

Minutes Whakatāne District Council Meeting – 18 April 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING – LTP HEARING HELD IN THE TOTARA ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, J Jukes, T O’Brien, J Pullar, N Rangiaho, N Tánzos and W James
	In Attendance:	S O’Sullivan (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Development and Environment Services), G Fletcher (General Manager Community Experience), S Perdia (General Manager Strategy and Transformation). G Connolly (CFO/General Manager Business Partnering), E Hatch (GM People and Engagement), P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), B Gray (GM Infrastructure), C Viljoen (Manger Governance Services), A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Submitters and Members of the public <i>Via Teams:</i> Dr M Karetai and T Bonne
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

Councillor O’Brien opened the meeting with a Karakia at 9:00 am.

Attendance: CFO and GM Business Partnering joined the meeting at 9:02 am.

2 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting attendees were advised on the following subjects:

- Health and Safety aspects attendees needed to be aware of.
- The meeting was being livestreamed:
 - [Council LTP Hearings Thursday, 18 April 2024](#)
 - [Council LTP Hearings Friday, 19 April 2024](#)
- Etiquette of a formal Council meeting.

3 MEETING DURATION

Moved Chairperson Luca / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED

THAT, the Whakatāne District Council **suspend** Standing Order 4.2 for the duration of the 2024/34 Long Term Plan Hearing meeting as due to the nature of the meeting, break times may be required earlier or later than scheduled and the meeting duration will extend more than 6 hours.

Standing Order 4.2 - Meeting duration

A meeting cannot continue more than six hours from when it starts (including any adjournments) or after 10.30pm unless the meeting resolves to continue. If there is no such resolution any business on the agenda that has not been dealt with must be adjourned, transferred to the next meeting, or transferred to an extraordinary meeting.

No meeting can sit for more than two hours continuously without a break of at least ten minutes unless the meeting resolves to extend the time before a break.

4 APOLOGIES

Nil.

5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

6 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tánczos Nándor declared a conflict of interest in the relation to the Awatapu Otamakaokao Kaitiaki Trust submission as he was a member of the Trust.

During the meeting, the following additional conflicts of interest were also declared:

Mayor Luca = as a Board member of Financial Mentoring Service Whakatāne.

Councillor Boynton = as a representative on the Arts Whakatāne Committee.

Councillor O'Brien = as Chairperson of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

At the time of compiling the agenda, there were no requests for public participation for subjects not related to the Long Term Plan Hearings.

Attendance: CFO and GM Business Partnering left the meeting at 9:14 am.

8 REPORTS

8.1 Hearing of submissions on the WDC Long Term Plan 2024/34

Refer to the following pages in relation to this report:

- pages 10-12 of the agenda
- pages 1 -3 of Appendix 1 (Schedule)
- pages 1 – 347 of Appendix 2

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council **receive** the 'Hearings of submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024-34' 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 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

9.1 Schedule

The schedule of Submitters was updated to reflect changes to that published in the agenda. The final Schedule was as follows:

Speaking Time	Submitter Name	Organisation or Individual	
THURSDAY		18 April 2024	
LTP Submissions			
1	9:15	Jade F Kent	Film Bay of Plenty
2	9:30	Matt Te Pou	Marist rugby / Eastern Bay Rugby
3	9:45	Tania-Rose Tamatil	Ake Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors
4	10:00	Paul Francis	Awakeri Rail adventures & Awakeri Holdings Limited
5	10:15	Tui Edwards	Individual
6	10:40	Peter Minten	Individual
7	10:50	John Howard	Individual
8	11:00	John Stothers	Individual
9	11:10	Tom Richardson	Individual
10	11:20	Diane Wood	Sullivan Lake Care Group
11	11:35	Jack Karaetai-Barrett	Whakatane High School Mountain Biking Team
12	11:50	ZOOM Dr Mawera Karetai	Individual
13	12:00	David Jenkins	Individual
14	12:15	Susanne Whale	Arts Whakatane
15	12:30	Anthony Clyde - Image provided	Whakatane Sound Project Recording Studio
16	12:45	John Howard	Whakatane Action Group
17	1:30	Prue Rangi	Individual
18	1:40	Don Richards	Positive Money NZ - handout - funding water infrastructure
19	1:55	David Dowd	Individual
20	2:05	Theo Duyvestyn	Individual
21	2:30	Lani Thompson	EPIC
22	2:45	Alana Hunter	Te Mana o Ngati Rangitahi
23	3:15	Tracy/Mathew Glasse	Two Individuals Speaking Together
24	3:30	G Van Beek	Individual
25	3:40	Chris Sides	Individual
26	3:50	Janice de Raad	Individual
27	4:00	Donna Perese	Toi EDA
28	4:15	Beverly-Anne Southee/ Al Fenwick	Netball Whakatane
29	4:30	TRONA	TRONA
30	4:45	Rob Probst	Individual
31	5:00	Tony Bonne - Online	Individual
32	5:45	Raewyn Kingsley-Smith	Individual
33	5:55	Gary Michael Ball	Individual
34	6:05	Paul Isaac	Whakatane Tennis Club / Whakatane Yacht Club
35	6:20	Nicola Dobson	Matata Community Plan Group
36	6:35	Lee Siegle	Sustainability Options
37	6:50	Peter Rutledge	Aerohire - Whakatane Flying School
38	7:05	Peter Flowerday	Matata resident association

9.2 Additional Information presented

The following table itemises the tabled items presented during the meeting.

Submitter	Day Submitted	Tabled item	Page reference
Diane Wood - Sullivan Care Group	18 April 2024	Lake photo	10 a
Anthony Clyde - James McCarthy	18 April 2024	Photo collage	15 a-b
Netball Whakatāne	18 April 2024	Photographs	28 a-c
Matatā Community Plan	18 April 2024	Updated document	35 a-b

Attendance: CFO and GM Business Partnering entered the meeting at 9:24 am.

9.3 High Level summary

- Submitters reinforced their reasons as to their answers to the specific four submission questions; closing the funding gap, Rex Morpeth Recreational Hub development, management of food waste collection, and the distribution of rates increases across properties in the district.
- A number of submitters spoke about the benefits of a second bridge entrance into Whakatāne.
- There were speakers both for and against development of the Rex Morpeth Hub.
- Several specific requests were made by various groups to help enhance their operations and the rural townships.
- Promotion of the region, including making of film/TV in the region and the establishment of a Creative Hub and athlete high performance centre.
- Importance of closing the funding gap and cutting of costs.
- Acknowledge the Elected Members for their service to the community.
- Establishment of bike tracks close to Whakatāne.
- Resilience, preparedness and planning for emergency management.
- Need for the Wastewater systems.
- Continued support for stakeholders.
- Requests for associated costs to be listed within documents of the Long Term Plan.
- Housing stock and status of housing.

9.4 Adjournments

Thursday Speakers 1 – 5

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 am and reconvened at 10:39 am.

Thursday Speakers 6 - 16

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm and reconvened at 1:30 pm.

Thursday Speakers 17 - 20

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm and reconvened at 2:16 pm.

Thursday Speakers 21 - 22

The meeting at adjourned at 2:50 pm and reconvened at 3:15 pm.

Thursday Speakers 23 - 32

The meeting at adjourned at 5:20 pm and recommenced at 5:57 pm.

Speakers 33 - 38

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 7:03 pm and re-entered the meeting at 7:07 pm.

The Chairperson thanked all the submitters for attending, their passion and professionalism. He also thanked the staff and colleagues for their work and time.

Adjournment:

Attendees were advised the meeting would recommence on Friday, 19 April 2024 at 8:30 am.

Councillor O'Brien gave the Karakia and the meeting adjourned at **7:27 pm**.

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	LTP HEARING MEETING CONTINUED. FRIDAY, 19 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 8:30 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, J Jukes, T O'Brien, N Rangiaho, N Tánczos and W James
	In Attendance:	S O'Sullivan (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Development and Environment Services), G Fletcher (General Manager Community Experience), S Perdia (General Manager Strategy and Transformation). G Connolly (CFO/General Manager Business Partnering), E Hatch (GM People and Engagement), P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), B Gray (GM Infrastructure), C Viljoen (Manger Governance Services) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Submitters and Members of the public <i>Via Teams: Rod Meharry, Sue Lund, Kate Meyer, Graeme Coates</i>
	Apologies:	Councillor J Pullar

1 KARAKIA

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

2 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting attendees were reminded of the Health and Safety, the meeting was being livestreamed and the etiquette of a formal Council meeting.

