

Thursday, 2 October 2025

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 2 October 2025**

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

Time start - end **9.00am – 12.23pm**

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

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan
Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy
Group Manager: Democracy and Emergency Management – Craig Cameron
Group Manager: People and Capability - Bronwyn Bayliss
Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie
Group Manager: Marketing and Communications – Naomi Fergusson
Deputy Group Manager and Director Infrastructure Delivery – Darren de Klerk
Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson
General Counsel – Scott Smith
3 Waters Manager – Steve Cave
Transportation Policy and Planning Manager – Bruce Conaghan
Project Manager Recovery Bridges – David Scrimgeour
Manager, Strategic Projects – Dean Ferguson
Director, Growth and Development – Raoul Oosterkamp
Growth and Development Advisor – Shane Lambert
Management Accountant – Development Contributions – Richard Elgie
Manager: Democracy and Governance Services – Louise Stettner
Senior Advisor, Democracy and Governance Services – Lynne Cox
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine

Kei Konei:
Also present: Marei Apatu - Deputy Chair of HDC: Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee
Tania Hopmans (via zoom) – supporting Deputy Mayor Tania Kerr
Grant Russell – Item 6
Tom Skerman – Item 17
Richard Westbury (via zoom) – Item 17

Councillor Heke joined the meeting at 9.02am.

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was given by Deputy Chair of HDC: Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee, Marei Apatu supported by Council's Waiata Group.

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

There were no apologies or leave of absence requests.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

Mayor Hazlehurst declared a conflict in relation to item 9.
Councillor Harvey declared a conflict in relation to public excluded item 14.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Buddo

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held Thursday 4 September 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Buddo

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 9 September 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

5. MAYOR'S VERBAL UPDATE

(Document ref 25/400)

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

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Kerr

That Council receive the report titled Mayor's Verbal Update dated 2 October 2025.

CARRIED

DEPUTY MAYOR TANIA KERR VALEDICTION

(Rural Community Board Member 2001-2025; Mohaka Ward Councillor 2008-2025)

Deputy Mayor Tania Kerr delivered her valedictory speech, supported by Council's waiata group. Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst paid tribute to Deputy Mayor Kerr and presented her with a citation of service, a certificate, and flowers.

*The meeting adjourned at 9.48pm
And resumed at 10.13am*

6. OVERVIEW OF HHDC STORMWATER NETWORK CONSENT

(Document ref 25/63)

Deputy Group Manager and Director Infrastructure Delivery, Darren de Klerk introduced Grant Russell, part of the Project Team. Mr de Klerk acknowledged the work of Dr Cole, Marei Apatu and Honey-Lee Blakney for their work.

Mr de Klerk and Mr Russell, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Heke rejoined the meeting at 10.17am.

Councillor Apatu/Councillor Kerr

- A) That Council receive the report titled Overview of HHDC Stormwater Network Consent dated 2 October 2025.
- B) That Council endorse council officers to progress with the next steps.

CARRIED

7. CANNING ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

(Document ref 25/395)

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

Councillor Fowler/Councillor Schollum

- A) That Council receive the report titled Canning Road Pedestrian Crossing dated 2 October 2025.
- B) That Council approve the following:
 - i. Canning Road
 - a. That pursuant to Clause 8.4 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004, a pedestrian crossing be provided on Canning Road 104 metres west of the western kerbline of Hapia Street.
 - b. That any previous approvals pertaining to traffic and parking controls to the extent that they are in conflict with the traffic and parking controls described above are revoked.

CARRIED

8. ELDER HOUSING OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT POLICY - TE PĀ HARAKEKE

(Document ref 25/308)

Manager, Strategic Projects, Dean Ferguson and Group Manager, Community Wellbeing and Services, Rebekah Dinwoodie, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Heke/Councillor Nixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled Elder Housing Operational Management Policy - Te Pā Harakeke dated 2 October 2025.
- B) That Council approves the Elder Housing Operational Management Policy which includes the amendments and additions detailed in attachment 2 (PRJ23-107-023-0004).
- C) That Council note that this rental setting aligns with Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's definition of "affordable housing" and is required to ensure that Te Pā Harakeke does not operate at a financial deficit to Council.
- D) That Council approve the review cycle of the Elder Housing Operational Management Policy be amended from annually to every three years, to provide certainty and reduce administrative burden, while retaining flexibility for earlier review if required.
- E) That Council notes the amended Elder Housing Operational Management Policy ensures compliance with Council's adopted Revenue and Financing Policy requirement for 100% cost recovery of operational and debt servicing costs for elder housing.

CARRIED

9. TŌMOANA SHOWGROUNDS CHARITABLE TRUST GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

(Document ref 25/403)

Mayor Hazlehurst declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 9 and left the table for this item. Deputy Mayor Kerr assumed the chair.

Manager, Strategic Projects, Dean Ferguson and Deputy Chief Executive, Bruce Allan, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Fowler

- A) That Council receive the report titled Tōmoana Showgrounds Charitable Trust Governance Arrangements dated 2 October 2025.
- B) That Council instructs officers to prepare a deed of lease aligned with a phased Transition Strategy.
- C) That Council requests Officers to develop and present proposed lease options for consideration at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor Hazlehurst resumed the chair.

Councillor Heke left the meeting at 10.47pm.

10. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

11. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

Councillor Heke rejoined the meeting at 10.50am.

12. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEMS 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Councillor Kerr/Councillor Apatu

Item 17 – that Richard Westbury (via zoom) and Tom Skerman, be permitted to be present after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of matters pertaining to agenda item 17, that would assist Council in making its decision.

CARRIED

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Dixon

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

- 13 Development Matters**
- 14 Flaxmere Development Opportunities**
- 15 Dartmoor Bridge - Procurement Direction**
- 16 Bridge Rebuild Procurement Strategy**
- 17 Heretaunga Water Storage Project**

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:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION
13 Development Matters	Section 7 (2) (h) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) 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.

	Ongoing third party negotiations with prospective tenants.	
14 Flaxmere Development Opportunities	Section 7 (2) (b) (ii) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Section 7 (2) (h) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. Any development agreement that may be entered into with external parties arising..	Section 48(1)(a)(i) 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.
15 Dartmoor Bridge - Procurement Direction	Section 7 (2) (i) 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). Section 7 (2) (j) The withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage. Allows negotiation with contractor without prejudice..	Section 48(1)(a)(i) 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.
16 Bridge Rebuild Procurement Strategy	Section 7 (2) (h) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. Section 7 (2) (i) 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). Section 7 (2) (j) The withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage. Ability to negotiate commercial outcomes with suppliers without insight	Section 48(1)(a)(i) 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.

		into budget estimates or suppliers that may have been involved..	
17	Heretaunga Water Storage Project	Section 7 (2) (g) The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege. Section 7 (2) (h) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. The report contains legally privileged information and commercially sensitive information, respecting the confidentiality of the funders and other proposed shareholders.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) 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.
<u>CARRIED</u>			

The meeting closed at 12.23pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date:

Chief Executive
Nigel Bickle

Date: _____