


Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee Minutes – 8 August 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 TŌTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, J Jukes, T O’Brien, J Pullar, N Rangiaho and N Tánčzos
	In Attendance:	D Bewley (Acting Chief Executive), N Woodley (Acting GM Development and Environment Services), M Avery (Manager Resource Consents), L Tioke (Manager Building), and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> M Hingston (Acting Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships)
	Visitors:	<i>Via Teams:</i> C Batchelar (Consultant)
	Apologies:	Councillors W James and T O’Brien, and Deputy Mayor Immink (for lateness)

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, and Health and Safety points were relayed to all attendees.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee **accept** the apologies from Councillors W James and T O’Brien, and the apology for lateness from Deputy Mayor L Immink.

CARRIED

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Contestants, winners, supporters and organisers of the Rangitāiki Kapa Haka Festival, held in Kawerau 6-7 August 2024, were all acknowledged.

Reference was made to the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill, and the resulting decisions made by some Councils to date.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 8 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Friday, 31 May 2024 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Update

Refer pages 9-16 of the agenda.

Attendance: Councillor Tánzos entered the meeting at 9:06 am.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project August 2024 Update report be **received**.

CARRIED

7.2 Submission – MBIE ‘Granny flats’ proposals

Refer pages 17-53 of the agenda.

Manager Resource Consents advised that, although in agreement with the direction of the proposal, there were concerns on some details and this had been reflected in the submission.

Manager Building noted that although there could be a reduction in consenting processing, there would be an increase in the non-compliance activity.

In response to a query regarding tiny homes on wheels, the meeting was advised that Council had taken a practical approach; if the ‘vehicle’ had a WOF/COF it was relocatable however more information from MBIE would be beneficial for further guidance in this area.

Mr Batchelar confirmed that one exemption conditions was that the owners must notify the Council of planned work and on completion of that work.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Submission – MBIE ‘Granny flats’ proposals report and the ‘Response to Discussion Document’ letter be **received**; and
2. **THAT** the Environment, Energy, and Resilience Committee **approve** the Response to Discussion Document for submission to the MBIE ‘Making it easier to build granny flats’ discussion document.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY MAYOR LUCA 10:00 AM

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON