


Minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting 22 February 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 THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 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 and N Rangiaho and N Tánzos
	In Attendance:	S O'Sullivan (Chief Executive), G Fletcher (GM Community Experience), S Perdia (GM Strategy and Transformation), D Bewley (GM Development and Services), B Gray (GM Infrastructure), C Ball (Climate Change Strategy, Project Manager), L Woolsey (Manager Strategy and Performance), J Farrell (Strategic Project Manager), N Woodley (Manager Policy, Planning and Consents Compliance), C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services), C Tongariro (Governance Support Advisor) and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> G Connolly (CFO and GM Business Partnering)
	Visitors:	A Such (Waiewe Care Group), Councillors Campbell, Councillor Iti, R Fraser, K O'Brien, O McVicker (Bay of Plenty Regional Council) <i>Via Teams:</i> A Berka (Massey University Academic Lecturer)
	Apologies:	Councillor J Pullar

MAYOR LUCA OPENED THE MEETING WITH A KARAKIA AT 9:00 AM.

1 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee accept the apology from Councillor J Pullar.

CARRIED

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1 Public Forum

Nil.

5.2 Deputations

Attendance: Ms Ball entered the meeting at 9:06 am.

5.2.1 *Anne Berka*

Refer to page 8 of the agenda and pages 8a-f of the tabled items.

Ms Berka spoke to a PowerPoint presentation about Energy Governance and the different ways that local and community organisations were becoming involved in development and operation of a variety of distributed energy services, focusing on solar farm development.

The document to which Ms Berka referred, was a feasibility study written by Mr G Weston and Mayor Luca, and it was clarified there was no project on the table at this point.

Attendance: Ms Berka left the meeting at 9:44 am.

5.2.2 *Annette Such - Waiewe Care Group*

Refer to page 8 of the agenda and pages 8g-k of the tabled items.

Ms Such spoke to a PowerPoint presentation about the ongoing work and the activities the group have actioned at Waiewe Reserve. During her presentation, she requested Council to seal the rocky path at The Fairway entrance, as the steeper gradient path was an issue.

Members thanked Ms Such and the Waiewe Care Group for their community service and the wonderful Reserve created.

Attendance: Ms Such left the meeting at 10:09 am.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Thursday, 7 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:09 am and reconvened at 10:26.

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 10:09 am.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Draft Climate Change Strategy for Adoption to consult (alongside LTP)

Refer pages 10-32 of the agenda.

Attendance: Manager Policy, Planning and Consents Compliance entered meeting at 10:53 am.

Ms Ball gave an overview of the report and advised feedback provided from Elected Members would be reviewed and incorporated into the draft Strategy for consultation. It was noted an introductory section written by the Mayor would be included in the Strategy.

Attendance: Councillor Iles re-entered the meeting at 11:05 am.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Draft Climate Change Strategy for Adoption report be received; and
2. **THAT** the draft Climate Change Strategy 2024-27 to include an introductory section from the Mayor; and
3. **THAT** the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee adopt the draft Climate Change Strategy 2024-27 - Whakatāne Climate Pathway as a draft supporting document to the Long Term Plan 2024-34; and
4. **THAT** the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee note that the draft Climate Change Strategy will be subject to community consultation, alongside the Long Term Plan 2024-34, between 12 March and 12 April 2024.

CARRIED

7.2 Building Resilience – Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment

Refer pages 33-49 of the agenda.

Attendance:

CFO and GM Business Partnering left the meeting at 11:22 am. Ms Ball left the meeting at 11:23 am.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Building Resilience - Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment report be received; and
2. **THAT** the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee approve the Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment Project Plan for implementation.

CARRIED

Attendance: Strategic Project Manager left the meeting at 11:45 am.

7.3 Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Update

Refer pages 50-58 of the agenda.

Attendance: Manager Strategy and Performance left the meeting at 11:51 am.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Tánczos.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Update report be received.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm and reconvened at 12:33 pm.

Attendance: General Manager Infrastructure entered the meeting at 12:33 pm.

8 Public Participation (Continued)

8.1 Deputation

8.1.1 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Refer to page 59 of the agenda.

Representatives from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council spoke to a PowerPoint presentation in relation to their Draft Long Term Plan 2025-2035.

Attendance: Bay Of Plenty Regional Council representatives left the meeting at 1:35 pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY MAYOR LUCA AT 1:36 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON