

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz (Chair), Josh Wharehinga (Deputy Chair), Debbie Gregory, Rawinia Parata, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai and Rob Telfer

MINUTES of the CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP/KAIWHAKAHAERE OHOTATA WHAKAMARU TŪMATANUI

Held via Audio Visual Link, Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata and Rob Telfer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Internal Partnerships James Baty, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Councillors Cranston, Foster, Robinson, Thompson, Tibble, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

Her Worship the Mayor extended gratitude to all Councillors for the work they have been doing keeping the community calm, giving direction and assisting in the clean-up following Cyclone Gabrielle.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

MOVED by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai, seconded by Cr Telfer

That the Minutes of 23 November 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

Noted.

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged the passing of John Coates who was a well-loved member of the community and sending lots of aroha to his whanau.

Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged and thanked the Civil Defence team, Iwi partners, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Government response, Police, Fire & Emergency NZ, St John's Ambulance Service, all Schools, and all organisations that have formed part of this response.

6. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions.

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

10.1 23-57 Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Key Position Appointments

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann acknowledged the awesome team at Council who have been mucking in and working long hours to support our community following Cyclone Gabrielle. Also acknowledgement and thanks to our emergency partners who have been with us since day one of the event. A big mihi to the Councillors for their patience, support and professionalism for our team and myself as we work through this emergency event.

Nedine shared with Councillors the high level dashboard which shows where we are tracking in terms of Welfare, Housing and other areas following the event.

A team are being deployed through Opotiki to the top of the East Coast for intel around damaged houses etc. and to get an indication of the help that is needed in that area.

The investment from Central Government in infrastructure assisted, if not avoided, what could have been a catastrophic situation city-wide.

Further points include:

- In terms of red stickered properties, the majority are sitting in the Uawa area.
- Pockets in the region are still without power and Eastland Network continue to work on these outages.
- Most schools are now open with 50% of the early childhood centres also open.
- Still some access issues around roading.
- Currently working on the Donated Goods Plan.

- Supply chain management issues.
- Silt management - two sites now available for the community to dispose of silt.
- Waipaoa backup emergency water supply only supplies 30% of our requirements. Industries that use reticulated water are not operating. Leaderbrand who have their own water supply have been working with the sector to investigate options around the supply of water.
- Several water trucks have come into the district that can clean and filter water. Have not had to use this service for our residential supply. The message to the community is still to conserve water.
- The Emergency Management Plan team from Bay of Plenty have been providing support and plans are in place to replace the team once they return home.

Questions of clarification from Councillors included:

- Because of the National State of Emergency being extended, Council is waiting for the call to be made around national transition. What that means is that we are focused on recovery planning while moving out of response. Trust Tairāwhiti have led in terms of business discussions and are holding regular hui looking at important agricultural business needs and solutions. Engineers are currently looking at a fix for the water pipes but also, we need to think about and be advocating for a resilient approach to restoring the water pipe, so we are not in this position in the future.
- Whilst the community are reliant on Waipaoa water supply it will be difficult for industry who also rely on town water to begin start-up as we need to ensure our necessary uses are met first.
- Comms will be going out in terms of rates relief for the community.
- Council is putting in place free parking.
- 303 customers are without power which includes 266 in the Tairāwhiti region and 37 in Wairoa. A generator is supplying power to the East Cape Road.
- The Waipaoa Treatment Plant has always supplemented the Waingake Treatment Plant when the water has been low.
- Approval has been granted for a blanket penalty remission for people that cannot pay the next rates instalment. Homes that are red and yellow stickered will have a rates remission applied until the end of the financial year. From that point on red stickered homes will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. For homes severely impacted by erosion or other damage, there will be rates remission for Instalments due to the end of the financial year. Payment arrangements or postponement of rates for up to 6 months will also be put in place.
- Concerns raised around homes on the East Coast being red stickered and what that would mean to the people who own those homes.
- Having a red sticker almost accelerates having access to insurance as a red sticker would negate a number of concerns that insurers may have. It is important to take photos of everything. Part of the response is to ensure there is welfare follow up and support for whanau that need emergency housing. Some of the yellow stickered homes have quick fixes as it may just be to remove some of the gib and dry the area out. We want our whanau in healthy homes so it is finding a balance around some practical outcomes that we can support.

- Red stickered homes are uninhabitable, and support will be given to finding alternate accommodation.
- Communication received leading up to event was excellent. It enabled people to take action and avoid some flooding.

Director Lifelines David Wilson attended and presented on the Waingake Pipeline and explained that several different workstreams are needed to be addressed to bring more water into the city and get the best outcome. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to Councillors.

MOVED by Cr Gregory, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group/Kaiwhakahaere Ohotata Whakamaru Tūmatanui:

1. Reconfirms the following Tairāwhiti Civil Defence Emergency Management Group appointments:
 - a) Alternate Controllers
 - Nedine Thatcher Swann, Gisborne District Council
 - James Baty, Gisborne District Council
 - Helen Harris, Waka Kotahi
 - b) Alternate Recovery Managers
 - Heather Kohn, Gisborne District Council
 - Nedine Thatcher Swann, Gisborne District Council
 - c) Alternate Welfare Manager
 - Lynne Campbell, Ministry for Social Development
 - d) Alternate Public Information Managers
 - Diana Dobson (External)
 - Jade Lister-Baty, Gisborne District Council
2. Notes that Ben Green assumed position of Group Controller (as at 16 January 2023) in line with the resolution passed by the Tairāwhiti Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (report 22-162).
3. Notes that James Baty will stand down as Group Recovery Manager as at 31 March 2023.
4. Approves the following Tairāwhiti Civil Defence Emergency Management Group appointments
 - a) Alternate Controllers
 - David Wilson, Gisborne District Council
 - Joanna Noble, Gisborne District Council
 - Michele Frey, Gisborne District Council
 - Pauline Foreman, Gisborne District Council
 - Libby Young, Gisborne District Council
 - Phil Nickerson, Gisborne District Council
 - b) Group Recovery Manager
 - Rebecca Halbert, Gisborne District Council effective from 1 April 2023
 - c) Alternate Recovery Managers
 - James Baty, Gisborne District Council
 - Steve Breen, Gisborne District Council

- David Wilson, Gisborne District Council
 - Anita Reedy-Holthausan, Gisborne District Council
 - Joanna Noble, Gisborne District Council
 - Michele Frey, Gisborne District Council
 - Pauline Foreman, Gisborne District Council
 - De-Arne Sutherland, Gisborne District Council
- d) Group Welfare Manager
- Dallas Haynes
- e) Public Information Manager
- Anita Reedy Holthausen, Gisborne District Council
- f) Alternate Public Information Managers
- Melanie Thornton, Gisborne District Council
 - Karen Hadfield, Gisborne District Council
 - Toni Lexmond, Kainga Ora – external personnel
5. Notes the following Tairāwhiti Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Community Link Area Coordinators
- Te Araroa: Hal Hovell and Michelle Wanoa
 - Waiapu: James Palmer and Leanne Morice
 - Tokomaru Bay: Lilian Ward and Horiata Raihania
 - Uawa: Greg Shelton and Nori Parata
 - Waimata: Michael Savage
 - Ormond: Gary Howse
 - Waikohu: Frank Ngatoro and Dave Pikia
 - Tiniroto: Jennie Law
 - Manutuke: Karl Scragg
 - Muriwai: Wayne Panapa

CARRIED

11. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:02 am with a karakia.

Rehette Stoltz
MAYOR