

# MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz (Chair), Josh Wharehinga (Deputy Chair), 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

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## MINUTES of the SUSTAINABLE TAIRAWHITI /TOITŪ TAIRĀWHITI Committee

**Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Meeting Room), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 28 February 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, Daniel Thompson, Josh Wharehinga.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Internal Partnerships & Protection James Baty, Director Engagement & Maori Partnerships Anita Reedy-Holthausen, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Director Sustainable Futures Jo Noble, Strategic Planning Manager Charlotte Knight, Policy Advisor Makarand Rodge, Principal Policy Advisor Janic Slupski, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Jill Simpson.

**Secretarial Note:** Cr Cranston, Cr Pahuru-Huriwai and Chief Advisor-Maori Gene Takurua attended the meeting via audio visual link.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

### 1. Apologies

MOVED by Mayor Stoltz, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the apologies from Cr Parata, Cr Telfer, Cr Tibble, Cr Tupara be sustained.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cr Alder declared an interest in report 24-14 Draft Infrastructure for 10 Year Plan Consultation regarding the Te Arai.

### **3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes**

#### **3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 29 November 2023**

MOVED by Cr Ria, seconded by Cr Thompson

That the Minutes of 29 November 2023 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.2 Action Register**

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. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION**

### **10.1 24-35 Local Alcohol Policy - Approval to Consult**

Director Sustainable Tairāwhiti Jo Noble and Policy Advisor Makarand Rodge attended.

**Secretarial Note:** Cr Parata arrived at 9.08am.

Discussion points included encourage bar/restaurant/cafe owners to submit on the Policy in order to structure a Policy that is local; encourage youngsters to learn good coping strategies and behaviours; consider a QR code; rangitahi voice important and concerns are they may not be heard as the consultation process is not accessible or familiar to them; CBD's renowned for restaurants, bars and cafes and should not be hindered by sensitive sites; concerns around restaurant classes; restaurant industry important to the vibrancy of our town; purchasing alcohol to take away is where the problems lie; let the region tell us what is appropriate, stop normalising the culture of drinking; closing bars at 12am will have an impact on the future of establishments; reduction of hours should be at the earlier time in relation to sensitive sites, and rewording of some clauses in the Policy.

Director Sustainable Tairāwhiti clarified that the change of hours was limited to cafe and restaurants.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Parata

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti/Toitū Tairāwhiti Committee amend the recommendations as follows:

1. Adopts the Statement of Proposal including the Draft Local Alcohol Policy 2024 for consultation using the special consultative procedure.

**CARRIED**

## **10.2 24-14 Draft Infrastructure Strategy for Ten Year Plan Consultation**

Strategic Planning Manager Charlotte Knight attended.

Councillor's questions of clarification included:

- While the strategic outlook for our region may be focusing on water supply to the city, there is a wide lens across the entire region. There is also further work being done around water demand. It was also requested that consideration be given to clean drinking water for our rural areas.
- The Infrastructure Strategy outlines the significant infrastructure in 3 Waters, Roading and major facilities which are specific lists that Council is required to provide for. Key challenges have been identified in terms of affordability and recovery. There are other plans eg Emergency Management Plan, Business Continuity Plan that are available in terms of managing future events.
- In terms of the Three Year Recovery Plan it has been made clear that Council can only do so much and there would be no additional programmes or projects unless they were externally funded with sufficient resourcing.
- In a normal Long Term Plan process there is early engagement, and this would be the opportunity to workshop etc and identify the community's priorities.
- There are a variety of tools we use in the early engagement process to help identify actual priorities for our community. For the Three Year Recovery Plan there is a more conservative approach in terms of how we consult. The Consultation Document will allow Council to simplify it to a level that is accessible to our community.
- Unofficially the Infrastructure Strategy is given to the Auditors and their feedback is taken into consideration.
- There is a document on Council's website dealing with Pruning and Removal of Public Trees.
- Council committed to the spending of \$6.5m on enhancement of the Kiwa Pools to unlock \$40m provided by Central Government.
- The Waingake Transformation Programme is ongoing as the land needs continual maintenance eg pest control. Replanting is the biggest expense over a ten year period and then reduces down to a maintenance level.
- Te Arai comes under the Flood Resilience Works for Identified FOSAL areas.

