

MINUTES



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

MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL/TE KAUNIHERA

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Meeting Room), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 14 March 2024 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Acting Director Lifelines Dave Hadfield, Director Internal Partnerships & Protection James Baty, Director Liveable Communities Michele Frey, Director Engagement & Maori Partnerships Anita Reedy-Holthausen, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Director Sustainable Futures Jo Noble, Chief Advisor - Māori Gene Takurua, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jessica Taylor.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai, seconded by Cr Gregory

That the apologies from Cr Tibble and lateness for Cr Parata 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 25 January 2024

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Telfer

That the Minutes of 25 January 2024 be accepted. **CARRIED**

3.2. Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes 25 January 2024

MOVED by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai, seconded by Cr Cranston
That the Minutes of 25 January 2024 be accepted.

CARRIED

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 and 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.

Secretarial Note Items were heard out of the order described in the agenda. For ease of reference the Minutes have been recorded in agenda order.

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

10.1 24-15 Draft Development Contributions Policy for Three Year Plan Consultation

Secretarial Note: Cr Parata arrived at 9:10am.

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Gregory

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Approves the draft Development Contributions Policy (Attachment 1) for consultation as part of the Three Year Plan Consultation Document, subject to any amendments required to reflect Council decisions made as part of the development of the Three Year Plan.

CARRIED

10.2. 24-26 Tairāwhiti Future Development Strategy 2024 -2054

- In relation to the valves having to be opened, this is due to the inundation of extraordinary rainfall. Director of Lifelines Tim Barry adds that Gisborne has capacity for six times the dry weather flow. There's also no other system in New Zealand that doesn't have overflows in it. The incremental work that DrainWise has been doing is addressing this issue.
- Ngati Oneone is unaware of the redevelopment to the water reservoir on Nob Hill that has been earmarked in the Future Development Strategy for \$14.5m.
- There's little mention of a managed retreat in the Future Development Strategy.

Secretarial note: Cr Robinson and Cr Thompson voted against the recommendations and requested that this be recorded.

MOVED by Cr Parata, seconded by Cr Gregory that the recommendations be amended as follows:

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Notes the contents of this Report regarding recent consultation on the Draft Future Development Strategy including the analysis of the submissions received (Attachment 1).
2. Receives the submissions to the Draft Future Development Strategy in Attachment 2 to this report.
3. Adopt the Final Tairāwhiti Future Development Strategy (attached as Attachment 3).
4. Directs staff to develop a draft master plan for Kaiti with Kaiti within the next 12 months.

CARRIED

10.3 24-61 Three Year Plan (2024-2027) Engagement Plan and Consultation Document

- It was noted that staff need to use the terms mana whenua and tāngata whenua consistently as it has been raised before and it seems staff aren't on the same page with what the meanings are.
- Councillors wanted clarification on paragraph 10, page 222 to be clarified as: "The options in the CD highlight that there may be some changes to the levels of service following a review of the roading network where it may mean that instead of sealed roads in some areas, we transition some roads to unsealed roads."

Secretarial note: Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:00am and reconvened at 10:15am.

MOVED by Cr Parata, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Approves the draft Consultation Document for formal consultation from 20 March to 19 April 2024.
2. Adopts Gisborne District Council's 2024–2027 Three Year Plan Consultation Document – subject to any minor changes.

CARRIED

10.4 24-45 Establishment of a Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Committee

- Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher-Swann and Director of Sustainable Futures Jo Noble suggested to add another recommendation: "Directs the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan (TRMP) Committee appoints two Independent Commissioners to the Committee."
- The Independent Commissioners must have the appropriate skills, attributes, and knowledge to assist the Committee and be accredited under the Making Good Decisions Programme.
- Councillors voted unanimously to replace Cr Tupara with Cr Wharehinga in the TRMP Committee.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Robinson that the recommendations be amended as follows:

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Agrees to establish the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Committee as a Council-only committee, noting that seats remain available to iwi if they choose to exercise their right to participate.
2. Reconfirms the membership of the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Committee currently being Colin Alder, Larry Foster, Rawinia Parata, Aubrey Ria, and Josh Wharehinga with Mayor Rehette Stoltz as Chair.
3. Requests that the Delegation Manual be updated to include the Terms of Reference for the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Committee (Attachment 1) subject to any changes that have been agreed to by Council and be reported back for adoption by Council.
4. Directs the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Committee to appoint two Independent Commissioners to the committee.

CARRIED

10.5 24-68 Proposed Changes to Committee Structures

MOVED by Cr Robinson, seconded by Cr Thompson

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Approves changing the Appointments Committee to a committee of the whole.
2. Appoints Councillor Larry Foster to the Audit & Risk Committee.
3. Removes Councillor Rhonda Tibble from the Gisborne District Sister Cities Committee Incorporated.
4. Instructs the Chief Executive to update the Delegation Manual and Terms of Reference to reflect these changes if adopted.

CARRIED

10.6 24-69 Category 2P: Elevating Tairāwhiti Policy

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Adopts the Category 2P: Elevate Tairāwhiti Policy (Attachment 1).
2. Notes the Chief Executive will have delegated authority to make decisions implementing the Policy.
3. Notes that the Policy has been approved by Central Government (via CIP).
4. Notes the Elevate Tairāwhiti Fund will commence upon funding released by CIP as per the approval of the Policy.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 24-28 Chief Executive Activity Report March 2024

Secretarial note: Meeting adjourned at 11:30am and reconvened at 11:35am.

- Nedine updated Council about central government agreeing to suspend the requirement for Councils to comply with the Significant Natural Area provisions of the National Policy Statement of Indigenous Biodiversity for 3 years while it replaces the Resource Management Act.
- Cr Parata declared an interest as she's mentioned in the Ruatoria update for Community Facilities on page 309 of the agenda.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Robinson

That the Council/Te Kaunihera:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12:10 pm.

Rehette Stoltz

CHAIR