

Tuesday, 18 February 2025

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga
Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 18 February 2025**

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

Time start - end **1.00pm – 4.37pm**

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Kua Tae ā-tinana: **Chair - Tiamana:** Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst
Present: **Councillors - Ngā KaiKaunihera:**
Councillors Ana Apatu, Marcus Buddo, Alwyn Corban, Malcolm Dixon, Michael Fowler, Damon Harvey, Henry Heke, Kellie Jessup, Tania Kerr (Deputy Mayor) (viz zoom), Eileen Lawson, Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Wendy Schollum, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan
Group Manager: Asset Management - Craig Thew
Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy
Group Manager: Democracy and Strategy – Craig Cameron
Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie
Group Manager: Marketing and Communications – Naomi Fergusson
General Counsel – Scott Smith
Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson
Pou Ahurea Matua: Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage – Petera Hawkiwai
Kua Tatū: 3 Waters Manager - Steve Cave
In attendance: Strategic Financial Systems Analyst – Rudi Britz
Management Accountant - Development Contributions – Richard Elgie
Regulatory Solutions Manager – John Payne
Senior Environmental Planner, Policy – Rebecca Hill
Team Leader Environmental Health/Liquor – Tony Stothart
Licensing Inspector – Janine Green
Transportation Policy and Planning Manager – Bruce Conaghan
Communities Strategy Manager – Emma Morgan
Community Grants and Partnerships Advisor – Kev Carter
Youth Lead – Emma James
Manager: Democracy and Governance Services – Louise Stettner
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine
Senior Advisor, Democracy and Governance Advisor – Lynne Cox

Kei Konei:

Also present:

The Reverend David van Oeveren – opening prayer

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was given by The Reverend David van Oeveren from Greater Hastings Anglican Church.

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

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Heke

That Leave of Absence be granted to Councillor Lawson for 6 – 20 March 2025.

CARRIED

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

Councillor Schollum and Councillor Nixon declared a conflict in relation to item 6. Councillor Hana Montaperto-Hendry and Councillor Corban declared a conflict in relation to item 12.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

There were no minutes to confirm.

5. MAYOR'S VERBAL UPDATE

(Document ref 25/21)

Mayor Hazlehurst gave a verbal overview of the events and activities in the Hastings District over the past month.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Watkins

That Council receive the report titled Mayor's Verbal Update dated 18 February 2025.

CARRIED

**6. PETITION - FREE PARKING FOR RESIDENT DRIVERS OVER 65 IN THE HASTINGS
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**

(Document ref 24/558)

Councillor Schollum and Councillor Nixon declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 6 and took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

Ron Wilkins, Lead Petitioner, presented the petition to Council on behalf of Grey Power.

Regulatory Solutions Manager, John Payne, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Harvey/Councillor Dixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled Petition - Free Parking for Resident Drivers Over 65 in the Hastings Central Business District dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council directs the Chief Executive to work with the petitioner and Grey Power Hastings and District Association Inc to further investigate options for addressing the petitioner's concerns raised in the petitioner's prayer regards parking accessibility for senior citizens. The Chief Executive will report on findings from this Council directive for consideration by Council in April 2025.

CARRIED

7. TUIA 2025

(Document ref 25/46)

The 2024 Tuia, Shannon Nohokau introduced the 2025 Tuia, Teina Kihirini.

Teina Kihirini, presented to Council.

Councillor Jessup/Councillor Heke

That Council receive the report titled Tuia 2025 dated 18 February 2025.

CARRIED

8. 2025 YOUTH COUNCIL

(Document ref 25/19)

Youth Lead, Emma James, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Heke

That Council receive the report titled 2025 Youth Council dated 18 February 2025.

CARRIED

Council agreed to take items 11 and 12 out of order.

11. DRAFT JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN AND STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

(Document ref 24/509)

Napier City Councillor and Chair of the Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee, Hayley Brown spoke to the report.

Waste Planning Manager, Angela Atkins, presented a powerpoint presentation (CG-17-1-01462).

