

Tuesday, 17 June 2025

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

**Hastings District Council: Council Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

# Minutes

*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 17 June 2025**

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

Time start - end **9.00am – 11.16am**

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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, Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Wendy Schollum, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

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*Kua Tatū:*  
**In attendance:** Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan  
Group Manager: Infrastructure - Craig Thew  
Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson  
General Counsel – Scott Smith  
Strategy Manager – Lex Verhoeven  
Director: Capital Delivery Growth – Graeme Hansen  
3 Waters Manager – Steve Cave  
Principal Advisor: Essential Services – Brett Chapman  
Management Accountant – Development Contributions – Richard Elgie  
Strategic Financial Advisor – Jess Noiseux  
Manager: Democracy and Governance Services – Louise Stettner  
Senior Advisor – Democracy and Governance Services – Lynne Cox  
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine

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*Kei Konei:* DG Logistics – Andrea Jopling  
**Also present:** Silver Fern Farms – Cory Hogg  
Graham Lowe Tannery – Phil Hocquard

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## 1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Jessup.

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

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Kerr.

### 3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - *HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU*

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - *TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI*

There were no minutes to be confirmed.

### 5. WHAKATŪ WEST STORMWATER SCHEME - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

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#### **DG Logistics – Andrea Jopling**

The submitter spoke to their submission.

*Councillor Nixon joined the meeting at 9.02am.*

#### **Silver Fern Farms – Cory Hogg**

The submitter spoke to their submission.

*Councillor Heke left the room at 9.25am and returned at 9.35am.*

#### **Graham Lowe Tannery – Phil Hocquard**

The submitter spoke to their submission. Mr Hocquard provided councillors with a supplementary document in support of their submission (CG-17-1-01645).

The meeting adjourned at 9.58am

And reconvened at 10.13am

Mayor Sandra announced that livestreaming of the meeting had commenced.

Strategy Manager, Lex Verhoeven, spoke to the report and referred Councillors to the written and verbal submissions received.

Officers responded to questions from the meeting.

*Councillor Jessup left the room at 11.02am and returned at 11.06am.*

*Councillor Heke left the meeting at 11.05am.*

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Watkins

- A) That Council receive the report titled Whakatū West Stormwater Scheme - consideration of submissions dated 17 June 2025.
- B) That in pursuit of option 3 in the officer's report, the Council defers final decision making on this matter and instructs the Chief Executive to:

1. Obtain professional advice on what could be an appropriate differentially based (tiered) targeted rate in light of the feedback received to date;
  2. The Chief Executive to investigate alternative repayment terms for any targeted rate, and public good considerations.
  3. If the Chief Executive considers a plausible differentially based scheme has been identified, then that scheme should be discussed with the landowners in the area; and
  4. That the results of (2) be brought to Council for decision making, and that is to include another opportunity to the landowners to comment on and speak to Council about the matter.
  5. That the Chief Executive be directed to having items 1 – 4 above investigated, and consulted with affected property owners prior to the October 2025 Local Government Elections.
- C) That the Council treat with urgency the engagement with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to assess and determine the current level of protection of the low section of stopbank identified by this scheme (as noted in submissions) within 12 months to a satisfactory level for all parties.

CARRIED

Councillor Harvey and Councillor Corban voted AGAINST the motion.

## **6. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI**

There were no additional business items.

## **7. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI**

There were no extraordinary business items.

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The meeting closed at 11.16am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: