

Minutes Infrastructure and Planning Committee 11 April 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	Present:	Councillors J Pullar (Chairperson), A Iles, Deputy Mayor L Immink, G Dennis, J Jukes, T O'Brien, N Rangiaho, T Boynton, W James, and N Tánczos
	In Attendance:	B Gray (General Manager Infrastructure), D Bewley (General Manager Development and Environment Services), S Perdia (General Manager Strategy and Transformation), P Warbrick (General Manager of Strategic Māori Partnerships), C Viljoen (Manager of Governance Services), N Woodley (Manager Policy, Planning and Consents Compliance), G Cooper (Manager Three Waters), J Sinclair (Project Planner), J Joyce (Project Manager), N Clark (Manager Solid Waste), J Farrel (Strategic Project Manager), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), M Van-Tilburg (Team Leader Three Waters Asset Management and Planning), J Metcalfe (Team Leader Transportation and Assets) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	C Murphy and Dr M James <i>Via Teams:</i> M Birchall
	Apologies:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca (Council business), and Councillor Pullar and Tánczos (for lateness)

THE MEETING OPENED WITH A KARAKIA BY COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN AT 9:00 AM.

1 APOLOGY

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **accept** the apologies from Mayor Luca who is away on council business and apology for lateness from Councillor Pullar.

CARRIED

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 C Murphy - Withy Road

Withy Road has been observed to be inaccurately signposted for a 100km speed limit. It should be noted that the road surface is not sealed. It is crucial for the committee to recognise the significant safety concerns associated with this road which include unsafe driving practices, stock movement, pedestrian traffic and an unsealed S bend. It was requested that the committee consider reducing the speed limit to 70km and implementing additional signage. Additionally, sealing the S bend would increase the safety of the road. These requests were made on behalf of enhancing safety for road users, particularly for those accessing Iramoko Marae.

4.2 M Birchall - Paving the Way

New Zealand faces pressing infrastructure challenges, particularly in health, transport, housing due to population growth and changing weather patterns. While building infrastructure is crucial, we must prioritise efficiency in resource allocation. Bridging the infrastructure gap would require unsustainable levels of spending, making it essential to explore alternative approaches. Looking to history, New Zealand's success in leveraging private enterprise and local knowledge stands out. Embracing localism and fostering a positive attitude towards construction are key. By learning from the past and adapting to contemporary needs, New Zealand can overcome its infrastructure challenges and thrive in the 21st century.

Attendance: C Murphy left the meeting at 9:18 am and M Birchall left the meeting at 9:54 am

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held on 15 February 2024 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.3 Proposed Submission on the Fast-Track Approvals Bill

Refer to pages 78-81 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor O'Brien / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Proposed Submission on the Fast-Track Approvals Bill report; and
2. THAT The Infrastructure and Planning Committee **delegate authority** to the Mayor and Chief-Executive to finalise and approve Council's submission on the Fast-Track Approvals Bill.

CARRIED

6.4 2022 & 2023 Storm Damage Update

Refer to pages 82-85 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the 2022 & 2023 Storm Damage Update report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee recommend the Whakatāne District Council to 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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:21 am and reconvened at 10:43 am.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **note** Councillor James continued the meeting as the Chairperson.

CARRIED

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 10:21 am.

6.5 Infrastructure and Planning Report - April 2024

Refer to pages 86-96 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Infrastructure and Planning Report – April 2024.

CARRIED

Attendance: Councillor Pullar entered the meeting 10:45 am.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **note** Councillor Pullar resumed position as the meeting Chairperson.

CARRIED

6.6 Matatā Wastewater Project Update April 2024

Refer to pages 97-103 of the agenda and pages 103a-xx of the tabled items.

Dr M James provided the Committee with a presentation.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Matatā Wastewater Project Update April 2024 report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **note** a formal report will be presented to a future meeting of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee to seek direction and endorsement on the preferred locations and reticulation system for the Matatā Wastewater Project.

CARRIED

Attendance: Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 11:17 am and Councillor Iles entered the meeting at 11:31 am.

6.1 Blueberry Curves Safety Interventions Assessment

Refer to pages 10-20 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

THAT the Blueberry Curves Safety Interventions Assessment report be received.

CARRIED

Motion

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Iles

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 3 – Reduce speed limit on Thornton Road (SH30 to Rangitāiki River Bridge) and associated minor improvements.

A discussion ensued regarding curves within the road corridor and the resulting impact of speed limits. An amendment was proposed on a shorter portion of the road and with a lower speed limit.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the reduced speed of 70kms from 267 Thornton Road to 462 Thornton Road and associated minor improvements.

Further discussions occurred, and with agreeance from the mover and seconder, an amendment was proposed, with a larger defined portion of the road, and with the reduced speed limit of 80 km/h.

Amendment

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Iles

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the reduced speed of 80kms from SH 30 of the affected areas to 462 Thornton Road and associated minor improvements.

The amendment was **put** and **CARRIED** and became the **substantive motion**.

Councillor Jukes requested her vote against the amendment be recorded.

Attendance: Councillor Jukes left the meeting at 12:17 pm.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the reduced speed of 80kms from SH 30 of the affected areas to 462 Thornton Road and associated minor improvements.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm and reconvened at 12:51 pm.

7 Late Apology

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **accept** apology for lateness from Councillor Tánczos.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS continued

8.1 Building Resilience – Manawahe Road Flooding

Refer to pages 104-146 of the agenda.

Corrections:

- Page 104: 'Emergency pumping reopened the road after two weeks' to read 'Emergency pumping reopened the road after one week'.
- Page 107: 'the road was closed for seven days', to read 'the road was closed for four weeks'.
- Section 6.1; correction from '20203' to '2023'.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Building Resilience – Manawahe Road Flooding report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the Manawahe Road flood resilience project using option 1 funded from existing roading budget.
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** this project increases the resilience of the Manawahe Road asset to future flood events

CARRIED

Attendance: Councillor Boynton entered the meeting at 12:58 pm.

8.2 Whakatāne Speed Management Plan Adoption

Refer to pages 21-77 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the District Speed Management Plan Adoption report; and

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** option one to the Whakatāne District Council which is to adopt the “Whakatāne Speed Management Plan”; and

A **division** was called, and votes recorded as follows:

For	Against	Abstention
Councillor Tánczos	Councillor Dennis	
Councillor Iles	Councillor O’Brien	
	Councillor Rangiaho	
	Councillor Boynton	
	Councillor James	
	Councillor Jukes	
	Councillor Pullar	
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The motion was **lost** – 7 votes to 2.

It was noted that this recommendation was lost, and hence the other recommendations no longer applied.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor O’Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** to the Council, option two of the ‘Speed Management Plan’, only including Blueberry Curves, and any further amendments to be agreed by the committee.

CARRIED

8.8 Council submission to Government Policy Statement for Transport 2024

Refer to pages 147-156 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Council Submission to Government Policy Statement for Transport 2024 report be **received**; and

