

# MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Mayor Meng Foon, Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz,  
Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Amber Dunn, Karen Fenn,  
Larry Foster, Malcolm MacLean, Pat Seymour, Graeme Thomson, Josh Wharehinga, Brian Wilson.

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## MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on 1 March 2018 at 9am.**

### PRESENT:

Mayor Meng Foon (Chair), Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Councillors Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Amber Dunn, Karen Fenn, Larry Foster, Malcolm MacLean, Pat Seymour, Graeme Thomson, Josh Wharehinga and Brian Wilson.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Internal Partnerships James Baty, Director Liveable Communities Andrew White, Director Transformation & Relationships Keita Kohere, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman.

Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn, Customer Engagement Manager Anita Reedy-Holthausen Kim Smith, Strategic Planning Manager Yvette Kinsella and Committee Secretary Helen Barbier.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

### 1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

There were no interests declared.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes and action sheet from 22 February 2018 will be considered at the 5 April 2018 Council meeting.

### 4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

### 5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

- a) A deputation from Mahina, Gisborne's sister city in Tahiti, comprising Damas Terai Teuira (Tavana/Mayor), Orama Gooding (Councillor for Communication), Hinoi Fritch (Councillor for Tourism), Herenui Ori and Cathy Haumani, was welcomed to the meeting.

A reaffirmation of Mahina as a sister city was signed, underlining the aim of promoting friendship and goodwill between the cities and their respective countries. Gifts and best wishes were exchanged and the guests confirmed that they will return next year with a delegation of 100 people to take part in the Te Ha celebrations.

**Secretarial Note:** Items were heard out of the order described in the Agenda. For ease of reference the Minutes have been recorded in Agenda order.

## 6. Public input and petitions

### a) Te Ora Hau – Centre Manager Julie Robinson

Ms Robinson presented the range of activities that the organisation coordinates for young people in the community and requested that Council consider providing financial support to the organisation, in the context of the Long Term Plan.

### b) New Zealand Geographic Board - Chairperson Mark Dyer and member Matanuku Mahuika

The Board representatives noted that their presence at the Council meeting was to provide information and assistance on the process of applying for a name change (Item 11.1 on the agenda).

## 7. Extraordinary business

### a) 18-104 Representation Review – Initial Proposal (late item)

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the late item be considered.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** This item was heard at the conclusion of Item 11.5

Council noted that number of inhabitants in the rural wards have dropped.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Council:

1. Adopts as its initial resolution:

c) 14 councillors elected from five wards being an urban ward electing 10 councillors and four rural wards electing 1 councillor each, no community boards;

2. Commences the formal consultation process on 7 March 2018, as required under the Local Electoral Act 2001

**CARRIED**

## 8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## 9. Adjourned business

There was no adjourned business.

## 10. Committee Recommendations to Council

There were no recommendations.

## 11. Reports of the Chief Executive and staff

### DECISION REPORTS

#### 11.1 18-076 Application to the New Zealand Geographic Board for a Name Change for Poverty Bay

The Board representatives informed Council that:

- Place naming is a nationally significant exercise.
- The Government has a consistent approach to place naming; recognising the strong connection between people, place and language.
- During the process of considering a name change, the Board must consult with the community. If names are contentious or there are opposing submissions, the final determination on the application is made by the Conservation and Land Information Minister Eugenie Sage.
- The consultation process involves publishing notices in local and national newspapers, in the New Zealand Gazette and on the Land Information website.
- The decision is not based on the number of supporters of change but on the reasons behind the submission; the origin of name, its enduring nature, whether it sits well with the community, encouraging the use of the original Maori names, identifying if the name corresponds to a geographical feature.
- Submissions would be expected for an application such as this one that will draw attention in the media nationally and even internationally.
- A name change does not concern private businesses, sports clubs or associations. However it applies to all official matters including tourism publications.

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann informed Council that, although the question of changing the name of Poverty Bay to only Turanganui a Kiwa was not put to the community, if further consultation on the name change were carried out, it would be reasonable to expect a similar result to that already achieved in the current process.

Council noted in support of the dual name that:

- The name Turanganui a Kiwa has existed in the district since the arrival of Kiwa.
- There is nothing good in the meaning of Poverty Bay and it is difficult to promote while there is a sense of pride in Turanganui a Kiwa.
- We can't change history and we must recognise all parts of history. By giving an option of two names, there will be a natural evolution.
- Kiwa was tasked with finding suitable meeting place for his people arriving on land and by water. It was another meeting place again in 1769. It represents unity.
- A dual name is the best option. It was arrogant of a European explorer to give a name when one existed already.
- A dual name acknowledges the past, present and future, the whole community and a collaborative future.
- During the community consultation, 77% of the respondents supported a change, either to a dual name or to only Turanganui a Kiwa.
- Changing to a dual name would honour our history.

