

Tuesday, 11 November 2025

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 11 November 2025**

Venue **Assembly Room
Toitōi Arts and Events Centre
Heretaunga Street
Hastings**

Time start - end **1.00pm – 3.12pm**

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Kua Tae ā-tinana: *Tiamana:*
Present: Chair: Mayor Wendy Schollum

Ngā KaiKaunihera:

Councillors:-Alwyn Corban, Siiam Daniel, Michael Fowler (Deputy Mayor), Stephen Gibson, Kellie Jessup, Yvonne Lorkin, Elisha Milmine, Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Derek Nowell-Usticke, Henare O’Keefe, Nicholas Ratcliffe, Callum Ross, 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
General Counsel – Scott Smith
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: Kaumātua Jerry Hapuku
Kahurangi Māori Dance Company
Whānau and friends of elected members, Council staff and members of the public were present.
Rev. David van Oeveren from St Matthew’s Church

The Kahurangi Māori Dance Group performed a karanga to call in the Mayor Elect and Councillors Elect into the Assembly room.

1. MIHI / OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

Council Kaumātua Jerry Hapuku delivered the opening karakia and mihi.

Chief Executive To'osavili Nigel Bickle gave his opening speech, declaring the meeting open. He welcomed the Mayor, Councillors, whānau, and supporters to the first meeting of the Hastings District Council for the 2025–2028 triennium.

He thanked Kaumātua Jerry Hapuku and acknowledged the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Chair, the Napier City Council Mayor, and the Chief Executives and Chairs of the Taiwhenua and Post-Settlement Entities. He also acknowledged QAMR RSM W01 Ox White and WEC SSM W02 Shaun Mabbett.

Mr Bickle further acknowledged the previous councillors and mayor in attendance and congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Councillors.

He then outlined the process for the meeting, beginning with the swearing-in of the Mayor and Councillors.

5. MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR

(Document ref 25/342)

Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle called up Mayor Wendy Schollum to recite her declaration.

Mayor Schollum made her oral declaration which was duly witnessed by the Chief Executive and observed by the QAMR Officer.

Mr Bickle invested the Mayor with her Insignia of Office – robe and chains.

Former Mayor, Sandra Hazlehurst was called to the stage by karanga wearing the Civic Korowai. Mrs Hazlehurst presented Mayor Schollum with the Civic Korowai.

Waiata – Te Aroha

Mayor Schollum delivered her speech and assumed the chair.

6. MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATIONS OF ELECTED MEMBERS

(Document ref 25/343)

Mayor Schollum then received the oral declarations in (English or Te Reo) of Councillors Alwyn Alexander Corban; Siam Daniel in Te Reo; Michael Bruce Fowler; Stephen Graham Gibson; Kellie Ann Jessup in Te Reo; Yvonne Marie Lorkin; Elisha Milmine; Hana Montaperto-Hendry; Simon Harpur Nixon; Derek Lincoln Nowell-Usticke; Henare Ngaera O'Keefe in Te Reo; Nicholas John Kelday Ratcliffe; Callum Ross; Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Victor Watkins.

Councillors when making their declarations gave their inaugural speech and acknowledged their whānau and supporters.

The declarations were witnessed by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOLLOWING 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

(Document ref 25/338)

Mayor Schollum spoke in support for her appointment of Councillor Michael Fowler as Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Jessup

- A) That Council receive the report titled Appointment of Deputy Mayor Following 2025 Local Government Triennial Elections dated 11 November 2025.
- B) That Council notes Mayor Schollum in accordance with Section 41A(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2002, appoints Councillor Fowler as Deputy Mayor of Hastings District (Heretaunga Hastings District Council).

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Fowler delivered a speech and thanked the Mayor and Councillors.

The meeting then addressed the remaining agenda items.

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*

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

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

There were no minutes to confirm.

The meeting returned to item 5 and 6 to receive the reports.

5. MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Fowler

That Council receive the report titled Making and Attesting of Declaration of the Mayor dated 11 November 2025.

CARRIED

6. MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATIONS OF ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor Corban/Councillor Daniel

That Council receive the report titled Making and Attesting of Declarations of Elected Members dated 11 November 2025.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL INTERIM APPOINTMENT AND DELEGATIONS ARRANGEMENTS PENDING COUNCIL'S ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2028 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

(Document ref 25/418)

Councillor Fowler/Councillor Ratcliffe

- A) That Council receive the report titled Council Interim Appointment and Delegations Arrangements Pending Council's Adoption of the 2025-2028 Committee Structure dated 11 November 2025.
- B) That Council notes the appointment of Councillor Fowler to the Transitional Governance Group (Joint Committee) (Hawke's Bay Water Services Council Controlled Organisation Project).
- C) That Council notes the Mayor's decision in accordance with Section 41A(3)(b) of the New Zealand Local Government Act 2002 to establish a Civic Development Committee.
- D) That Council notes the appointment of Councillor Fowler and Councillor Montaperto-Hendry to the Civic Development Committee.
- E) That Council notes the appointment of Councillor Te Au-Skipworth and Councillor Fowler to represent Council at the Local Government New Zealand Zone 3 meeting on 20/21 November 2025.
- F) That Council reappoints Kitt Littlejohn (external independent appointee and Chair for this hearing); Bill Wasley (external appointee and independent commissioner); George Lyons; and Councillor Heather Te Au-Skipworth as the hearings panel to consider and decide on the private plan change request for the Hastings Golf Course (RMA20230336).

CARRIED

9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO HASTINGS DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD

(Document ref 25/337)

Councillor Jessup/Councillor Te Au-Skipworth

- A) That Council receive the report titled Appointment of Councillors to Hastings District Rural Community Board dated 11 November 2025.

- B) That Council notes the appointment the following Councillors to the Hastings District Rural Community Board:

Councillor for the Kahurānaki General Ward	Councillor Elisha Milmine
Councillor for the Mōhaka General Ward	Councillor Derek Nowell-Usticke
Councillor for the Takitimu Māori Ward	Councillor Siim Daniel

CARRIED

10. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(Document ref 25/339)

Councillor Ratcliffe/Councillor Lorkin

That Council receive the report titled Conflicts of Interest dated 11 November 2025.

CARRIED

11. LEGISLATION AFFECTING MEMBERS

(Document ref 25/341)

Councillor O'Keefe/Councillor Milmine

That Council receive the report titled Legislation Affecting Members dated 11 November 2025.

CARRIED

12. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2025

(Document ref 25/428)

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Fowler

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Schedule Of Meetings 2025 dated 11 November 2025.
- B) That Council adopt the Schedule of Meetings for the remainder of 2025 as follows:

Council / Committee	Date	Time	Venue
Council	2 December 2025	1.00 pm	Council Chamber
Hastings District Rural Community Board	8 December 2025	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Council	11 December 2025	1.00 pm	Council Chamber

CARRIED

13. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

14. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

Rev. David van Oeveren from St Matthew's Church closed the meeting in prayer acknowledging Armistice Day and the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War Two and a final benediction followed by the National Anthem.

The meeting closed at 3.12pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: