

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.

MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 29 September 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, Acting Director Liveable Communities De-Arne Sutherland, Director Environmental Services & Protection Helen Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Cultural Activities Manager Pene Walsh, Te Kai Arataki Gene Takarua, Senior Advisor Te Rina Whaanga, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Penny Lilburn.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mayor Stoltz and Cr Seymour declared an interest in report 22-221 regarding the War Memorial Theatre Trust Annual Report as they are both trustees.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 11 August 2022

- Kiwa Pools Fees & Charges: There is no annual fee for a subscription to the pools. This is because staff are waiting on feedback from the community and will come back with a report later in the year.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Faulkner

That the Minutes of 11 August 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Confirmation of confidential Minutes 11 August 2022

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Faulkner

That the confidential Minutes of 11 August 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.3 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.4 Governance Work Plan

Noted.

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgments 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 22-222 2021/22 Annual Report and Summary

Chief Executive spoke to the report, followed by a presentation by Directors. Key highlights included:

- The traffic light system caused significant delays due to vaccination mandates, isolation requirements, limits of gatherings and masks.
- There were four emergency weather events which caused around \$26 million worth of damage in terms of infrastructure.
- Council is continuing to engage with central government on changes and other reforms.

- Council ended the year financially strong with gained external grants and subsidies. The Long Term Plan (LTP) calculated 60% would come from rates, however rates accounted for 43% of the income. The debt income is lower than what was expected and very low compared to other councils. Capital investment is \$79 million, although there were some delays which has been impacted over the last year.
- Still on track to finish the significant projects such as Kiwa pools and the wastewater upgrades.
- Council have been brave and bold adopting a 2030 net zero target.
- A significant grant of around \$2.2 million from Ministry of Environment (MfE) was given to Council to support the restoration of the mauri (lifeforce) and ora (health) of the Tūrangānui Estuary System.
- The establishment of Māori Wards was also very significant.

Further discussions included:

- The Drainwise programme is part of the wet weather and dry weather overflow consent. Consents must report to the Wastewater Committee and tangata whenua on how they are tracking their progress, and this is continuously delivered despite who is dealing with it.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council:

1. Adopts the Annual Report and Annual Report Summary for the year ended 30 June 2022 in accordance with s98 of the Local Government Act 2002, subject to minor changes, including formatting, grammatical and typing errors.
2. Signs the Statement of Compliance and Responsibility once adopted.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned 10.05am for morning tea and reconvened 10.21am.

10.2 22-170 Te Tiriti Compass

Discussions included:

- It is a foundational starting point. It sets the platform for questions and discussions around the table for councillors and then has the appropriate framework to answer the conversations and have a basic understanding from the Council.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Akuhata-Brown

That the Council:

1. Adopts the draft Te Tiriti Compass.

CARRIED

10.3 22-210 Mangahauini River Erosion Protection Funding

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Council:

1. Notes the Mangahauini Flood Control Scheme is in a damaged and vulnerable state requiring urgent repair.
2. Notes there is insufficient budget to undertake the required repairs.
3. Approves funding of \$630k for the Mangahauini Flood Control Scheme; includes transfer of \$327k loan from year 4 to year 2 of the 2021-2031 LTP and \$250k of new loan.

CARRIED

10.4 22-225 Appointment of Commissioner as Chair of the District Licensing Committee

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Akuhata-Brown

That the Council:

1. Appoints Pat Seymour as Commissioner to Chair the District Licensing Committee until the end of the current 2019–2024 cycle.

CARRIED

10.5 22-221 Transition to a New Council Following Elections

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Worsnop

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of the report.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 22-214 Tairāwhiti Regional Housing Strategy 2022-2027

The new Regional Housing Strategy has been adopted by Rau Tipu Ora. Council does have several actions within the Housing Strategy which have been identified within the report and an update on staff actions. There will be a regional housing steering committee to oversee how the strategy is rolling out and trying to remove barriers where they exist.

Discussions included:

- For a community to have any input it depends on the location, the scale of the development and the level of change from the existing character of the neighbourhood. Some will be notified, and others will not be if it is stated that that particular neighbourhood will only be minorly effected.
- There will be improvements to the existing plan through the LTP review. The Ministry of Environment are transitioning to the new acts with different tranches, and it is currently not known where Gisborne District Council sits within these tranches.

- Under the new RMA the plan will have to be revisited in the next ten years. The biggest change will be the regional spacing strategy which will be the first step in transitioning to the new reform and any involvement that central government will have will occur in that process. From then, will see if there are any changes needed, or if it is just transitioning to a new format.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

12. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Elected Members Reports for INFORMATION

12.1 22-226 War Memorial Theatre Trust Annual Report

Councillor Seymour spoke to the report. The War Memorial has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council and under that MOU are required to report to Council.

Discussions included:

- Have funded \$66,000 for improvements and installation of heat pumps to the War Memorial Theatre.
- Acknowledgments to Cr Seymour for the huge amount of money that was raised for the theatres.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: All councillors paid tribute to Cr Seymour on her long-standing dedication to Council, her readiness to help others and her incredible knowledge of the region and she will be sorely missed at the Gisborne District Council table.

13. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:27 am.

Nedine Thatcher-Swann
CHIEF EXECUTIVE