

Thursday, 9 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, 9 October 2025**

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

Time start - end **1.00pm – 2.36pm**

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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: Infrastructure - Craig Thew
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
Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson
Interim Group Manager: Strategy – Gus Charteris
Pou Ahurea Matua: Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage – Petera Hakiwai
Pou Ahurea – Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage – Charlie Ropitini
Transportation Policy and Planning Manager – Bruce Conaghan
Strategic Financial Advisor – Jess Noiseux
Financial Controller – Aaron Wilson
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:

Reverend Jill McDonald – opening karakia
Whanau and friends of retiring councillors

1. OPENING PRAYER - *KARAKIA*

The opening prayer was given by the Reverend Jill McDonald from St Andrew's Church Hastings. Mayor Hazlehurst thanked Jill for her service and contribution to the Hastings District.

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

There were no apologies or leave of absence received.

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. STOPPING OF PART OF IONA ROAD FOR THE IONA STRUCTURE PLAN

(Document ref 25/412)

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

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Harvey

- A) That Council receive the report titled Stopping of Part of Iona Road for the Iona Structure Plan dated 9 October 2025.
- B) That Council resolve to stop that part of Iona Road defined as Section 5 on SO 616717 and noting that Section 1 of SO 616717 would be swapped with CDL Land New Zealand Limited to provide a realigned Iona Road link to Middle Road and vested as legal road.
- C) That the Chief Executive be delegated authority to complete the procedures stipulated in Section 319, Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974 to effect the road stopping.

CARRIED

6. COUNCIL INTERREGNUM

(Document ref 25/324)

Manager, Democracy and Governance Services, Louise Stettner, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Watkins

That Council receive the report titled Council Interregnum dated 9 October 2025.

CARRIED

7. RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FROM 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING

(Document ref 25/404)

Chief Financial Officer, Graham Watson, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Dixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled "Risk and Assurance Committee Recommendation from 30 September 2025 meeting" dated 9 October 2025.
- B) The following recommendations of the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held 30 September 2025 be ratified:
 - i. That the Committee recommend that Council supports the 1 November 2025 insurance renewals and that oversight and approval of this renewal process be delegated to the Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee and the Chief Executive
 - ii. That the Committee recommend to Council that a full report be presented to Council that outlines the policies that have been renewed, the cover provided, and the premiums incurred.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

(Document ref 25/415)

Chief Financial Officer, Graham Watson, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

An updated 2024/2025 Annual Report Summary was circulated at the meeting (attached CG-17-1-01904)

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Kerr

- A) That Council receive the report titled Adoption of Annual Report and Annual Report Summary for the year ended 30 June 2025 dated 9 October 2025.
- B) That Council adopts the 2024/25 Annual Report.
- C) That Council adopts the 2024/25 Summary Annual Report.
- D) That Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer to approve minor changes (if required) to the Annual Report 2024-25 and Summary Annual Report 2024-25 to allow for any necessary drafting corrections in the final proof.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Updated 2024/2025 Annual Plan Summary (handout at Council Meeting 09/10/25)

9. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

10. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

11. VALEDICTORY SPEECHES

Councillor Malcolm Dixon (Hastings Havelock North Ward Councillor 2013 – 2025) delivered his valedictory speech, supported by Council's waiata group. Mayor Hazlehurst presented Councillor Dixon with his citation and certificate.

Councillor Ana Apatu (Takitimu Māori Ward Councillor 2022 – 2025) delivered her valedictory speech, supported by Council's waiata group. Mayor Hazlehurst presented Councillor Apatu with her citation and certificate.

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst (first elected as a Hastings Havelock North Ward Councillor in 2010; served as the first female Mayor of Heretaunga Hastings District from 2017 to 2025) delivered her valedictory speech, supported by Council's waiata group. Deputy Mayor Kerr presented Mayor Hazlehurst with her citation and certificate.

Deputy Chief Executive Bruce Allan expressed appreciation on behalf of Chief Executive Nigel Bickle and the staff of Hastings District Council, acknowledging Mayor Hazlehurst's leadership and service to the district.

The meeting closed at 2.36pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date:

Chief Executive
Nigel Bickle

Date: _____