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Buddo

- A) That Council receive the report titled Draft Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and Statement of Proposal dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council adopt the draft Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 -2031 (Attachment 1) and Statement of Proposal (Attachment 2) documents, for consultation in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

12. APPROVAL OF THE FIRST DRAFT LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY FOR SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE

(Document ref 24/561)

Licensing Inspector, Janine Green, spoke to the report, presented a powerpoint presentation (CG-17-1-01465) and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Apatu/Councillor Dixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled Approval of the first Draft Local Alcohol Policy for Special Consultative Procedure dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council adopt:
 - i. The First Draft of the Hastings District Local Alcohol Policy 2025, *as amended with off licence – Grocery Stores and Supermarkets proposed ‘Local Alcohol Policy’ proposed hours being 9.00am to 9.00pm Monday to Sunday.*
 - ii. The Statement of Proposal and Summary of Information (and associated documents) for public consultation in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure required by the Local Government Act 2002 and Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- C) That Council delegate up to five Councillors to hear public submissions on the First Draft of the Hastings District Local Alcohol Policy 2025 in late-April 2025.
- D) Council notes a preferred position paper and final Local Alcohol Policy will be brought back to Council for approval in mid-2025.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2.28pm.
And resumed at 2.40pm.

The meeting went back and addressed items 9 and 10.

9. 2025/26 ANNUAL PLAN

(Document ref 25/12)

Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle and Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst spoke to the report. Mr Bickle and Strategy Manager, Lex Verhoeven responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Fowler/Councillor Schollum

- A) That Council receive the report titled 2025/26 Annual Plan dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council utilise the provisions of section 95 (2A) of the Local Government Act 2002 (which remove the requirement to consult in accordance with the requirements of section (82) before adopting an Annual Plan), and formally resolve not to consult on the 2025/26 Annual Plan.
- C) That Council adopt the attached updated fees and charges schedule for the 2025/26 financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- D) Council notes that an information newsletter on the 2025/26 year ahead is being developed for community distribution and will be brought back to Council for approval.

CARRIED

10. SPLASH PLANET - CLOSE OF 2024/25 SEASON

(Document ref 25/52)

Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services, Rebekah Dinwoodie, spoke to the report, presented a powerpoint presentation (CG-17-1-01463) and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Watkins

- A) That Council receive the report titled Splash Planet - Close of 2024/25 Season dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council approve closure of Splash Planet Park with Sunday 23 February 2025 being the last day of public operation.
- C) Council notes the Chief Executive will manage the closure process to optimise outcomes for Council:
 - Business operational financial loss.
 - Provision of a quality visitor experience for the remaining opening days.
 - Council being a responsible employer.
 - Responsive risk management in accord with Council's adopted and applicable Risk Policies.
- D) Council notes, Officers in April 2025 will begin briefing Council and presenting operational management options & recommendations for a successful 2025/2026 Splash Planet season, inculcating learnings from the 2024/2025 season. Budgeted options for season (2025/2026)

duration and daily/weekly opening hours will be included in this process, for Council consideration.

CARRIED

13. REVOCATION OF PART 10 SPEED LIMITS BYLAW 2012 OF THE HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL BYLAWS

(Document ref 25/15)

Transportation Policy and Planning Manager, Bruce Conaghan, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Buddo/Councillor Schollum

- A) That Council receive the report titled Revocation of Part 10 Speed Limits Bylaw 2012 of the Hastings District Council Bylaws dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council revoke Part 10 Speed Limits Bylaw 2012 of the Hastings District Council Bylaws effective immediately, noting that the speed limits contained in the Speed Limits Bylaw have been entered into the National Speed Limit Register.

CARRIED

14. HASTINGS DISTRICT SCHOOL SPEED LIMITS PLAN

(Document ref 25/36)

Transportation Policy and Planning Manager, Bruce Conaghan, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Apatu

- A) That Council receive the report titled Hastings District School Speed Limits Plan dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council adopt the proposed school speed limits in Attachment 2: Hastings District School Speed Limits Plan.

CARRIED

15. RIVER HAZARD MODELLING FOR THE ESK RIVER AND TE NGARUE STREAM

(Document ref 25/3)

Senior Environmental Planner – Policy, Rebecca Hill, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Fowler

That Council receive the report titled River Hazard Modelling for the Esk River and Te Ngarue Stream dated 18 February 2025.