MOVED by Cr Parata, seconded by Mayor Stoltz

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti /Toitū Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Adopts the content of the draft 2024 Infrastructure Strategy for consultation, subject to any amendments required to reflect Council decisions made as part of the development of the Three Year Plan.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make any immaterial changes prior to the consultation period e.g. formatting, grammar.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned at 10.15am for morning tea and reconvened at 10.30am.

### **10.3 24-50 2024-2027 Draft Financial Strategy**

Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman attended.

Questions included:

- In terms of the 7.5% cuts, they are public sector cuts and are required to be made operationally.
- Council's FOSAL Category 3 residential property buyouts is ongoing, and updates will be provided.

MOVED by Cr Alder, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti /Toitū Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Adopts the content of the draft 2024-2027 Financial Strategy for consultation, subject to any amendments required to reflect Council decisions made as part of the development of the 2024-2027 Three Year Plan and 2024-2027 Consultation Document.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make any immaterial changes prior to the consultation period e.g. formatting, grammar.

**CARRIED**

## **11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION**

### **11.1 24-36 Tairāwhiti Climate Adaptation Planning Project: Community Case Studies Research Report**

Manu Caddie, Dr Terry Loomis, Harley Dibble, and members of Koi Tu (The Centre for Informed Communities University of Auckland) Dr Anne Bardsley (Deputy Director) and Kristiann Allen (Associate Director) attended and presented on the Deliberative Democracy Project.

Dr Loomis presented on the Deliberative Democracy for Climate Adaptation Project and Councillors questions of clarification following included:

- No random sample survey was carried out. Finding data to use for small community interview sessions was difficult. Many communities were still in a massive state of disrepair and trauma following Cyclone Gabrielle, and out of respect for those communities still recovering, they were not part of the selection process criteria.

- Findings from the disability community were light as there were challenges around finding people comfortable with being interviewed. Networking was used to try and get people involved and discussions have been held around alternative methods for involvement.

Dr Anne Bardsley and Kristiann Allen presented on Deliberative Approaches to Public Engagement and questions of clarification included:

- The deliberative approach works by randomly selecting members of the community to create a citizen assembly, which demographically represents the region.
- Part of the kaupapa is to go beyond just the interested groups.
- Ensure advertising reaches all people and done in a way that all communities find it accessible and approachable. There are many different approaches that can be used.

MOVED by Cr Ria, seconded by Cr Parata

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti /Toitū Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

## **11.2 24-13 Seabed Survey of Tūranganui-a-Kiwa/Poverty Bay**

Bradley Cooper, Senior Hydrographic Surveyor (Geospatial Specialist) from Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand attended via audio visual link and presented on Hydrography - Powering Science and Regional Development

Questions of clarification included:

- The use of Sonar will pick up any woody debris that may be on the seabed. Twelve months from receiving data maps should be updated. The mechanism called 'Notes to Mariners' can be used to update information sooner should there be more urgency.
- One of the data sets used can contribute to identifying the impact on marine life. It may be only a small part of the puzzle.

MOVED by Mayor Stoltz, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti /Toitū Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

## **11.3 24-31 Progress Update - Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use, Forestry Plan Change, Forestry Consent Conditions**

Principal Policy Advisor Janic Slupski attended and advised that staff are collaborating with Eastland Wood Council to focus on an 'all of forestry lifecycle' to managing forestry activities within a catchment context. This will involve looking at best practice forestry activities. The structure of harvest activities will be looked at to minimise the effects on the receiving environment.

Staff are also looking at Land Overlay 3B mapping using data generated prior to Cyclone Gabrielle around landslide susceptibility. The worst eroding land across the region will be identified and conversations will be had with the forestry sector around more permanent and stable sustainable vegetation. This is land fundamentally not suitable for forestry.

A morphometric connectivity model will be used to identify where erosion is generating sediment which finds its way into waterways.

Questions of clarification included:

- With regard to sedimentation of waterways the first thing to look at is transition ie land that can be moved out of forestry and potentially farming, into permanent native vegetation. In a catchment context it is important to have the right land uses in the right places including permanent vegetation to attenuate storm flows.
- There has been positive engagement with the Ministerial appointees, however, there has been no positive outcomes for the work programmes.

Director Sustainable Futures Jo Noble advised that this is a good linkage with the work that the Deliberative Democracy team are undertaking in terms of climate adaptation. Despite all the changes that can be made, there will be times when the water overtops the riverbanks.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Ria

That the Sustainable Tairāwhiti /Toitū Tairāwhiti Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

## **12. Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12:16 pm.

Rehette Stoltz

**MAYOR**