

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 CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 27 July 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, Civil Defence & Emergency Manager Ben Green, Principal Scientist Dr Murry Cave, NEMA Planning & Sector Partnerships Manager Ian Wilson, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Penny Lilburn.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Secretarial Note: Cr Akuhata-Brown attended via audio link.

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 11 May 2022

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Minutes of 11 May 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.3 Governance Work Plan

Noted.

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. Committee Recommendations to Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

10.1 22-165 Committee Recommendations to Civil Defence Emergency Management – June 2022

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group:

1. Adopts the recommendations from the Coordinating Executive Group:
 - a) Appoints Ben Green initially as an Alternate Controller and upon completion of pre-requisite training to appoint Mr Green as the Group Controller.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 22-151 Tairāwhiti Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Report – 27 July 2022

Ben Green spoke to this report. Questions of clarification included:

- At the national level, a discussion was held over the ambiguity of using a 9-magnitude earthquake for the Hikurangi Subduction Workshop. The findings were that it was best for a community understanding, particularly for Tairāwhiti, that the magnitude sits at such a high number.
 - Relating to the Tairāwhiti Regional Recovery Update, the Enhanced Taskforce Green is not run by Council, but Rural Support and Ministry of Social Development and so staff are unaware of how much money remains. However, if the budget does run out there is ability to ask for more money if there is reason.
 - The Mayoral Relief Fund is closed to new applicants as all money is currently committed.
 - The satellite imagery from flooding relied on external funding and the price to attain the high-resolution imagery was around \$180,000 plus, which was not feasible. In the meantime, staff have engaged with GNS to use lower resolution data to assess and narrow down the areas to focus on. This has been circulated internally to gain comments for the next steps. One third of the area that staff are interested in has been utilised on Google Earth and the anticipation is that the other two strips on either side of it, will also soon be available on Google Earth.
 - Under point 14 – The review of Arrows and the flood modelling tool comes from the Stormwater team and largely relies on muscle memory for how the different catchments respond to different land uses. The Arrows looks at a rivers response over time to a rain event and uses the memory from the events that have been occurring recently and updates them as they are happening. It depends largely around water volume and how far the rivers rise and fall.
 - Forested land speeds up the process of water flow which needs to be taken into account for Arrows.
 - On Page 8 of SITREP Report, staff are still waiting on flood modelling to show where the flow of water is through the red stickered properties. The draft report from Tonkin and Taylor has been received and a team have visited Tokomaru Bay for clarification and expansion on some points. A key issue is whether raising the affected house floors is enough from a hazard risk assessment point of view as in a flood event there is the issue of flow velocity.
 - Modification of properties in Arthur Street may have an effect on school and properties on the other roads and comments will go back to Tonkin and Taylor tomorrow for internal feedback which will lead to a meeting to finalise the next steps.
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- EQC no longer deal directly with property owners as delegated authority is now with the insurers. Twelve months on there are houses which are still unlivable. Staff have acknowledged that the new model is problematic, and Sarah Knox has been contacted directly by the Group Recovery manager.
- Not all the properties are affected by flooding, some are from landslide risk as well.
- There is no plan or funding for drainage in Tokomaru Bay currently. There will need to be an independent review for that work before coming to councillors.
- The Emergency Coordination Centre proceeded through the public consultation and all things going to plan with consent processes, the project build will begin in September.
- The Emergency Coordination Centre will cost more than the original million-dollar budget. Lifelines Director David Wilson and Civil Defence Emergency Manager Ben Green are working with the Architect and will report back on what this figure will look like. It will be largely the fit-out cost that is pushing the budget.
- Gisborne-Tairāwhiti have been awarded two Resilience fund grants that are underway with the first purchase of containers already been distributed across the region. This is Phase 1 of a phase 3 project.
- The Regulatory Framework Review Programme (Trifecta) was commenced last year but due to the review of the Act and the development of the Group Plan it has been delayed.
- Acknowledge the work of the volunteer group up the coast, recovery takes months and thanks to the community for their resilience.

Ian Wilson:

- Monitoring and Response unit were activated on 24 July 2022 which is a 24/7 unit within the NEMA office. Notifications and alerts will now get out a lot quicker.
 - A Group Charter has been developed between NEMA and the Civil Defence Groups to create a joint understanding and workplan between the organisations. This is to ensure both groups are marching in the right direction and that both organisations balance and support each other.
 - Tairāwhiti has had five or six events in the last few years, and it places a huge amount of stress, not just on this group but nationally as well, especially in a COVID era. Groups are working with the organisation 'Hummingly' to produce a toolkit and wellness structure to address staff burnout and staff wellbeing.
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- Floods are our major risk in New Zealand and NEMA have created two campaigns. The first one is "Get the Flood out' to discourage people from entering waters and targeted at t5he high risk people. The second one is the 'Flood Waters are Deep' and is a harder hitting campaign.
- In Tairāwhiti a lot of rescuers tends to be members of the public, could this campaign discourage people from rescuing others. There is a component of the campaign directly targeted to volunteers and rescuers.

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

12. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9:52 am.

Nedine Thatcher-Swann
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
