

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Andy Cranston (Chair), Colin Alder, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Aubrey Ria, Tony Robinson, Rob Telfer, Teddy Thompson, Rhona Tibble, Nick Tupara, Josh Wharehinga and Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz.

MINUTES of the OPERATIONS - ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES/NGĀ WHAKAMAHI - TE TAI AO ME NGĀ HAPORI Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 12:30PM.

PRESENT:

Andy Cranston (Chair), Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Colin Alder, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Aubrey Ria, Tony Robinson, Rob Telfer, Daniel Thompson, Nick Tupara and Josh Wharehinga.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Internal Partnerships James Baty, Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Director Engagement & Maori Responsiveness Anita Reedy-Holthausen, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Penny Lilburn.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Parata

That the apologies from Cr Tibble be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Governance Work Plan

The Governance Work Plan will be updated and split into the two separate committees, and separate colours will be used to help deter between the two agendas.

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. 22-248 Allocation of the Natural Heritage Fund

Michele Frey spoke to the report. Discussions included:

- The series of applicants are taken through the assessment criteria (which is in the report appendix) and are then in communication with staff to sort out the extent to which the projects can be funded and how this impacts the Natural Heritage. It is followed up by discussions with the landowners and then moves to a council officers' assessment.
- The fund is promoted through the Council website, the Gisborne Herald, and the E-newsletter. The rural roadshow would also be a great way to communicate this to the rural areas.
- This is an external fund that the communities can apply for. There are other avenues beyond Council that community groups can apply for additional funding if they wish.
- To increase funds for the Natural Heritage fund, it would be through the Long-Term Plan process.

MOVED by Cr Telfer, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Operations Committee:

1. Approves the Natural Heritage Fund allocations be granted as follows:

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| • Journey's End Station Feral Cat Trapping Project | \$7,300 |
| • Moanui Station Whio Project | \$8,400 |
| • Riverpoint Road - Maungarongo Wetland Margin Project | \$6,200 |
| • Te Aroha Bush PMA Fencing Project | \$20,000 |
| • Mangaparae Papakainga Restoration Project | \$8,000 |
| • Kotare Station Kahikatea Fencing Project | \$8,000 |
| • Monowai Station Wetland Project | \$15,000 |

• Riverton Orchard- Maungarongo Wetland Margin Project	\$10,000
• Aerial Station Fencing Project	\$10,000
• Eastwoodhill Arboretum Riparian Project	\$8,200
• Te Arai River Riparian Project	\$8,000
• Haunui Station Wetland Restoration Project	\$8,000
• Hillview Station Fencing Project	\$8,000
• Ahititi Station QEII Weed Control Project	\$900
• Whangara Farms Revegetation Project	\$5,000
• Hikutai Station Waikohu River Riparian Project	\$7,000
• Anaura Inc. Planting Project	\$2,000

CARRIED

10.2. 22-275 Appointment of the Deputy Chairperson of Operations - Environment & Communities

- Cr Cranston nominated Cr Ria.

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

That the Operations Committee:

1. Appoints Councillor Ria to be Deputy Chair who received the majority of votes from members present and voting.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 22-271 Land Overlay 3A and Sustainable Hill Country Project

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Ria

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.2 22-268 Our Air Tairāwhiti 2022 - Review of Winter Air Quality and Consideration of New Research

Discussions included:

- This problem will be addressed through the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Review and have a designated air shed for the urban part of Gisborne city. The next step will be to resolve the air quality problems, which will be a difficult issue to solve as a lot of the bad quality is associated with the use of home heating.

MOVED by Cr Ria, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Operations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1:03 pm.

Andy Cranston
CHAIR