

MINUTES



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

MINUTES of the OPERATIONS Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 15 September 2022 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston (Chair), 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 Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Solid Waste Manager Phil Nickerson, Solid Waste Advisor Chloe Howard-Lloyd, Team Leader Planning Tyler Kirk, Asset Manager Infrastructure Simon Jeune, Asset Manager Plant Graham MacLean, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 4 August 2022

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Minutes of 4 August 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

Report 22-178 Peel Street Public Toilets Update: It was questioned if discussion was held at the last meeting on dropping the fees charged for the use of the Bright Street toilets. This will be investigated further by staff.

3.2 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.3 Governance Work Plan

The Swimming Pool Monitoring Programme report will be presented to a future meeting.

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

David Clark presented on the Te Arai Reparation and thanked Councillors and staff who visited the area to view the problem. It was appreciated by the landowners who were also present.

Questions included:

- The suggested work will be less complex than that already completed and is only on one side.
- The Te Arai is part of the Waipaoa Flood Control Scheme and the spend is around \$25k to \$40k depending on the type of work to be done.
- Mr Clark is proposing a joint venture with Council and Opou Station to undertake the work as soon as possible.
- David Pardoe Chair of Ohaka Marae and Soraya Pohatu Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust Environmental Specialist are in full support of the work to be carried out and written confirmation can be obtained should that be necessary.
- There are 12 landowners directly affected.
- Active maintenance to the river system was carried out following the Ngata flood in 1985 with annual maintenance work continuing until approximately 2005.
- At some point approximately \$1.25m needs to be spent to maintain the river.

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

10.1 INFORMATION Reports Infrastructure Services

10.1.1 22-155 Investigative Outcome for Wheelie Bins

Phil Nickerson Solid Waste Manager and Chloe Howard Lloyd Solid Waste Advisor attended and answered the following questions of clarification.

- Following public consultation, options will be considered to reduce waste streams, for example greenwaste disposal.
- The recommended option will be one which is affordable to the community and further options will be pursued for recycling, greenwaste, foodwaste etc.
- The 6% who did not support wheelie bins were not against wheelie bins as a whole, just individual wheelie bins.
- Combining food waste and garden waste is still a work in progress as many composting facilities will not take food waste as it attracts rodents etc.
- A report will be presented to the next Operations Committee and will include consideration of a dedicated recycling option for the outer regions of Tairāwhiti.
- Community groups will be encouraged to continue with their workshops etc.
- The implementation of a wheelie bin system is not only to separate waste but to divert waste going to landfill. Educating our community is important as we want to get the basics right with this system.
- The next report will bring all information together. There is already an existing supply chain in place for our recycling including organics. Discussions with partners on how to deal with organic waste are also happening.
- Through the WasteMinz team and the Ministry for the Environment Council is engaging in conversations nationally and a number of big factors are in place to target big box retailers in solving some of the problem waste streams we have across the country. The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan is to look at the problem waste streams through the solid waste analysis and to target reducing some of these streams.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Hughes

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report and that a preferred option and pricing will be presented in November.

CARRIED

10.1.2 22-206 Solid Waste Update

Questions of clarification included:

- Illegal dumping is ongoing with several hot spots.
- Recreational Services will pick up bags left by the public next to rubbish bins, and this is captured under illegal dumping.
- The river and its distance to the Waiapu Landfill is monitored regularly.
- Illegal dumping in Innes Street is tracked separately. There is a direct correlation between the volume and the cost of illegal dumping.
- In respect to Paokahu Landfill continual conversations are being had with the Trust.
- Discussions with Ministry for the Environment regarding funding for the Resource Recovery Centre are ongoing and considerable assistance has been provided to other regions.
- Depending on the remedial work to be carried out at Paokahu Landfill, resource consent may be required. Larger works at the Paokahu Landfill will require consultation with the community and the Trust. A report will be presented to the Committee following consultation with the Trust to discuss options.
- There is an opportunity to explore the shipping container recycling option during the summer period when the population in the district increases.
- The trial for the collection of E-Waste at the Tairāwhiti Environment Centre is coming to an end and further funding is required from Ministry for the Environment for this to continue.
- Better access to recycling bins at the Waste Management site would be beneficial to commercial operators.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Akuhata-Brown

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.1.3 22-217 Vehicle Fleet Update

Asset Managers Simon Jeune and Graham MacLean attended to answer questions of clarification.

Questions included:

- Council vehicles are sold through Turners Auctions as it is a transparent process. The commission is dependent on the vehicle being sold.

- The use of Council's E-Scooters is encouraged through the summer months and new staff are trained to use them. An electric bike has just been purchased for the Plant & Pest staff.
- All Council vehicles are purchased through the 'All of Government purchasing price' which is a discounted rate. Council needs fit-for-purpose vehicles and vehicles that keep staff safe, and this includes the use of 4-wheel drive vehicles.
- There is nothing on the market to replace the 4-wheel drive vehicles with electric vehicles. Staff are required to complete a business case to clarify the need for a 4-wheel drive vehicle.
- The new stock truck will arrive in November and will be fitted out with an existing crate.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Worsnop

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 10.15am for morning tea and reconvened at 10.30am.

10.2. DECISION Reports Communities

10.2.1 22-201 Tokomaru United Sports Club Lease

Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey and Community Facilities Partnership Advisor Abbe Banks attended to answer questions of clarification:

- A large amount of work is being done regarding leases for community facilities and acknowledge that a number of leases have expired.
- A Principal Advisor has been recruited to assist with the development of a Community Occupancy Policy and prioritisation of the leases that have expired along with the order of the leases moving forward. The policy will inform the way leases are set and the fees to be charged. The processing of leases is continuing in the meantime.
- A key investment principle is maximising efficient use of the buildings.
- 'No further rights of renewal' is included in the lease as Council reserves are governed by the Reserves Act and the maximum amount of time that a fixed lease can be offered on a Council reserve is 33 years. This is often set up as 11 years with two eleven-year rights of renewal.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Hughes

That the Operations Committee:

1. Approves notification of its intent to lease a portion of Hatea-a-Rangi Memorial Park, as required under section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977 to the Tokomaru Bay United Sports Club, for the purpose of community clubrooms and rangatahi zone.

CARRIED

10.3. INFORMATION Reports Communities

10.3.1 22-204 Makorori Master Plan Update

Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey and Team Leader Planning Tyler Kirk attended and answered questions of clarification.

Cr Seymour acknowledged the mahi the Makorori community have done in lobbying for the protection of Makorori Beach.

Questions included:

- Dune restoration is vitally important. The cost for the installation of bollards should not just fall on the ratepayer and should be shared with Waka Kotahi.
- Invitation to attend the Community Reference Group meetings to be extended to Councillors.
- Council has used internal resourcing and connections to engage through Ngati Oneone and then directed to the most appropriate people. Council staff reached out early in the process to Te Runanga o Ngati Porou to give them an overview of the mahi and extended an invitation to workshop it further.
- A challenging area would be the future of vehicles on the beach. There is good alignment around vehicles in the dunes however views are split regarding vehicles on the beach.
- The Master Plan has been budgeted for and is a level of resource similar to other Beach Management Plans eg Lysnar Reserve, Wainui Beach Management Plans.

Mayor Stoltz acknowledged Cr Seymour for the amount of time she has walked with the Makorori residents on this project and extended the acknowledgement to the Makorori residents and Council staff.

Secretarial Note: Cr Worsnop left the meeting at 10.55am.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.3.2 22-122 Cobham School Neighbourhood Play System

Anna Tolich Regional Play Systems Lead and Ranui Maxwell Interim Communication Manager from Healthy Families East Cape attended and spoke about the neighbourhood play system created through Arup an International Design Firm. It focuses on what play look like for our tamariki beyond their letterbox on their way to school. It places tamariki at the centre of the design process.

Questions included:

- The Neighbourhood Play System has now been rolled out across New Zealand. The idea is that each school will have a neighbourhood play system around them that would weave together to create a play layer across the whole region.
- Safer access to facilities at the beachfront including safe access from Stanley Road to the beach and making the beachfront more accessible to these children would need to be included in the Long Term Plan discussions.
- Some pieces of work can be supported through current activities and budget however big-ticket items would require consultation and budget allocation through the next long term plan.
- At the moment this project is being tamariki-led however the Ministry of Education will be involved in the next steps.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: As this will be the final Operations meeting for this triennium, Cr Cranston thanked Co-Chair Larry Forster, staff and all Councillors for their devotion and service to this Committee over the last 3 years.

11. Public Excluded Business

Secretarial Note: These Minutes include a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 14 Public Excluded Business of Council.

12. READMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Operations Committee:

1. Re-admits the public.

CARRIED

13. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:24 am.

Nedine Thatcher-Swann

CHIEF EXECUTIVE