

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

MINUTES of the SUSTAINABLE TAIRAWHITI Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 8 September 2022 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Sandra Faulkner, Larry Foster, 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, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Environmental Monitoring & Science Manager Tom Porter, Environmental Monitoring Team Leader Peter Hancock, Senior Policy Advisor Chris Gilmore, Principal Policy Advisor Janic Slupski, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

Secretarial Note: Cr Debbie Gregory attended the meeting via audio visual link.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the apologies from Cr Akuhata-Brown who will leave the meeting at 10.30am and Cr Faulkner for lateness 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 28 July 2022

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Minutes of 28 July 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 2 June 2022

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Minutes of 2 June 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.3 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.4 Governance Work Plan

A report relating to the Cobham School Neighbourhood Play System is on the Operations Agenda for 15 September 2022.

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

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 22-173 Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw Review: Issues and Options

Discussion included:

- Rural residential zoning will more likely become residential.
- The bylaw is the only regulatory tool for Council.
- General clauses will capture general nuisance eg cats.
- The powers laid out in this Bylaw are all that can be applied to a situation unless central government deems worthy of reviewing this.

Secretarial Note: Cr Faulkner arrived at 9.10am.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Worsnop

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Determines a bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the issues arising from the keeping of animals, poultry and bees in Tairāwhiti.
2. Approves review of the Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2012.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 22-186 East Coast Groundwater Monitoring Drilling

Discussion included:

- The Project being run by Aqua Intel Aotearoa (AIA) will complement the work being carried out by Council.
- Private bores are not monitored and quite often they will not meet the standards required for Council to undertake State of the Environment monitoring. Bores around the Waipapu Landfill are however monitored to see what impact the landfill has on the environment.
- To maintain continual access to bores they are being placed on Council owned land and within corridor access.
- Engagement with landowners regarding the use of the helicopter (AIA) has now commenced.
- The Ruatoria Water Supply Plan is going through its own process and is not reliant on the long term State of the Environment monitoring bores to be in place.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.2 22-194 Freshwater Monitoring Review

Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble advised the three Freshwater reports will be taking Councillors through the cycle of monitoring and planning. They are all related to the National direction under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the associated regulations. Jo acknowledged staff for the hard mahi being put into the freshwater area.

Cr Faulkner acknowledged, in particular, the foresight the team have taken into the delivery of the freshwater reports.

Discussion included:

- There is a lot of technical detail around certain laboratory tests that staff can transition towards. Consistency across the regional sector is being looked at and it will be an easy win if we can move towards a consistent set of parameters. Another easy win would be to have 2 people on site which enables the work to be carried out faster.

- Funding is available through the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Freshwater Planning budget to support catchment planning.
- Working through the process and working with the communities will indicate whether there is more that is needed. There is a question around lakes monitoring and the value that would give back to the community and mana whenua.
- Council is carrying the full financial burden, however keen to explore partnering with others, particularly mana whenua, to deliver some of the monitoring work.
- Every river in the region was considered in the report including the Te Arai River.
- Council has a very good working relationship with Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay Regional Council. Our regional boundaries are quite unique.

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Robinson

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.3 22-195 Freshwater Planning Update

Discussion included:

- The Regional Wetland modelling has been completed but mindful it is a desktop exercise and parcels need to be verified in a logical manner. Mindful that the methodology needs to be developed first before the project is rolled out. Will look to carry out ground-truthing once a project plan and engagement plan is in place.
- There is a pragmatic approach taken with regard to fish passage with many barriers to be addressed across the region.
- Further work will be carried out through the catchment planning process and wider korero regarding freshwater particularly as we move up the coast.
- A regional water assessment looking at current supply and demand and also projected supply and demand will feed directly into the freshwater planning and catchment planning work.
- The Te Arai River is its own freshwater management unit and staff will be looking to engage Rongowhakaata iwi and hapu in the near future.
- The Te Arai River is captured in the Waipapa Catchment Plan.
- When the Waipaoa Catchment Plan was developed it included the Taruheru Catchment and the Waikanae Stream. It is recognised that the Taruheru is a very distinct area that needs to be managed more carefully and specifically especially for water quality issues.

- Council's catchment plans are broad areas and include freshwater management units and this is where staff can distinctly focus on the characteristics of a particular water body.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.4 22-197 Freshwater Implementation Update

Discussion included:

- Having good communication with landowners will avoid the duplication of efforts in the farm planning space so material already developed is actually used in the next tranche of work. Staff are engaging with officials from various Government departments to ensure the pathway of integration of plans remains open.
- The timeframes for freshwater farm plans will be different across several tranches of which Gisborne will be one of the first regions to roll out these plans. The Freshwater Farm Plans do not need to be incorporated within the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan.

The Chief Executive advised that in terms of pilot plans they do require intense requirements around resourcing. Maori landowners and incorporations are keen to work in partnership around developing how working together may look like given the significant maori owned land and their involvement in the farming sector.

- The Pilot Plan will need to be rolled out by the end of November 2022. Staff are realistic in terms of the number of farms involved and will be looking at around ten farms to apply the pilot to. Landowners will be contacted in the next couple of weeks. Staff are looking at having a good representation of farms that are typical for our region and will include pastoral and horticultural.
- The intention of the Pilot is to test freshwater farm plan framework to inform the Ministry team. One of the messages will be around resourcing and where the constraints sit including cost.

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, 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 10:07 am.

Nedine Thatcher-Swann
CHIEF EXECUTIVE