

# MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz (Chair), Josh Wharehinga (Deputy Chair), 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 SUSTAINABLE TAIRĀWHITI Committee

**Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 28 July 2022 at 11:00AM.**

### PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, 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 Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Strategic Planning Manager Charlotte Knight, Principal Policy Advisor Janic Slupski, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

**Secretarial Note:** Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change Focus - Dr Magnus Abraham-Dukuma attended via audio visual link.

### 1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the apologies from Cr Akuhata-Brown, Cr Wharehinga 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 2 June 2022**

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Minutes of 2 June 2022 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.2 Action Sheet**

Noted.

#### **3.3 Governance Work Plan**

**Makorori Master Plan:** Time is being spent engaging with Mana Whenua and a Resource Consent has been lodged in terms of the bollardes.

An update on the Makorori Master Plan and the Elgin Neighborhood Play System will be given at the 8 September 2022 Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee meeting.

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

There were no leaves of absence.

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

Councillors stood for a minute's silence to remember the life of Douglas Birt who passed away in Auckland earlier in the week. Douglas was Council's Corporate Affairs Manager for many years and was very active in the Arts community and Rotary Gisborne.

### **6. Public Input and Petitions**

#### **6.1 Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs**

Judy Campbell and Carmen Hihi attended and presented on Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

Councillors acknowledged the enormous amount of work being done in this area.

Questions of clarification included:

- Manaaki Tairāwhiti believe that Local Government NZ have gone in the wrong direction when tightening the contract. Locals know the way which works best locally, and this contract has been much more dictorial.
- Manaaki Tairāwhiti has a contract with Matapuna who are working with the hardest to place young people and this is ongoing for six months. The process is to catch up with people following placement. Manaaki Tairāwhiti will be carrying out some ongoing research to check on the difference a programme like this makes so that there is evidence for setting up different types of contracts in the future.
- More important to follow longitudinally as there is not a clear-cut number at the beginning and at the end so watching the ones that are being helped is more efficient.

- Working closely with school Career Advisors. Gisborne Girls High School have a new initiative to support those young people who are beginning to show signs of becoming disengaged. Gisborne Boys High School and Lytton High School have a robust system within their careers advice area.
- The Steering Group consists of Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Education, the Mayor as well as Trust Tairāwhiti through the Trust's Licensed to Work Programme. This programme is a cross sector, business-led initiative designed to respond to business and industry concerns that young people may not be developing the employability skills needed to succeed in the workplace. It is designed for all young people aged between 15 and 24 years old. The connections are all there and there are enough young people that need help, and we all need to be playing a part. The success of this has not been stand-alone it is because of the network created with our partners.
- Waka Kotahi will be approached again regarding driver testing in Tairāwhiti.

## **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 22-143 Our Climate Change Roadmap to 2050**

Dr Magnus Abraham-Dukuma, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change Focus attended via audio visual and Charlotte Knight Strategic Planning Manager attended and answered questions of clarification.

- Difficult to reduce emissions to zero and evidence indicates that you reduce as much as possible and offset any residual emissions. It is not likely that Council will totally change its fleet by 2030. Work is being done on the closed landfill. Paokahu accounts for approximately half the emissions from waste.
- The purchase of carbon credits is not a priority but an option. The priority is focusing on deep decarbonization in areas that we can eg closed landfill.
- Dramatic reductions can be achieved in waste emissions.
- Investment will be made into the technology of capturing gas at the Paokahu Landfill to achieve multiple benefits. Paokahu is an old landfill so may not be able to reduce more than 50%.
- Complementary work is being done to design a Council Emissions Trading Scheme Policy. The outcome of this work will be presented to the Committee.

- The outcome should be purchasing carbon reduction - looking at the biggest emitters in the region and supporting carbon reduction.
- Concern around deforesting the farm which could result in a net loss.
- Would like to see Council working more closely with the wider community sooner than the roadmap indicates at years 2025-2027.

The Chief Executive advised the meeting that it is not uncommon in projects to start with a high-level strategic road map. To achieve ambitious targets, project management discipline is about having a high-level road map to outline the key target points and how to get there. This sets the framework which then drops into the details, and these will be provided to the Committee at the November meeting. It appears there is no appetite for purchasing carbon credits so focus should be on the mid-term objectives. This will allow staff to develop information for the November report. In the absence of this, we are only delaying the timeframes in terms of the 2030 deadline.

- Climate change in the next Long Term Plan will have a large focus.
- Our community is asking Council to show leadership in this area.

Cr Seymour suggested that on page 20 of 33 under the 2028-2032 heading that the wording "Purchase carbon credits to offset our organisation's remaining emissions and become a net-zero organisation by 2030" be removed.

MOVED by Cr Worsnop, seconded by Cr Dowsing:

That the Council:

1. Allows the report lie on the table.

#### **Voting by Division**

##### **For:**

Cr Worsnop  
Cr Burdett  
Cr Dowsing

##### **Against:**

Mayor Stoltz  
Cr Gregory  
Cr Cranston  
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Cr Hughes  
Cr Robinson  
Cr Foster  
Cr Faulkner  
Cr Seymour  
Cr Sheldrake

##### **LOST**

- The road map should include solutions eg changing Council's fleet, cleaner technology, planting mitigations, split gas options, gas capture.
- By considering options that achieve our desired outcomes instead of the target set ie a zero target instead of a net zero target, we are doing our community a far better service.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Faulkner

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Approves the climate change roadmap (Attachment 1), with any suggested edits.

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**For:**

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Cr Gregory  
Cr Cranston  
Cr Foster  
Cr Sheldrake  
Cr Faulkner  
Cr Robinson

**Against:**

Cr Worsnop  
Cr Seymour  
Cr Hughes  
Cr Dowsing  
Cr Burdett

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned at 12.25pm and reconvened at 12.50pm.

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

**11.1 22-156 TRMP Review Programme - Quarterly Update**

Strategic Planning Manager Charlotte Knight and Principal Policy Advisor Janic Slupski attended and answered questions of clarification.

- It is anticipated that with four consultancy firms coming on board including Kereru Consulting who have been working on Motu and Waipuu Catchment Plans, capacity will be increased which will get staff over the line in terms of meeting timeframes. Engagement will be the biggest challenge. COVID-19 has created a hiatus in the Motu Catchment Plan.
- There will be an update on the Freshwater Planning at the September Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee meeting.
- The catchment Plan is an aggregate of both the Pakarae and Waimata Catchments, however the catchment groups will be engaged separately to explore what the vision and values means to the groups respectively. The urban and peri-urban area will be brought into this space as well.

- Te Arai has been identified as a sub-catchment under the Waipaoa Catchment Plan. Staff will be looking at reviewing the Waipaoa Catchment Plan around September/October.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

## **12. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1:00 pm.

Rehette Stoltz

**CHAIR**