CARRIED

16. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RURAL HALLS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2024

(Document ref 24/573)

Rural Halls Subcommittee member, Councillor Marcus Buddo, spoke to the summary of recommendations.

Councillor Buddo/Councillor Corban

- A) That Council receive the report titled “Summary of Recommendations of the Rural Halls Subcommittee meeting held Monday 9 December 2024”.
- B) The following recommendations of the Rural Halls Subcommittee meeting held 09 December 2024 be ratified:
 - B) *That the Rural Halls Subcommittee notes Council’s request for cost-saving and efficiency options to be identified.*
 - C) *That the Rural Halls Subcommittee recommends that the full Rural Hall Maintenance Fund be retained for 2024/2025 and that \$2,000 be allocated to each of the 23 halls subject to required information, with the remaining \$4,000 ring fenced for training and capacity building, as per Council’s adoption of the Rural Halls Maintenance Fund Policy on 14 March 2024.*
 - D) *That the Rural Halls Subcommittee notes further information on halls agreements and asset maintenance plans is required to inform 2025 – 2027 cost-saving considerations.*

CARRIED

17. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CIVIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2025

(Document ref 25/20)

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Schollum

- A) That Council receive the report titled “Summary of Recommendations of the Civic Development Subcommittee Meeting held on 4 February 2025”.
- B) The following recommendations of the Civic Development Subcommittee meeting held on 4 February 2025 be ratified:

“Item 6 – Appointments to the Te Mata Park Trust Board”

- C) That the Civic Development Subcommittee recommend to Council, at the 18 February 2025 Council meeting, that the two upcoming vacant trustee positions and the Aspiring Trustee position on the Te Mata Park Trust be advertised.

CARRIED

18. APPOINTMENT TO THE HEARINGS COMMITTEE

(Document ref 25/41)

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Apatu

- A) That Council receive the report titled Appointment to the Hearings Committee dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council appoint Councillor Heather Te Au-Skipworth to the Hearings Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium.

CARRIED

19. REQUESTS RECEIVED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 (LGOIMA) UPDATE

(Document ref 25/2)

Councillor Buddo/Councillor Schollum

- A) That Council receive the report titled Requests Received Under The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Update dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That the LGOIMA requests received from 21 November 2024 to 21 January 2025, as set out in **Attachment 1** of the Report be noted.

CARRIED

20. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(Document ref 25/4)

Councillor Buddo/Councillor Dixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Amendments To Schedule Of Meetings dated 18 February 2025.
- B) That Council adopt changes to the 2025 Schedule of Meetings as follows:

From Thursday 27 February 2025, 9am to Tuesday 11 March 2025, 9am Council Chamber	Postpone	Strategy and Recovery Committee
From Tuesday the 25 February 2025, 10am to Tuesday 25 March 2025, 10am	Postpone	Risk and Assurance Committee

Landmarks Room		
From Friday 21 March, 1pm to Friday 28 March, 1pm Landmarks Room	Postpone	Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee
From Friday 21 March, 10am to Friday 28 March, 10am Landmarks Room	Postpone	Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee

CARRIED

21. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

22. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

23 RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 24

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Harvey

Item 24 – That Grant Shearer from Stantec be permitted to be present after the public has been excluded because of his knowledge of matters pertaining to agenda item 24, that would assist Council in making decisions.

CARRIED

Councillor Heke/Councillor Apatu

THAT the public now be excluded from the following parts of the meeting, namely;

24 East Clive Waste Water Treatment Plant - 'Outfall Pump Station and Land Based Outfall Procurement Plan' Approval

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of

the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this Resolution is as follows:

<i>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</i>	<i>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED</i>	<i>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION</i>
<p>24 East Clive Waste Water Treatment Plant - 'Outfall Pump Station and Land Based Outfall Procurement Plan' Approval</p>	<p>Section 7 (2) (i)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>Tender is yet to be advertised and therefore commercial negotiations still need to take place.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.</p>

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4.37pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: