

# 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 in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 27 July 2022 at 10:30AM.**

### PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, 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, Special Project Manager Yvette Kinsella, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Tania Clarke.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

#### **1. Apologies**

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the apologies from Cr Akuhata-Brown be sustained.

**CARRIED**

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

#### **3. Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

#### **4. Acknowledgements and Tributes**

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

#### **5. Public Input and Petitions**

There were no public input or petitions.

#### **6. Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

#### **7. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## 8. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

## 9. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

### 9.1 22-182 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2022

Councillors were asked for their input on how Her Worship the Mayor should vote in with regards to the remits for the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference.

- o Remit 1 - Yes
- o Remit 2 - Yes
- o Remit 3 - Yes
- o Remit 4 - Yes
- o Remit 5 - Yes
- o Remit 6 - Yes

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council:

1. Instructs the Mayor, as presiding delegate, to vote to support the Local Government New Zealand remits as follows:
  - a) That LGNZ;
    - i. Calls on central government to fully and permanently fund free public transport for students, community service card holders, under 25s, and their support people.
    - ii. That LGNZ joins the Aotearoa Collective for Public Transport Equity (ACPTTE) in support of the Free Fares Campaign.
  - b) That LGNZ call for an independent review into the way in which government, through Waka Kotahi, fund transport investments in Aotearoa. This includes funding of new developments and maintenance programmes.
  - c) That LGNZ implement a nation-wide working group of subject matter experts with the objective of formulating an action plan to effectively enforce the Land Transport Act 1998 and work with police to tackle illegal street racing and the antisocial behaviour associated with it.
  - d) That LGNZ lobby Government to implement an infringement notice regime for general bylaws.
  - e) That LGNZ requests the Government to:
    - i. Restrict the sale of vaping products to R18 specialist vape stores.
    - ii. Develop proximity limits to prevent the clustering of vaping product retailers and protect young people.
  - f) That LGNZ adopt a policy to poll the LGNZ membership on any significant issue affecting local government in Aotearoa, prior to making that decision. LGNZ should develop a policy in conjunction with the membership that sets out the threshold for polling the membership. In the interim, the decision about the threshold for polling rests with National Council.

**CARRIED**

## 10. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Elected Members Reports for DECISION

### 10.1. 22-187 Code of Conduct Complaint

- The Code of Conduct is based around how Councillors treat each other, which includes comments to the media.
- Cr Wharehinga acknowledged all parties involved in the process.
- The apology received from Cr Akuhata-Brown was also acknowledged and is included as an attachment, with her permission.
- Though recommendations have been made, it does not necessarily mean the respondent may follow through.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Burdett that the recommendation be amended to read.

That the Council:

1. Approves the Conduct Review Committee findings and finds that Councillor Akuhata-Brown breached sections 3,5,6 and 10 of Nga Tikanga Arataki – Ethics and Values for Elected Members (Code of Conduct).
2. Approves the Conduct Review Committee's recommendation that Councillor Akuhata-Brown makes a public apology in a Council meeting.
3. Approves the Conduct Review Committee's recommendation that Councillor Akuhata-Brown makes a written apology in the Gisborne Herald.

**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 Burdett, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Council:

1. Re-admits the public.

**CARRIED**

## 13. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:00am.

Rehette Stoltz

**Chair**