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Hastings District Council: Extraordinary Council Meeting

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Minutes

Te Rā Hui:

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 18 May 2021**

Venue **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Time start - end **1.00pm – 2.55pm**

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Kua Tae ā-tinana: **Chair - Tiamana:** Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst
Present: **Councillors - Ngā KaiKaunihera:** Councillors Bayden Barber, Alwyn Corban, Malcolm Dixon, Damon Harvey, Tania Kerr (Deputy Chair), Eileen Lawson, Simon Nixon, Henare O’Keefe, Peleti Oli, Ann Redstone, Wendy Schollum, Sophie Siers, Geraldine Travers and Kevin Watkins

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Group Manager: Marketing & Communications – Naomi Ferguson
Group Manager: Strategy & Development – Craig Cameron
Manager: Democracy & Governance - Jackie Evans
Pou Ahurea Matua: Principal Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness & Heritage – Dr James Graham
Marketing & Communications Advisor – Rachel Wattie
General Counsel – Scott Smith
Senior Advisor: Democracy & Governance – Vicki Rusbatch
Democracy & Governance Advisor – Lynne Cox

Kei Konei:
Also present: Kaumātua, Jerry Hapuku
Chairman, Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee – Robin Hape
Manager – Community Development – Dennise Elers
Lena Ormsby, Hastings District Youth Councillor
Chairman, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc – Ngahiwi Tomoana and Mere Tomoana
Also present in the Gallery - Members of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee; members of the public
Members of the Press

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by Hastings District Council Kaumātua Jerry Hapuku.

2. APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE - NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA ME TE WEHENGĀ Ā-HUI

There were no apologies.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Mayor Hazlehurst welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Robin Hape, Chair and other members of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee.

Due to restricted numbers in the Chamber, and the extent of public interest, the meeting was livestreamed into the Council foyer and meeting rooms for the public. Members were asked to remain seated when speaking to maximise the sound pick-up for livestreaming.

The Mayor then outlined the process for the meeting:

Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle would introduce and background the item and speak on the processes undertaken to reach this point;

Manager: Democracy and Governance, Jackie Evans would present the agenda report and outline the requirements under the Act and the legal framework;

Group Manager: Communications and Marketing, Naomi Fergusson and Marketing Advisor, Rachel Wattie would speak on the community engagement and consultation processes;

The Mayor would then call for questions of clarification on the papers, after which members would be invited to have their say.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MĀORI WARDS FOR 2022 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

(Document Reference 21/301; Attachments CG-16-2-00617; CG-16-2-00614)

Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle introduced the item and outlined the background and processes leading up to Council's consideration of the establishment of Māori Wards today.

Manager: Democracy and Governance, Jackie Evans presented the agenda report, and referred the meeting to tabled information which included an additional 85 responses that had been received before the deadline, but after the production of the agenda report.

Mrs Evans drew the meeting's attention to the legislative framework and explained that if Council was to decide to introduce Māori wards for the 2022 elections, that decision would trigger a representation review. Any decisions on the overall number of councillors and ward boundaries would be part of that representation review process and the subject of further Council decisions and consultation later in the year.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Mrs Evans responded to questions from the meeting.

Group Manager; Marketing and Communications, Naomi Fergusson gave a detailed overview of the community engagement and consultation processes and channels used to reach and gain public feedback. Marketing Advisor, Rachel Wattie explained the analysis undertaken to establish the validity of responses.

Officers responded to further questions from the meeting.

The Mayor moved recommendations A, B, C, D, E and G in the agenda report. (*Recommendation G subsequently renumbered to "F" in the Motion and Resolution below.*)

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Kerr

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Consideration of the Establishment of Māori Wards for 2022 Local Authority Elections dated 18 May 2021.
- B) That in accordance with Section 78 of the Local Government Act 2002 Council agrees that the communication plan, timetable, events and feedback responses provides sufficient information on the views and preferences of Māori and the wider community to enable the Council to reach a decision on whether to establish Māori Wards in time for the 2022 local authority elections.
- C) That Council resolves, in terms of Section 82 (3) of the Local Government Act 2002, that the principles set out in that section have been observed in such a manner that the Hastings District Council considers, in its discretion, is appropriate for the decisions made in the course of this meeting.
- D) That the results of the community engagement, comments of Māori and the broader community set out in the report be received and considered in reaching a decision on the establishment of Māori Wards.
- E) That Council establishes Māori Wards in the Hastings District for the 2022 triennial election.
- F) That the Council approve a budget of \$80,000 in the 2021/22 financial year to cover the costs for project management and Special Consultation Procedure for a representation review to commence in 2021.

CARRIED

Ngahiwi Tomoana led the Chamber in a waiata.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed, but advised that the livestreaming would continue for addresses from Robin Hape, Chair of Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee and Ngahiwi Tomoana, Chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated. Hastings District Youth Councillor, Lena Ormsby, would also present her regional award winning Race Unity Speech.

The meeting closed at 2.55pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: