

MINUTES



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

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

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 1:00PM.

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 Internal Partnerships James Baty, NEMA Regional Management Emergency Advisor Ian Wilson, Civil Defense and Emergency Manager Ben Green, Emergency Management Advisor Marcus Tibble, Emergency Management Advisor Kumeroa Papuni-Tuhaka, Emergency Management Advisor Dallas Haynes, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Penny Lilburn.

The meeting commenced with a karakia.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Action Sheet and Governance Work Plan

3.1 Action Sheet

Item 11.1: As at 21 November 2022, Resource Consent has yet to be approved. As such, budget will be consolidated post the consent being approved given there may be consent conditions to meet.

3.2 Governance Work Plan

Noted.

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Thank you to Ian Smith for his service and participation as a community advisor over the past twenty years.

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 INFORMATION

10.1 22-240 CDEM Group Report 23 November 2022

Secretarial Note: Chief Executive presented an introduction and refresher of the Civil Defence Emergency Group.

Secretarial Note: Her Worship the Mayor thanked Ian Smith for his twenty years as a community link in the Waikohu area. She awarded him a certificate and he spoke his thanks to the Council.

Hikurangi Magnitude Planning Workshop

The Workshop was held on the 19-24 September 2022. It was a regional focus workshop on a Hikurangi magnitude 9 earthquake and tsunami. There were roughly 70 people from 29 organisations that attended. The main emphasis was on the urban area which had the most complex planning scenario in terms of emergency disaster planning. It was focused on the highest populated center, the city Turanganui-a-Kiwa. The reason for not having a rural process was due to the Marae resilience and preparedness project taking over risk planning for rural and are currently in the resourcing phase for the rest of the region. As a result of running this, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) staff were involved and part of the planning. On page seven, one of the readiness messages is the shakeout campaign, which is a National and International event. The Shakeout campaign showed there was a very good level of preparedness and awareness of the hazard with engagement (in a regional sense) at 23% per capita.

Further clarifications included:

- The tsunami maps largely represent the fracture of the Hikurangi trench and that is the basis for the container project. The first seven containers are going out to Ngati Porou where there is high susceptibility. The focus of the planning is around critical post incident impact where the emergency disaster planning then kicks in.

Tairāwhiti Marae Preparedness and Resilience Project

Work is gaining momentum with the Marae resilience project and a workshop will be produced in the New Year. Are currently in the procurement phase for the Marae project and lots of other regions are looking at the plans for implementation. The delivery of putting the containers into the region is looking to be around the first quarter of next year so that the whanau groups will be able to touch and see what the kaupapa is about. Ngati Porou are putting another 20ft container with non-perishable foods in the coastal areas.

Further clarifications included:

- The container project is based around the locations of the Tsunami zone.
- It is a great project for the coast and councillors congratulate staff for the massive mahi taken into this project and the inclusion of Iwi and Hapu.
- The containers are for everyone and not just whanau Māori and this should be communicated to the community.

Readiness and Research

Discussions included:

- The fault mapping has been completed across the region for fault lines and creates a detailed picture of where the risk areas are, particularly around infrastructure. Has been signed off as a draft and looking at presenting to the group at further notice on how to apply that in the planning sense.
- There are a number of workstreams for critical risks and hazards, one of which is the high intensity storm modelling and how well that can ensure the accuracy of the data and will be looking to upgrade the high intensity rainfall data.
- On the back of the numerous weather events, the rapid analysis of flood spread and landslide distribution is quite confronting for many people. Seeing first-hand the impact of what cumulates the events and the way they've been impacting the region, both in terms of communities and infrastructure.
- Prior to the November event there was a study by Auckland University on landslide susceptibility which is in the final stage to coming back to staff.
- A lot of the hazards are found in the Gisborne District Council maps, mostly for the community so that they are aware.

NEMA Updates

As a region, have started the bones on a tsunami evacuation zone and bringing this into the workstream of 2023, with a training event in March/April which will include both NEMA and science planners. NEMA now manage a 24/7 alert center that runs full time in Wellington. This was built on the challenges that came from the 5 March tsunami and earthquake and is designed to cut down the consultation time with GNS and other sites. NEMA has been through a significant expansion of people from 50 to 180 staff. Due to this we are seeing the benefit of the products that NEMA are producing and the pushing of the national campaigns. One of these campaigns is the trifacta programme (which is the legislative reform in the CDEM act), the National plan and the National Disaster Resilience Strategy. The CDEM Group will take references from these campaigns and aim to use them in their own Group plan which will be presented in the New Year. It will clearly outline the national functions alongside the regional and local functions, but the planning has slowed down due to the catastrophic planning. It will also pull in what the council views are in the plan, councillor roles and functions and what councillors can be helped with.

- On Page 9, regarding the report by the Department of Internal Affairs on vulnerable communities, it is making its way through Central Government and will know more about funding in the early New Year.

Other discussions included:

- Have built capacity internally with the community links and can now link the welfare section into the response, for a more accurate report back to the group.
- Have a full team of staff, however possibly looking at a recovery orientated regional management advisor.
- Foot in Mouth is focusing on the risk to the economy with the borders opening up. MPI is introducing rules at a national level and are waiting to hear on the National Contingency Plan.
- Due to the reset of the welfare system have reached out to the Pacific communities and coordinating resources and are engaging with them. Have also touched base with the President of the Tairāwhiti multicultural society and have a representative joining the team. As we move forward, and if there are any other ethnic groups that haven't been touched base with, they will become a priority.
- There will be a climate adaption bill that is dropped along the new Resource Management Act plans that have come in place.
- Have received the final fault mapping results, and in some areas the coastal erosion would be deemed safe, however they are on an active fault zone where notices have to be put on. If people want to build or rebuild on a vacant zone there are a lot of hoops that need to be gone through for a safe site, therefore locating properties where people can go too in a managed retreat situation is incredibly difficult. It is an accelerating process that is being faced and staff are trying to encourage people not to build in vulnerable areas.

- There will be cost pressures on Councils like Gisborne District Council to manage coastal retreat and in the next stage of work will be looking at how this can be resourced.
- The report from the Internal Affairs does state that there will be cost issues to the Council and will be looking at how to be better resourced.

MOVED by Cr Gregory, seconded by Cr Pahuru-Huriwai

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

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:07 pm.

Rehette Stoltz

MAYOR