

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Rob Telfer

MINUTES of the CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP/KAIWHAKAHAERE OHOTATA WHAKAMARU TŪMATANUI

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Meeting Room), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Debbie Gregory, Ani Pahuru-Huriwai, Rawinia Parata, Rob Telfer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Engagement & Maori Responsiveness Anita Reedy-Holthausen, Emergency Management Advisor - Intelligence and Information Systems - Kumeroa Papuni-Tuhaka, Emergency Management Advisor - Operations and Readiness Marcus Tibble, Emergency Management Group Manager Ben Green, CDEM Emergency Management Advisor - Welfare Dallas Haynes, Principal Scientist Dr Murry Cave, Cr Colin Alder, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Charlotte Taylor.

Secretarial note: The meeting commenced at 9am and was then adjourned until 9.15am to allow time for Mayor Stoltz and Cr Parata to attend.

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 22 February 2023

MOVED by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai, seconded by Cr Parata

That the Minutes of 22 February 2023 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

Item 11.1 Request for funding is underway for a full fit-out of the Emergency Co-ordination Centre – Emergency Management Group Manager will keep Councillors updated.

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 23-56 Hazards of Mud Volcanoes

Principal Scientist Dr Murry Cave attended.

- Total number of dwellings affected needs to be counted and owners might not know - unless they have investigated it themselves.
- In the event of a significant earthquake the risk elevates.
- Mud volcanoes are not everywhere, they only occur on the specific structure that is mapped out. The number of dwellings affected is about 11, with a few more in existence but they are not too close to a dwelling so are not considered an issue from that point of view.
- Highest likelihood where these might occur in the future is in the coastal zone - (figure 2 - green areas), the likelihood of a mud volcano eruption anywhere else is very low.
- Have not seen individual costs to landowners - there is just an internal process to report on LIMs. The insurance cost risk associated is assumed to be a lot less than that of landslides and flooding etc.
- There have been instances where a section 134 Notice under the Building Act appears on a property title in relation to mud volcanoes. This will automatically go onto a LIM. When reviewing it was decided that a section 134 notice (a dangerous building notice) was not required. Where we have had that situation, we have discussed with those landowners affected and if they agree, we will withdraw the section 134, and replace it with a LIM notice instead. So far people have seemed happy with this as the approach, and where we have the greatest activity - which is the Waimata Valley, we have engaged with landowners, and they are aware to look for the signs that there may be something happening.
- Purpose of a LIM is to outline hazards we are aware of - its based on scientific information and is not a consultation process that Council goes through.

- Could be some difficulty with evacuation procedures because mud volcanoes seem to happen rapidly, they probably would have no warning before eruption. These events usually occur during or after a significant earthquake so response would likely be part of a CDEM response.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Gregory

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group/Kaiwhakahaere Ohotata Whakamaru Tūmatanui:

1. Notes that it is proposed to add mud volcano data to LIM reports for affected dwellings in the Wheatstone Road area, in the vicinity of Knapdale, and certain properties in the Waimata Valley and between Pouawa and Tolaga Bay.

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11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 23-120 Tairāwhiti Recovery Plan

Group Manager Recovery Anita Reedy-Holthausen joined by audio visual link.

- Developing the Minister's budget recovery plan was a collaborative process to inform the budget, and this was asked for urgently through an independent advisor, Te Rau Kupenga. While the budget has been announced and some funding allocated - we are, like other councils and local government agencies, working through the budget information and assessing the alignment with what we have been provided and what has been announced. As part of the next steps, we will be working towards clarifying this, and future budget processes to get some clarity around how we access the critical funding.
- The regular fortnightly updates that we prepare will continue to be shared with Councillors as we work towards our recovery journey. These updates will continue to be refined as we find better ways to communicate and structure our reports. What this document does provide, however, is a plan and a reference point for the work that we need to continue to do in terms of enabling a safe, protected and connected community while we gear up for our collective impact, and sort timeframes for engagement and the development of community plans. The money that we are asking for is big, and so is the money that is required by other Councils.
- We are working through a collective impact model which is referenced in the plan. What that is enabling us to do is to work together as agencies and one voice to help communities to develop those community led plans. We are testing that approach with Ngai Tāmanuhiri and working towards developing timelines. We are also working with Iwi Chief Executives to formulate the process, and in the next update we hope to have indicative timelines around when we intend to go out to the community to engage.
- Rau Tipu Rau Ora (RTRO) invited us to present, and what came out of that discussion was an understanding that we are all developing our recovery plans, but also a commitment to share at an appropriate time so plans can be aligned.

- We are still committed to working towards ensuring that we support any Iwi led plans. We understand that they are all at different stages, and that some require assistance which is why we are wrapping around Ngai Tāmanuhiri. At some stage we will have to look at the opportunities that each of the plans present in terms of how we then access future funding. So, there is still work to do in terms of making sure that we are all on the same page.
- Outcome should be that iwi, hapu, whanāu feel empowered through engagement and not exhausted.

MOVED by Cr Gregory, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group/Kaiwhakahaere Ohotata Whakamaru Tūmatanui:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.2 23-77 Civil Defence Emergency Management Manager's Report

Emergency Management Group Manager Ben Green attended.

- Key focus since Cyclone Gabrielle is on readiness and communicating with whanāu on how to be prepared in these emergency scenarios.
- Cyclones are severe but are not considered a catastrophic event.
- At the moment there is not a plan to do a training roadshow at Te Karaka, but we are optimistic we will be able to get there in the future.
- There were two surveys - one for public and one for Councillors, there are about 280+ submissions now but once it is complete there will be a report on the results.
- There is an opportunity for the Welfare Manager to connect with Recovery and make sure that we are identifying whanāu that are continuing to be isolated and facing hardship and need support.

MOVED by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group/Kaiwhakahaere Ohotata Whakamaru Tūmatanui:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

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11.3 23-48 Trifecta Review Programme Overview

Special Projects Manager Yvette Kinsella attended.

- There will be a short timeframe for input if it goes before elections. All the material is ready to go, and just waiting on the Ministers decisions.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group/Kaiwhakahaere Ohotata Whakamaru Tūmatanui:

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11.4 23-122 Cyclone Gabrielle Timeline 13 February – 14 March 2023

- We have volunteers who assist our community in instances of weather watches, warnings, and events.
- Prior to Cyclone Gabriele and previous events cellular coverage was limited, our digital radio coverage has black spots, and analog radio still does not have 100% coverage across the whole rohe. Part of working with NEMA in the operational system space is that Starlinks do play a part and we need to be looking at the integration and making it effective, particularly if we experience another significant event. At the end of Gabrielle, 90% of New Zealand's Starlink bandwidth was coming into the East coast - that is how many units had come into Hawkes Bay and Tairāwhiti.
- In terms of readiness, if we were heading into an orange to red event, or an event of any sort of critical concern part of the preparation is down to activating now in lieu of trying to activate during the event.

The Mayor and Committee acknowledged Dave Wilson for his time as CDEM Group Controller.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group/Kaiwhakahaere Ohotata Whakamaru Tūmatanui:

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12. Public Excluded Business

Secretarial Note: These Minutes include a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 12 Public Excluded Business of Council.

13. READMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

That the Council:

1. re-admits the public.

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14. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:04 am.

Rehette Stoltz

MAYOR