3 APOLOGY

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED

THAT the Council **accept** the apology from Councillor Pullar for the Friday 19 April session of the LTP Hearing 2024/34 meeting; noting that he may attend from 3:00 pm.

CARRIED

4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Boynton declared a conflict of interest in the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board submission as she was a member of the Board.

Councillor Iles declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Disability Resource Centre submission.

During the meeting Mayor Luca declared a conflict of interest, as president of Grey Power.

5 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

5.1 Schedule

The schedule of Submitters was updated to reflect changes to that published in the agenda. The final Schedule was as follows:

		FRIDAY	19 April 2024
		LTP Submissions	
1	8:40	Rod Meharry - Online	Individual
2	8:50	Bronwen Foxx	Disabilities Resource Centre
3	9:05	Graeme Weston	Individual
4	9:15	Glenn Sullivan	Individual
5	9:25	Jarle Raimon	Individual
6	9:35	Whakatane High School Year 10 Puawaitanga	Whakatane High School
7	9:50	Whakatane High school Interact club	
8	10:05	Sue Lund - Online	Planetary Accounting Network
9	10:20	Tim Proot	Individual
10	10:45	Glen Cowther	Sustainable BOP
11	11:00	David Stewart	Individual
12	11:20	Alan Law	Individual
13	11:30	Reuben Cohen	Individual
14	11:40	Allan Whyte	Individual
15	12:00	Dr Frances Teinakore-Curtis (Iwi Collective)	Tarawera Restoration Strategy Group (TARSG)
16	12:15	Scott Saunders	Whakatane Accessible and Inclusive Group
17	1:15	Doug McLean	Whakatane-Ohope Community Board
18	1:30	Mate Heitia	REKA
19	1:45	Raewyn Kinsley Smith (on behalf of S Williams)	Grey Power
20	2:00	Graeme Coates - Online	Individual
21	2:15	Dayle Takitimu	Individual
22	2:25	Philip Jacobs	Individual
23	2:35	Clive McIndoe	Individual
24	2:55	Larissa Cuff	Sport BOP
25	3:25	Margaret Wright	Federated Farmers
26	3:40	Quintin Kingi	Otamakaokao Trust
27	3:50	Kevin Allan	Individual
28	4:00	Naomi Biddle	Whakatane Sunday Market
29	4:10	Arthur Dominick	Individual
30	4:25	Arthur Dominick	Union

5.2 Additional Information presented

The following table itemises the tabled items presented during the meeting.

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Graeme Weston	19 April 2024	Presentation	3 a-c
Glenn Sullivan	19 April 2024	Document	4 a-c
Jarle Raimon	19 April 2024	Document	5 a-d
Iwi Collective (Dr F Teinakore-Curtis)	19 April 2024	Table	15 a-b
Quintin Kingi – Awatapu Lagoon	19 April 2024	Presentation	26 a-b
Naomi Biddle	19 April 2024	Presentation	28 a-b

Attendance: Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 8:56 am.

5.3 High Level summary

- Affordability of rates and broken funding systems.
- Wastewater system for Matatā.
- Stewardship and getting the basics right; necessities versus wants.
- Benefits of a second bridge entrance into Whakatāne.
- Concerns raised regarding the proposed Boat Harbour, and transport emissions.
- Challenges identified with climate change and need for planning.
- Several specific requests were made to enhance the district for all demographics.
- Communicate Council goals, measures, and spending, in plain language for the community.
- Working with stakeholders to improve inclusivity and strengthening relationships.
- Consideration of local industry and organisation requirements.

5.4 Adjournments

Friday Speakers 1 – 9

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am and reconvened at 10:46 am.

Friday Speakers 10 – 16

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 am and reconvened at 1:15 pm.

Friday Speakers 17 – 24

Attendance: Councillor Boynton left the meeting at 13:34 pm.

Councillor Iles left the meeting at 2:38 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm and reconvened at 3:26 pm.

Attendance: Councillors Boynton and Iles re-entered the meeting at 3:26 pm.

Friday Speakers 25 – 30

Mayor Luca closed the meeting with a Karakia, at 5:00 pm

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON