meeting at approximately 10:00 am for council business and later return to the Committee meeting.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1 Public Forum

Refer to page 9 of the agenda and pages 9a-k of the tabled items.

On behalf of the Royal NZ Forest and Bird Protection, Mr Fort gave a presentation on the problems caused by excessive, or incorrectly installed, lighting on birds and the need for controls to reduce artificial light at night. Forest and Bird were promoting a guideline that had been developed to help reduce loss of birdlife and other species from the effects of this artificial lighting. He requested support from Council regarding lighting rules within the District Plan.

The presentation shown at the meeting included information on light pollution and examples of poor lighting design/installation, specific to Whakatāne.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Thursday, 6 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Six monthly Climate Change Report – July to December 2023

Refer pages 10-33 of the agenda.

Attendance:

Mr Fort and Ms Conning left the meeting at 9:30 am. Mr Newby joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

A discussion ensued on the wording of Climate Change Principle 1.

It was requested to ensure all graphs/charts contained axis labels and consideration of 'error bars'.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Táncoz

RESOLVED:

THAT the Six-monthly Climate Change July to December 2023 report be **received**.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mr Newby left the meeting at 9:49 am.

7.2 Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Update

Refer pages 48-55 of the agenda.

It was reported that Mr Vaughan Payne had been appointed chair of governance group.

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 9:57 am.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan project update report be **received**.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am and reconvened at 10:15 am.

7.3 Approval of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 for Release to Audit NZ

Refer to page 34 of the agenda, and pages 7-609 of the Supplementary Agenda.

Manager Strategy and Performance gave an overview of the report and noted the LTP was an iterative process and acknowledged that, although Audit NZ were under pressure, it was encouraging they had provided feedback throughout this process.

The meeting was advised of the following minor corrections noted for the final LTP:

- Update Capital Required graph (page 152).
- Differential affecting stormwater charging for the Te Mahoe community.

CFO and GM Business Partnering explained there were aspects Audit NZ were required to consider as part of an audit, and there were also focus areas governed by compliance legislation and by the direction given by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). He noted also that Audit NZ considered consistency of messaging across multiple councils, thereby ensuring consistency of messaging.

The Chief Executive agreed that a Health and Safety report for all issues pertaining at Sullivan Lake be presented to Council and a review made to determine if the project could be bought forward.

Attendance: Deputy Mayor Immink entered the meeting at 10:34 am.

During discussions the following amendments were requested:

- i) Table 1 (page 13); confirm a statement to be included that explains the increase 'net of growth' calculation.
- ii) Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub; inclusion of text noting the specific health and safety works including roofing repair.
- iii) Projected Council Balanced Budget Position graph (Page 50); legend was required.
- iv) Population Forecast (Page 199); AR Rating Units terminology to be expanded in full and the associated text reviewed to ensure consistent messaging.
- v) Statement of reserve balances (page 573); update heading regarding Community Board charges.
- vi) Remove duplication of Significant Forecasting Assumptions in the final document.

CFO and GM Business Partnering confirmed the population and rating-units tables were correct.

Attendance:

Councillor Boynton left the meeting at 11:32 am and returned at 11:36 am.
H Keravel left the meeting at 11:44 am and re-entered the meeting at 11:48 am.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **receive** the draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 for Audit report; and
2. THAT the Committee **note** the changes proposed to the draft Long Term Plan outlined in this report in response to consultation and deliberations, and
3. THAT the Committee **approve** the draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 for submission to the Council's auditors, Audit New Zealand, **subject to** any changes agreed at the Committee meeting.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive acknowledged the Elected Members and Council staff for their time, effort, and work throughout the LTP process.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm and recommenced at 12:32 pm.

Attendance:

Mr Batchelar joined the meeting at 12:32 pm. Councillor Iles entered the meeting at 12:33 pm.

7.4 District Plan: National Planning Standards mandatory implementation and RMA Schedule 1 Clause 20A Correction of Minor Errors

Refer pages 35-47 of the agenda.

The Senior Policy Planner gave a brief overview of the new Whakatāne District Plan electronic tool (ePlan) and demonstrated via the Council website, access to and basic familiarity with the new tool.

Ms Ganley and the wider team were acknowledged for their work bringing this tool to fruition.

Mover Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **receive** the National Planning Standards Mandatory Implementation and RMA Schedule 1 Clause 20A Correction of Minor Errors report for their information.

CARRIED

7.5 Tiny Homes – Preliminary Issues and Options

Refer to pages 56-78 of the agenda.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Tánchez

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Tiny Homes – Preliminary Issues and Options Report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Environment, Energy, and Resilience Committee **approve** initiation of engagement with interested parties based on the direction provided in the Tiny Homes – Preliminary Issues and Options Report (Appendix 1 to this cover report).

CARRIED

Attendance: Mr Batchelar left the meeting at 1:11 pm.

7.6 Proposed Plan Change 6 – Audible Bird Scaring Devices: withdrawal of the Proposed Plan Change

Refer to pages 79-103 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Proposed Plan Change 6: Audible Bird Scaring Devices - Withdrawal of Proposed Plan Change report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **withdraw** Proposed Plan Change 6: Audible Bird Scaring Devices in accordance with clause 8D of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY COUNCILLOR RANGIAHO AT 1:25 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON