

# MINUTES



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

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## MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held via Audio Visual Link on Thursday 31 March 2022 at 9:00AM

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Internal Partnerships James Baty, Acting Director Liveable Communities De-Arne Sutherland, Director Environmental Services & Protection Helen Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

**Secretarial Note:** Crs Burdett & Faulkner attended the meeting in the Chambers.

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

### 1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

### 3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 24 February 2022

#### 3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 24 February 2022

MOVED by Cr Hughes, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Minutes of 24 February 2022 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **3.2 Action Sheet**

Item 17.1 Earthquake strengthening: Information will be provided to Councillors.

### **4. Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

### **5. Acknowledgements and Tributes**

Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged the passing of Sir Wira Gardiner and Moana Jackson and extended condolences to their families.

### **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 22-52 Appointment of Trustees to Gisborne and Districts War Memorial Trust**

Points of clarification included:

- The Trust Deed can only be changed by the Trust, so appointments need to be made first. Should we wish to change the Trust Deed prior to appointing Trustees, we would need to apply to the Court.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Council:

1. Agrees to follow the appointment process as outlined in the Gisborne District Council Board Appointments and Remuneration Policy, to appoint the required trustees to the Gisborne and District War Memorial Trust, noting that the appointment of 1 trustee must be made jointly with the Gisborne Returned Services Association.
2. Agrees that Council will pay for advertising of the positions and provide administrative support for the process.
3. Instructs the Chief Executive to use best endeavours to carry out the appointment process to enable appointments to be made at the 23 June 2022 Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

## 10.2 22-68 Draft Changes to Speed Limit Bylaw 2013

Points of clarification included:

- Council is under a strong push from Central Government to adopt the speeds that have been produced using the matrix, so any changes would need to go through the Hearings process especially if we were to decide against the broader limit.
- The Hearing process is on 29 June 2022 to align with the Dog Control Bylaw Hearings.
- Community meetings will occur during the next round of consultation.
- The limits will be introduced over a period of time. Under the National Land Transport Plan Council has 3 years to carry this work out. Some areas are more pressing than others and some align with Council's work programme. This information will be shared when community consultation occurs.

It was noted that Matokitoki Valley Road was not on the Local Roads Proposed Speed Reasoning List despite numerous Requests for Service regarding speed lowering on this road.

- Education promotion is part of the Road Safety Programme and the team are working to align their message during consultation.
- Council can only change the speeds on local roads however Waka Kotahi is planning a review for the State Highways at the same time.

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann advised that we are not likely to get to all the communities during consultation, however we will be using as many mechanisms as possible to reach all people and get the message out.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Council:

1. Adopts the Draft Statement of Proposal including the Draft Changes to the Speed Limit Bylaw 2013 for consultation using the special consultative procedure.

**CARRIED**

## 10.3 22-74 Reinstatement of Access to Bush Intake above the Te Arai Landslide

Points of clarification included:

- There have been significant changes from the recent rain event. The lake has now gone and there has been a loss of some totara trees which were holding back the landslide. On one side of the river there is an unstable bank and on the other side there is a very steep toe to the landslide, and it is expected that the landslide will continue to move and grow. A bridge is now the only option.

- From initial modelling the positioning of the bridge is appropriate however the exact position will be reassessed. A 10-tonne load was initially looked at however the cost difference between the 10-tonne load and one twice the capacity was not significant, so it was decided to go with the larger more robust design. At this stage it is not anticipated that the landslide will reach the pipeline. The GNS Response Team will be doing an assessment as well.
- A Hui was held on site with Patamaru Station and the key area where there was a dewatering issue, being a stock pond fed from a spring, will now be diverted away from the landslide to the adjacent slope.
- Discussions are being held with Auckland University for a graduate level student to complete a risk assessment for the entire valley extending upstream. There is no internal funding to complete long term work on this problem.

The Chief Executive advised there is likely to be more adverse weather events and damage to Council assets. Some repair works will be covered under Emergency Works and for assets, depending on remedial actions required, the Group Controller could redirect resources to repair, ultimately the cost comes back to Council. There is long-term thinking to be done in the resilience space.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Faulkner

That the Council:

1. Approves the unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$515,000 (which includes contingencies to allow for supply constraints and engineering uncertainty).
2. Notes that \$50,000 is anticipated to be committed in this financial year with the remainder spent in the 2022-23 financial year.

**CARRIED**

#### **10.4 22-75 2022 Triennial Election**

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Dowsing

That the Council:

1. Adopts for the 2022 triennial election:
  - a. The random order of candidate names.

**CARRIED**

### **11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION**

#### **11.1 22-73 Chief Executive Activity Report December 2021 - February 2022**

Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged the Chief Executive and staff for the work over the last 8 days during the recent rain event and extended the Councillors' thanks to the Emergency Coordination Centre team.

Discussions included:

- Submissions received in relation to Panuku Tu/Titirangi Summit are being worked through by staff. The Consent is on hold because of additional detail that is required. Staff are preparing an Operations Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan to support the issuing of the consent.
- The Groundwater Modelling Workshops are going ahead in April.
- A further review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw will not be required unless there is a need for additional areas of freedom camping.
- The pricing implications of the Agricultural Sector Emissions, while not known in specific terms, will be in the region of tens of thousands of dollars ultimately by 2030 for each farming business in its current format, unless there are significant areas of eligible plantings. In this region there are massive areas that have been deemed ineligible.
- More information is required around the implications of the Agricultural Sector Emissions as it will have a huge impact on the region if it is not viable.

Following a question from Cr Akuhata-Brown, the Chief Executive advised that with the current state of emergency, along with implications from COVID-19, staff are quite fatigued. Focus has been placed on staff wellbeing, reaching out and discussing strategies that can be used to help them cope.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned at 9.56am and reconvened at 10.16am.

### **11.2 22-48 Permanent Carbon Farming in Tairāwhiti**

Senior Policy Planner Tim Stoddart attended and answered points of clarification:

- The National Policy settings have regional implications, and they vary from region to region. There has been strong interest from a variety of groups across the region. The submission process on the proposed settings to the ETS is one way to put your voice across. There will be further opportunities to represent the views of Tairāwhiti and Council.
- Important that Council gives feedback on the implications for our region.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned at 11.08am and reconvened at 11.15am.

**11.3 22-80 Rau Tipu Rau Ora Response and Recovery Status Update**

Harley Dibble, Selwyn Parata and Amohaere Houkamau attended via zoom and presented:

Questions of clarification included:

- It is an opportunity to join forces with other key organisations across the region to have greater leverage when advocating with government and to ensure the benefits are shared across the region.
- Originally Rau Tipu Rau Ora had a 3-year horizon and are now into Year 2. There will be constant need for review and recalibration. The Government will carry out an assessment at the end of the initial 3-year period around the value of Rau Tipu Rau Ora in terms of their ongoing role. Central Government investment has been secured for 3 years for the establishment of the Tu Ora which takes Rau Tipu Rau Ora beyond the 2023 period.
- Rau Tip Rau Ora received funding from Central Government for \$1.2m over three years along with in-region contributions. Budget holder of the funding is Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa who provide financial reports.
- Rau Tipu Rau Ora would look to Council to provide leadership and guidance with issues like the Local Government Reforms.
- Rau Tipu Rau Ora is developing a set of metrics which will enable tracking efficacy and the impact of actions in terms of improving the wellbeing and prosperity of people. There is funding to support improved project management and monitoring of progress against priorities and actions.
- Off the back of a report being presented to the April Rau Tipu Rau Ora Governance meeting there will be further understanding of the wider addictions in terms of gambling, albeit that in the Plan focus has been on drug and alcohol addiction. The Governance Group will make determinations on whether they broaden the scope beyond drug and alcohol addiction to include gambling. The report will describe the programme and activities currently operating. It will also identify programmes that are not working. It will be a combination of providing a profile of the level of addiction across Tairāwhiti as well as some of the initiatives currently being run that are producing good results along with the gaps.

Her Worship the Mayor thanked Selwyn, Amohaere and Harley for a positive presentation.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.4 22-83 3-Waters Governance Working Group Recommendation- Implications for Tairāwhiti

Special Project Manager Yvette Kinsella attended.

Discussions included:

- There are many levels of bureaucracy and struggle to see accountability and how local representation will shine through.
- No representation from our region on the Working Group and lots of unanswered questions.
- There is no accountability for the cost attached to creating another bureaucracy.
- The significant issues for Tairāwhiti should be raised at the highest level. The small communities will be worse off as they will have no direct link to advocate for any particular service at all.
- Bring iwi to the table with us if they so desire to ascertain where each are on this journey with DIA and see if there are connection points or not.
- The Reforms do not deliver anything tangible for our region.
- We know it is going ahead so should be working on transition.
- Feel strongly that we need to continue to advocate on behalf of our community.
- As a Governance Group our responsibility is to give leadership to the transition.
- The initial Bill proposes a co-governance arrangement. Hapu have signed the Bill so there is a question on whether super-regional representation is going to actually give effect to hapu aspirations and mana whenua may have concerns. Determination of 'Treaty Settlements' is not clear.

Special Project Manager asked if there was an opportunity to consider some of the recommendations which go beyond what the Working Group proposed to do.

The Chief Executive asked that this be workshopped to tease out the recommendations and be clear on the messages we want to provide to our local Ministers.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

#### 12. Public Excluded Business

**Secretarial Note:** These Minutes include a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 12 Public Excluded Business of Council.

**13. READMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Mayor Stoltz

That the Council:

1. Readmits the public.

**CARRIED**

**14. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.23pm.

Rehette Stoltz

**MAYOR**