

Minutes Infrastructure and Planning Committee 26 September 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, 26 SEPTEMBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors J Pullar (Chairperson), A Iles, G Dennis, W James, J Jukes, T O'Brien and N Tánczos <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillors T Boynton and N Rangiaho
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), B Gray (General Manager Infrastructure), D Bewley (General Manager Development and Environment Services), L Woolsey (Acting General Manager Strategy and Transformation), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), J Metcalf (Team Leader Transport Strategy and Asset), N Woodley (Manager Policy Planning and Consents), J Joyce (Project Manager) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	K Emms, H Severinsen (Contractor)
	Apologies:	

The meeting opened with a Karakia by Councillor O'Brien at 9:00 am.

1 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed, and the health and safety aspects relative to the meeting were explained.

2 APOLOGY

Nil.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Chairperson Pullar acknowledged the young athletes Oliver and Xavier Christie that that won medals competing at the World Triathlon Multisport Championship at Townsville.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1 K Emms – Thornton Bridge Intersection

Refer to pages 5.1a-ad of the tabled items.

Mrs Emms reported that 100% of the 85 respondents agreed it was unsafe to enter Eastbank Road from Matatā, due to the lack of a designated pull-off bay. She said that this was a busy, high-speed intersection, and this issue had caused panic and frustration among drivers. She explained that the 'hump and rise' of the bridge made it difficult to see oncoming traffic, and the speed of vehicles in the area exacerbated the issue. Mrs Emms added that there was insufficient pull-off area to enable a safe exit from the sharp corner. She suggested a proposed solution could be to relocate the entry/exit of the intersection. Council noted this could be costly and suggested they would look to consider a cost-effective option. Staff acknowledged the feedback and would work on providing options for a resolution for the Committee.

Attendance:

Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 9:22 am and Mrs Emms left the meeting at 9:26 am.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

Correction: Addition of Councillor Tánczos to the attendance.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT, subject to the above-mentioned correction, the public and public excluded minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 29 July 2024 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Infrastructure and Planning Report – September 2024

Refer to pages 10-21 of the agenda.

Refer to pages 7.1a-d of the tabled items.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Mayor Luca

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Report – September 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

7.2 Transport Subsidy Shortfall and Implications

Refer to pages 22-39 of the agenda.

The discussion that ensued highlighted all Eastern Bay of Plenty Councils had been affected by the shortfall in a similar manner. The Chairperson advised that the recommendations of the report would be addressed separately to improve flow and clarity.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Transport Subsidy Shortfall and Implications Report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **note** the significant shortfall in Waka Kotahi funding, and the significant impact this has, for the delivery of roading improvements and planning activities included in the 2024-27 Long Term Plan period.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 1d for the Manawahe Flood Prevention works - Delay project until Manawahe Road is at risk of flooding again.

CARRIED

Transportation staff advised that the recommendation within the report should have read as option 2a; to delay decision until further information was presented.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Mayor Luca

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 2a for the Arawa Street / Bridge Street Roundabout renewal and upgrade and delay decision until information is presented to the committee.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 3b for the Minor Works, Safety and Access Programme - Proceed with reduced budget of \$50k per annum.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 4a for the Seal Extension Programme – delay decision until whole improvement programme is reviewed.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 5b for the Te Mapou Bus Shelter upgrade – progress with shelter upgrade and shoulder/vegetation works.

CARRIED

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 6a for the Rewatu Road underslip – delay decision until whole improvement programme is reviewed and use emergency works as contingency funding plan.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor O'Brien / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 7b agree to include State Highway footpaths in our maintenance and renewal programme; and

CARRIED

During the discussion it was highlighted that four additional options had been excluded from the report. Elected Members would receive a copy of all options to be considered for further exploration.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **provide direction to staff** for which of the options in section 5.9:

1. Spend all or some of the local share.
2. Reprioritise in Transport.
3. Reprioritise across Council.
4. Seek additional funding

that are to be included or not included for further exploration in a future Council Briefing Session.

CARRIED

Attendance: General Manager Development and Environment Services entered the meeting at 9:47 am. Councillor Iles left the meeting at 10:04 am and re-entered the meeting at 10:06 am.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:33 am and reconvened at 10:46 am.

Attendance: Councillor Boynton entered the meeting at 10:58 am and the Chief Executive entered the meeting at 11:08 am. Councillor Tánzos left the meeting at 11:21 am.

7.3 Matatā Wastewater Project Update -September 2024

Refer to pages 40-47 of the agenda.

The co-design group reported steady progress, with the ongoing finalisation of the phase 3 workstream. Future growth areas were identified, and hence efforts were being made to future-proof the anticipated growth projected for the Matatā area. This project was aligned with the spatial plan project.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

THAT the Matatā Wastewater Project Update September 2024 report be **received**.

CARRIED

Attendance: General Manager Development and Environment Services left the meeting at 12:04 pm.

7.4 Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update September 2024

Refer to pages 48-52 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor O’Brien / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update September 2024 report be **received**.

CARRIED

7.5 Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update September 2024

Refer to pages 53-67 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Three Waters Rating Review report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **direct** staff to begin work on the Three Waters Rating Review project; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **note** that it will receive regular updates as the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme work continues; and
4. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **note** the Committee will be presented with options to consider if the current rating system changes.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12:34 pm with a closing Karakia from Councillor O’Brien.

Confirmed at the meeting dated
CHAIRPERSON