Council also noted that:

- The name Poverty Bay could be presented as the triumph of the region overcoming the negative connotation of the name.
- Many locals are proud of the name Poverty Bay. There is concern that by changing that name, it will lead to demands to change the name of the city also.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. Notes the contents of this report
2. Endorses the application to the New Zealand Geographic Board to:
  - a. Option 2: alter an existing recorded name - from Poverty Bay to a dual name Turanganui a Kiwa/Poverty Bay

**Vote by Division**

**FOR**

**Cr Akuhata-Brown**

**Cr Burdett**

**Cr Cranston**

**Cr Dowsing**

**Cr Dunn**

**Cr Fenn**

**Cr Foster**

**Mayor Foon**

**Cr Seymour**

**Cr Stoltz**

**Cr Thomson**

**Cr Wharehinga**

**Cr Wilson**

**AGAINST**

**Cr MacLean**

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned at 10.45am for morning tea and reconvened at 11am

**11.2 18-104 2018-2028 Long Term Plan Consultation Document**

Nedine Thatcher Swann informed Council that:

- This draft document will present the preferred options, as identified in Committee and Council decisions, to the community along with alternative options that Council is legally obligated to provide. Following community consultation, Council will decide on the options for inclusion in the Long Term Plan.
- The estimated operating costs for the Olympic Pool are based on similar operations, as evaluated by the consultants involved in the project.

The Council recommended the following modifications and clarifications to the draft consultation document:

Pg 61 -Temporarily relocated our library...

Pg 67 – Remove the reference to there being 'fewer nice to haves'

Pg 79 – Drainwise – Pay for private option – *funding full cost* is not an option. A better alternative would be *giving consideration to funding a greater proportion*.

Pg 81 Olympic Pool Phase 1 - *between 2018-2021* should be *changed to by 2021*.

Pg 94 – Biodiversity work should not be referred to as 'scaled back'

Pg 105 - *hea* should read *whea*

Pg 110-111 Define one roading rate unit that multipliers are applied to

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the draft Consultation Document for formal consultation from 12 March to 20 April 2018.

**CARRIED**

### 11.3 18-072 Development Contributions

Council noted that:

- There has been a 21% reduction in the rural population so it is important to make it fair and easy for these areas to be repopulated.
- Unlike larger cities, subdivisions in this region take time to sell. Having to pay development contributions at the beginning of a project can affect profitability.
- If development contribution charges are holding back subdivision development, Council needs to be provided with details concerning the situation.
- Developments can also be sold off plan, without incurring a development contribution at the time of sale.
- Council needs to have mechanisms, policies and processes that are easier for the customer meaning charges can be collected more efficiently.
- Council can investigate the implications of changing the development contribution collection process.

Principal Advisor – Strategic Planning Kim Smith informed the Council that:

- Large residential subdivisions can be released in several stages. In that case, development contributions are paid when developers apply for the Section 224 Certificate to uplift property titles, before sale.
- Applying a uniform charge involves less risk and is administratively more efficient.

Nedine Thatcher Swann highlighted the fact that Council does not currently collect all development contributions and changing the process would increase risk for Council as well as impacting on Council's debt position.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. Adopts the attached draft Development Contribution Policy 2018 for consultation as part of the draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.
2. Assesses any consequential changes needed to financial estimates before adopting the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.
3. Agrees to seek contributions only towards those growth projects identified in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.
4. Agrees to continue to apply a uniform charge across all the Gisborne Urban Area.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.4 18-103 Consultation on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Strategic Planning Manager Yvette Kinsella informed Council that the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan has already been signed off by Council. This decision allows the plan to be included in the LTP consultation.

Council indicated that:

- They wish to see progress on the minimisation of the use of single-use plastic bags.
- It is satisfying to see that the Plan has been changed to include targets and performance indicators around reduction in waste and an increase in recycling.

MOVED by Cr Dunn, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Committee

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Adopts the Draft Statement of Proposal for the purpose of consulting on the draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan 2018-2024.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.5 18-097 Proposed Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2018

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the proposed draft Gisborne District Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy.

**CARRIED**

### INFORMATION REPORTS

#### 11.6 18-071 Titirangi Summit Redevelopment Update

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr MacLean

That the Committee

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.7 18-031 Update Regional Land Transport Plan Development

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. Notes the contents of this report, and in particular:
  - a. That Council's Long Term Plan consultation document will provide a link to the draft Gisborne Regional Land Transport and Regional Public Transport Plans.

**CARRIED**

### 12. Mayor, deputy Mayor and elected members' reports (information)

### 13. Public Excluded Business

**Secretarial Note:** These minutes include a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 13 Public Excluded Business of Council.

**RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Thomson**

**That the Council**

- 1. re-admits the public.**

**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.15pm.

Meng Foon  
**Mayor**