


Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee Minutes – 7 November 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 7 NOVEMBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca (Chairperson), Councillors T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, W James, J Jukes, T O'Brien, N Rangiaho and N Tánczos
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Development and Environment Services), L Woolsey (Acting GM Strategy and Transformation), N Woodley (Manager Policy, Planning and Consents), G Benge (Project Coordinator – Spatial Plan), G Mischefski-Gray (Strategic Policy Analyst), G Moore-Jones (Strategic Advisor), S Allerby (Policy Planner), J Farrell (Strategic Projects Manager), M Avery (Manager Resource Consents), H Keravel (Acting Manager Strategy and Transformation), H Allison (Senior Strategic Policy Analyst), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> E Hatch (GM People and Engagement), G Fletcher (GM Community Experience) and M Hingston (Acting Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships)
	Visitors:	<i>Via Teams:</i> Ms S Lund and Ms K Meyer (Planetary Accounting Network)
	Apologies:	Councillor J Pullar and Deputy Mayor L Immink

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

Attendance: Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 9:01 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 Iles / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee **accept** the apologies from Councillor Pullar and Deputy Mayor Immink.

CARRIED

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Refer to page 7-8 of the agenda.

Refer also to tabled items 8a-b (introduction) and pages 8c-l (presentation).

Attendance: G Mischefski-Gray entered the meeting, and GM People and Engagement joined the meeting at 9:05 am.

Mayor Luca welcomed and introduced Ms Sue Lund and Ms Kate Meyer from the Planetary Accounting Newtok (PAN).

Ms Meyer, who led the establishment of [Planetary Accounting](#), spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. The Planetary Accounting concept was based on quantifying how to live within the planet's limits. She said that we were living beyond scientific limits, concise targets were needed for global health, and that the demand and expectations around sustainability had changed.

Attendance: Strategic Advisor entered the meeting at 9:13 am.

Ms Meyer explained the nine boundaries and the Planetary Accounting Network framework. She said PAN was a charitable trust that existed to help people use Planetary Accounting to return to safe operating space of the planetary boundaries. After speaking about two case studies, Ms Meyer referred to Whakatāne District Council's goals and their relevance to the planetary boundaries.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 8 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Thursday, 8 August 2024 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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

7 REPORTS

7.1 Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Update

Refer pages 9-15 of the agenda.

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 10:14 am.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

Attendance:

Project Coordinator – Spatial Plan left the meeting at 10:20 am.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am and reconvened at 10:35 am.

Attendance:

Councillor Tánčzos and Councillor Iles re-entered the meeting at 10:35 am.

Acting Manager Strategy and Transformation and the Senior Strategic Policy Analyst entered the meeting at 10:36 am.

7.2 Update on Resource Management Reform

Refer pages 16-19 of the agenda.

Attendance:

Strategic Projects Manager entered the meeting at 10:45am.

Manager Resource Consents and the Policy Planner entered the meeting at 10:48 am.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

THAT the Update on Resource Management Reform Report, November 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

7.3 Updated EER Final Six-Monthly Climate change report Jan-June 2024

Refer pages 20-83 of the agenda.

It was reported this was the final six-monthly climate change report which then concluded reporting on the previous strategy, which had now been superseded by the Climate Pathway.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the six-monthly January to June 2024 Climate Change Report be **received**; and
2. THAT the 2023-2024 Toitū Audited Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Management Report be **received** (Appendix 1); and
3. THAT the EER committee **note** the increase of 10% in Whakatane District Councils carbon emissions for 2023-24 which puts our LTP and Climate Change Strategy targets at risk; and
4. THAT the EER committee **note** that staff will aim to prioritise the actions outlined in Table 1 of this report across council functions, subject to budget allocation.

CARRIED

7.4 Climate Change Strategy 2024-27 - Action Implementation Update

Refer pages 84-93 of the agenda.

Strategic Advisor, Mr Moore-Jones, summarised the report and explained how the Actions List had been determined. He reiterated that dependent actions could follow once the 'A List' actions were under way or completed. He also commented that detailed strategic planning and work at the front end could reduce the need for some adaption measures.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne District Climate Change Strategy – Action Implementation Update November 2024 report be **received**.

CARRIED

7.5 Proposed Plan Change 4 – Amendments to the Building Platform Level for Flood Risk Management and Mitigation

Refer pages 94-148 of the agenda.

Policy Planner (Mr Allerby) summarised the report content, including explaining how the current rules had ambiguity and hence often caused difficulties in the rule’s application.

During questions of clarification, Mr Allerby explained use of Section 73 (if this was included within a building consent). He also noted that the rule change would simplify the process for constructing minor additions to existing buildings, provided certain requirements were met.

He reported Council had worked with stakeholders (including BOPRC and Iwi) and there was general support for the plan change 4 and its intent.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Proposed Plan Change 4 – Amendments to the Building Platform Level report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Environment, Energy, and Resilience Committee **approve** the notification of proposed Plan Change 4, noting that the notification process will include a public notice being included in the mailout for the next rates instalment in February 2025.

CARRIED

Attendance: The Policy Planner, Strategic Projects Manager and Manager Resource Consents left the meeting at 12:07 pm.

7.6 Annual Plan 2025-26 – Project Commencement

Refer pages 149-153 of the agenda.

The intended approach to the budget and work programme was to maintain or slightly reduce the proposed increase in rates outlined in the LTP for the 2025-26 year. There were comments indicting a desire for the rates to be reduced.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Annual Plan 2025-26 – Project Commencement report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **confirm** the approach to the Annual Plan 2025-26.

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY COUNCILLOR RANGIAHO at 12:17 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON