

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Andy Cranston (Chair), Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Debbie Gregory, Larry Foster, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake, Josh Wharehinga, Kerry Worsnop and Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz

MINUTES of the OPERATIONS Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 9 June 2022 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake and Kerry Worsnop.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Liveable Spaces Manager De-Arne Sutherland, Senior Liveable Spaces Planner Tyler Kirk, Animal Control and Parking Team Leader Ross Hannam, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jesse Graham.

Secretarial Notes: Crs Sandra Faulkner and Isaac Hughes attended via audio visual link.

Director Lifelines David Wilson attended via audio visual link.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 13 April 2022

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Minutes of 13 April 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.3 Governance Work Plan

Noted.

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

6. Public Input and Petitions

6.1 David Clark - Te Arai River

Presentation by David Clark.

Responses to questions:

- The latest weather event caused serious flooding and it highlighted how much work the river needs.
- There is currently a group of dedicated locals who are willing to work with Council to improve the state of the river.
- David Clark to be the contact for the initial meeting.
- Mana Whenua are aware of the river's needs and David is unsure if they have raised any concerns with Council. They are welcome to be involved in the working party moving forward.
- Director Lifelines David Wilson will contact David Clark to arrange a site meeting and determine the next steps.

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

10.1 22-91 Tokomaru Bay Destination Play Park

For the purpose of clarity, Tyler Kirk explained that the Destination Park will of similar size and functionality to Botanical Gardens or Adventure Playground.

Discussion points were:

- There is no allocated budget therefore community expectations need to be managed.
- Consultation with mana whenua and community members alike need to be had.
- Consider climate change and flooding events in development.
- The existing playground equipment will not be used in the Destination Park build.
- Having ample bus and large vehicle space to maneuver with ease for schools and travelling groups.
- Having a community BBQ installed as it has been a success in previous public places.

MOVED by Cr Worsnop, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.2. 22-98 Annual Report Dog Control Policy and Practices 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021

Gary McKenzie gave brief summary of the Annual Report for 2020/2021 period.

Although Councillors had a workshop recently in regard to the Dog Control Policy Bylaw, the changes are not reflected in this report but will for the next annual period.

Discussions included:

- With the pending Bylaw Review, consequences for owners who are in the probationary stage should be discussed and suggested that there be harsher penalties for the dog owner before being permitted to own another dog.
- When a dog is destroyed due to attacks or worrying stock, it was suggested that the owner should have to go through a probationary type schedule before owning another.
- Difficult for staff to resolve complaints about excessive barking. Often when they arrive on the scene, the dogs have stopped or there are differences in definition of what is a nuisance.
- There is currently no limit to the number of dogs an owner can have in urban areas.
- Staffing up the coast is difficult due to lack of demand and there are not enough requests for service to warrant the staffing.
- Unregistered dogs remain an issue up the coast.
- Relationship between Council and RSPCA could be improved however Council meets regularly with the inspector which is a good working relationship.
- Dogs that are euthanised are always beyond the point of rehoming.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Operations Committee:

1. Adopts the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices 2020/21.
2. Instructs the Chief Executive to give necessary notifications following adoption of the report.

CARRIED

11. PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

Secretarial Note: These Minutes include a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 11 Public Excluded Business of Council.

12. READMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Operations Committee:

1. Re-admits the public.

CARRIED

13. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.10am.

Cr Cranston

CHAIR