

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Colin Alder, Andy Cranston, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Aubrey Ria, Tony Robinson, Rob Telfer, Teddy Thompson, Rhonda Tibble and Nick Tupara

MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL/TE KAUNIHERA

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Meeting Room), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Colin Alder, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Aubrey Ria, Tony Robinson, Rob Telfer, Daniel Thompson, Rhonda Tibble and Nick Tupara.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Internal Partnerships James Baty, Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jess Taylor.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai, seconded by Cr Robinson

That the apologies from Cr Parata and Cr Tupara (for lateness) and Cr Stoltz, Cr Cranston be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 30 March 2023

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Ria

That the Minutes of 30 March 2023 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

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

Terry Loomis, Renee Raroa and Manu Caddie to present to Decision Report **23-102**.

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 23-102 A Deliberative Democracy Approach to Tairāwhiti Climate Change Adaptation Planning

Secretarial Note: Cr Tupara arrived at 09:15.

Secretarial Note: Cr Parata arrived at 0930.

- Intention is to focus on recovery activities and adaptation planning, not on the evaluation, initiatives or projects of recovery.
- It is not a formal evaluation of the Recovery Process, the purpose of it is to inform the Recovery Process.
- Te Weu are going to seek advice from and bring in experts (Statisticians and Polling Experts) to help with the random selection of citizens.
- Randomly selected citizens will be getting paid like a court-jury.
- Te Weu will come back to Council with more information around the needs from the Councillors for the designated representatives.
- Recommendation to consider a change to the name from "Citizens Assembly" to "Kāhui - a gathering, collective, in a space of sharing."
- Went with the institution AUT as they have most recently done research on this specific topic however happy to get any guidance from the institutions in the region.
- It was suggested having a peer reviewer from Te Tairāwhiti, Linda Smith.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Tibble that the recommendation be amended as follows:

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Notes, in particular the purpose, design and intended outcomes of the deliberative democracy climate adaptation research project being led by Te Weu Charitable Trust in cooperation with the Council.
2. Agrees to designate representatives to attend the citizen assembly; and
3. Agrees to recognize and provide for the recommendations of the assembly in progressing future regional adaptation and transition planning and actions.

CARRIED

10.2. 23-112 Providing Direction on Developing the National Planning Framework for Council

- Councillors expressed concern of the one size fits all take in the framework, as what may help the rivers down south may not be the solution here in Tairāwhiti.
- Cr Tupara suggested he's happy to assist with defining the cultural heritage values for Māori in Te Tairāwhiti as archaeologically Māori has the highest representation.

MOVED by Cr Ria, seconded by Cr Gregory

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Provides direction on how to respond to the National Planning Framework document.
For example:
 - a) Which matters are of most importance – where should we focus our efforts?
 - b) Any matters of immediate concern
 - c) Any matters that require clarification
 - d) What is missing?

CARRIED

10.3 23-106 Local Governance Statement - Local Government Act 2002

- Cr Robinson is wondering why the Local Governance Statement doesn't expressly recognize Sections 4, 77 and 81 in the LGA as it expresses Section 95E of the RMA in the Statutory Acknowledgements on page 91, which are Māori specific empowerment and enabling clauses.
- Document will not be binding in regard to the Code of Conduct as there is still a conversation to be had with Council members and staff to update this.
- On page 84, number of iwi in Te Tairāwhiti has been amended from four to five.
- Cr Tupara suggests that on page 89 that the term iwi be changed to a word that better reflects community.
- Suggestion that there's artist acknowledgement, particularly on page 93.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Parata

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Approves the Local Governance Statement 2023 subject to changes agreed at the Council meeting 18 May 2023.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 23-98 2022 Triennial Elections

MOVED by Cr Gregory, seconded by Cr Ria

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.2 23-113 Three Waters Reforms Reset

- The Bill is to be released on 30th of June, this is the last day Cabinet can approve submissions and there will be a Short Select Committee submission process once the Bill is released.
- Staff are unsure if they can get the draft submission in front of the Councillors before closing 31 August as there are not many opportunities between the timeframes.
- Staff unfortunately doesn't have a lot of answers to the questions being asked as they're still waiting for the legislation to drop, once it has, they're happy to convene a meeting with Councillors to talk through that.
- Impact assessments will be done which is our own modelling of the costs.
- Councillors are hōha with the little information the government has given on the Three Waters Reform.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:42am.

Rehette Stoltz

CHAIR