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Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

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Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 30 September 2021**

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

Time start - end **9.00am – 10.37am**

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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, Peleti Oli, Ann Redstone, Wendy Schollum, Sophie Siers, Geraldine Travers and Kevin Watkins

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Group Manager: Asset Management - Craig Thew
Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy
Group Manager: Strategy & Development – Craig Cameron
Group Manager: Corporate - Bruce Allan
Group Manager: Communications & Marketing – Naomi Fergusson
Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie
Colin Hosford, Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager (Agenda Item 8)
Kirsty Oosterkamp, Public Spaces Policy Planner (Agenda Item 8)
Manager: Democracy & Governance Services – Louise Stettner
Senior Advisor Democracy & Governance Services – Vicki Rusbatch

1. **OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA**

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Bayden Barber.

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

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor O'Keefe.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Lawson

That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Schollum for 7 – 11 October 2021.

CARRIED

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

Councillor Harvey declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 8.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Dixon

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held Thursday, 26 August 2021 and Thursday 9 September 2021 be confirmed as accurate records.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced that agenda item 9.0 Three Waters Reform – Feedback to Government would be taken out of order and addressed at this time.

9. THREE WATERS REFORM - FEEDBACK TO GOVERNMENT

Document 21/505

Chief Executive Nigel Bickle made introductory remarks. The report sought a decision from Council to adopt its feedback to government on the current three waters service delivery proposal, including confirming its preferred position to advance the Hawke's Bay service delivery model option as an alternative to the government proposal.

The Mayor addressed the meeting and called for questions and comments on the papers. Officers responded to questions from the meeting.

In response to a question from the meeting, the Chief Executive explained that councils were not, at this stage, being asked to "opt in or opt out". Under the law as it stands today, councils were not allowed to transfer assets to another entity.

Support from government would be required to make legislative change to give effect to the Hawke's Bay regional model.

Officers responded to further questions from the meeting.

Councillor Oli left the meeting briefly at 9.40am.

Councillor Oli rejoined the meeting at 9.46am.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Three Waters Reform - Feedback to Government dated 30 September 2021.
- B) That Council directs the Mayor and Chief Executive to prepare and deliver a Submission Letter to The Minister and Central Government, from Hastings District Council that confirms and communicates Council's;

- Acknowledgement that there is a compelling case for change to ensure ongoing safe, efficient and affordable Three Waters Services delivery,
 - Premise that water is a taonga, the lifeblood of our people and our whenua,
 - Receipt of Community feedback giving a strong message and direction to Council that there has to be full consultation with the Community regards any proposed structural change to Three Waters Services and more factual information is required to inform Community Consultation, and
 - Preference for a Hawke's Bay Three Waters Services Entity, that will deliver scale and efficiency benefits for Hastings District, whilst producing a superior outcome for Hastings in terms of community voice and accountability, Iwi co-governance and management, and responsiveness to growth pressures and community needs.
- C) That Council **notes** the Government's 30 June and 15 July 2021 Three Waters Reform announcements.
- D) That Council **notes** officer's advice on the accuracy of the information provided to Council in June and July 2021 as a result of the Request for Information and Water Industry Commission for Scotland modelling processes.
- E) That Council **notes** that a decision to formally support the Government's preferred three waters service delivery option may not be lawful at present due to section 130 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), which prohibits Council from divesting its ownership or interest in a water service except to another local government organisation.
- F) That Council **notes** that Council cannot make a formal decision on a regional option for three waters service delivery without doing a Long Term Plan (LTP) amendment and ensuring it meets the requirements of section 130 of the LGA.
- G) That Council **notes** that the Government intends to make further decisions about the three waters service delivery model after 30 September 2021.
- H) That Council **notes** the feedback received from community from a preliminary feedback process, and **agrees** that it would be desirable to gain further understanding of the community's views once Council has further information from the Government on the next steps in the reform process.
- I) That Council **notes** that the CEO will report back to Council once he has received further information and guidance from Government, Local Government New Zealand and Taituarā on what the next steps in the three waters reform process are and how these are to be managed.
- J) That Council **in resolving B through to I above, agrees** it has given consideration to sections 76, 77, 78, and 79 of the Local Government Act 2002 and in its judgment considers it has complied with the decision making process that those sections require (including, but not limited to, having sufficient information and analysis that is proportionate to the decisions being made).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES

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Councillor Nixon/Councillor Watkins

- A) That Council receive the report titled 2021 Meeting Schedule Changes dated 30 September 2021.
- B) That Council adopt the schedule of meetings for 2021 amended as follows:

Civic & Administration Subcommittee	Change of start time	Thursday 30 September 2021, 8:45am
Council Meeting	Change of start time	Thursday 14 October 2021, 9am
Council Meeting	New Meeting	Thursday, 28 October 2021, 1pm

CARRIED

6. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

Document 21/495

Councillor Kerr/Councillor Siers

- A) That the report of the Senior Advisor Democracy & Governance Services titled “Summary of Recommendations of the Hastings District Rural Community Board meeting held 6 September 2021” be received.
- B) The following recommendations of the Hastings District Rural Community Board meeting held 06 September 2021 be ratified:

4. RURAL COMMUNITY RECYCLING FACILITIES UPDATE

- A) That the Rural Community Board receives the report titled Rural Community Recycling Facilities Update.
- B) That the Board in principle supports the initiatives outlined in the report.
- C) That the Board requests final approval of recycling sites.
- D) That the Board notes the successes of any trial is measured on participation, contamination and illegal dumping at the site.

5. RURAL SECURITY CAMERAS TRIAL REVIEW

- A) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Rural Security Cameras Trial Review dated 6 September 2021.

- B) That the Board ratifies the findings of the Hastings District Council Security Manager that the outcome of the trial of rural security cameras was not successful and that the costs and associated risks of further camera installations are too great compared to the benefits the cameras bring.
- C) That the Board will investigate, and may support, community led and funded proposals with the expectation that replacement cameras would be funded by the community.

6. GREAT COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

- A) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receives the report titled Great Communities Strategic Overview dated 6 September 2021.
- B) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board notes that there is continued engagement with rural communities.
- C) That the Board requests that a Rural Community Board member be appointed to the Great Communities Subcommittee.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES AND OTHER EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Document 21/520

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Lawson

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Amendments to Schedule of Appointments to Committees, Subcommittees and other External Organisations dated 30 September 2021.
- B) That Council approve the following appointments:
 - Marcus Buddo as the Rural Community Board (non-voting) appointee to the District Development Subcommittee
 - Jonathan Stockley as the Rural Community Board (non-voting) appointee to the Great Communities and Eco-District Subcommittees
- C) That the 2019-22 Schedule of Appointments to Committees, Subcommittees and other External Organisations and the Hastings District Council Committee and Rural Community Board Register of Delegations 2019 -22 be amended accordingly to reflect the changes outlined in B) above.

CARRIED

Councillor Damon Harvey declared a conflict of interest in this item and left the Council table at this point. He took no further part in debate or discussion on agenda item 8.

8. PROPOSED TE AWANGA RESERVE ACQUISITION AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY DEVELOPMENTS

Document 21/445

Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager, Colin Hosford, and Public Spaces Policy Planner, Kirsty Oosterkamp presented the report and responded to questions from the meeting. Recommendation D was amended following clarification from officers.

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Corban

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Te Awanga Reserve Acquisition and Recreational Facility Developments dated 30 September 2021.
- B) That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to enter into negotiations to purchase Lot 1 as a buffer reserve and to undertake recreation developments in Te Awanga township up to a maximum cost of \$900,000.
- C) That the Council approve the use of up to \$900,000 of funds in the 2021/31 LTP to progress the suite of acquisitions and improvements to Te Awanga reserves.
- D) That Council amends the playground renewal programme to bring forward the \$150,000 funds allocated for the Te Awanga playground to Year 2 and defer the renewal of Ron Giorgi or Bridge Pa playground from Year 2 to Year 3 in the Long Term Plan.
- E) That Council amends the Cape Coast Reserve Management Plan's programme to bring forward the Te Awanga Domain hardcourt funding of \$30,000 from Year 6 to Year 2, and defer the remaining Cape Coast programme by one year.
- F) Council notes the design of the proposed Te Awanga Domain playground will be carried out in consultation with the Te Awanga community.
- G) That Council agree to the installation of hardcourt facilities on the Te Awanga Terraces detention reserve.

CARRIED

10. MINOR ITEMS - *NGĀ TAKE ITI*

There were no additional business items.

11. URGENT ITEMS - *NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI*

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 10.37am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: