

Wednesday, 9 October 2024

*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*

**Hastings District Council: District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

# Minutes

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*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Wednesday, 9 October 2024**

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

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Time start - end **1.00pm – 2.10pm**

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*Te Rārangi Upoko*

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*Kua Tae ā-tinana:* **Chair:** Councillor Alwyn Corban

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Marcus Buddo (Deputy Chair), Michael Fowler, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

Rural Community Board appointee - Jonathan Stockley (RCB Chair)

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

3 Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointees: Tipene Cottrell, Elizabeth Waiwiri-Hunt

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*Kua Tatū:* Acting Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services – Caleb Sutton

**In attendance:**

Environmental Policy Manager - Rowan Wallis

Environmental Planner (Policy) - Junior Tuakana

Democracy & Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton

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## 1. APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA

Councillor Corban/Councillor Watkins

That an Apology for absence from Councillor Nixon be accepted.

CARRIED

## 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

Councillor Fowler/Councillor Corban

That the minutes of the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting held Wednesday 31 July 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

#### 4. DISCUSSION ON REVIEW OF ADVERTISING DEVICES INCLUDING ELECTORAL SIGNS

(Document 24/419)

The Environmental Policy Manager, Rowan Wallis, and Environmental Planner (Policy), Junior Tuakana, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the meeting.

*Mayor Hazlehurst joined the meeting at 1.12pm.*

Extensive discussion took place with the meeting noting that a review of advertising devices and electoral signs was timely. The importance of reviewing signage on heritage buildings was also noted, as was the increased usage of digital signage/LED billboards. The potential cost of a review was discussed, including the amount of in-house officer time that may be involved.

The meeting did not necessarily feel that provisions for the Napier City and Hastings District Councils needed to be the same. But it was noted that it may be appropriate to streamline a set of rules to use for all elections in Hastings.

Officers were asked to bring back a report on the options for consideration and the pros and cons of each option.

Councillor Fowler/Councillor Buddo

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Discussion on review of Advertising Devices including Electoral Signs dated 9 October 2024.
- B) That the Subcommittee endorse:
  - i. To review section 28.1 Advertising and Signage Devices District Wide Activities in its entirety.

CARRIED

#### 5. PLAN REVIEW PRIORITIES

(Document 24/420)

Environmental Policy Manager, Rowan Wallis, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the meeting. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the sections of the plan that should be given priority for review.

Three sections of the District Plan had been identified as having the highest priority for review – as outlined in Paragraph 3.2 of the agenda report. Budgetary constraints would play a part in this decision, with all options requiring technical input that could not be provided in-house. The three sections that had been identified could not be reviewed at the same time and only two would be able to be addressed initially.

The meeting noted that while it was a complex situation for the appropriate hapu to research, identify and advise the council, the capacity within the various communities and hapu trusts to undertake this work was growing.

The meeting felt that this report should be initially addressed at a meeting of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee meeting so that relevant/potentially affected parties were able to comment and provide feedback for the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee to consider.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Fowler

- A) That the District Planning & Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Plan Review Priorities dated 9 October 2024.
- B) That the report in A) above be referred to the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee for consideration of the proposed review priorities at its meeting on 20 November 2024.

CARRIED

## 6. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

The meeting was given an oral update regarding the status of Plan Change 5 and Plan Change 6. Rowan Wallis circulated an information sheet (CG-17-13-00062), regarding Plan Change 6, for the members' reference.

Mr Wallis explained that the Ministerial decision relating to Plan Change 6 had been put onto the council's website and a link to that decision had been sent out to all parties involved in the recent hearing. A public notice had been printed and notified. The website link had not been sent to all the Category 3 landowners, but the meeting felt that the link should be sent to all those parties who were eligible. Mr Wallis would contact the Voluntary Buy Out office to discuss a potential wider circulation of the Ministerial decision.

In regard to Plan Change 5, Mr Wallis advised that the recommendations from the hearings panel would be considered at the Council meeting on 24 October 2024 and the final Council decision would then be sent out to all submitters who would have an opportunity to appeal that decision if they chose to do so.

## 7. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: