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Friday, 27 February 2026

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

**Administered by Hastings District Council:  
Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

# Minutes

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*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Friday, 27 February 2026**

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

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Time start – end: **1:00 PM – 3.08 PM**

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**Chair:** Councillor Hana Montaperto-Hendry (HDC)

**Deputy Chair:** Councillor Craig Morley (NCC)

Councillors Kevin Watkins, Nicholas Ratcliffe and Alwyn Corban (HDC)

Councillor Whare Isaac-Sharland (NCC) – *present for part of meeting*

*Kua Tae ā-tinana:*

**Present:**

Councillor Siiam Daniel (HDC Alternate)

Councillor Greg Mawson (NCC Alternate) – *present as an observer for part of the meeting and was then a full voting member from Item 11 onward, once Councillor Whare Isaac-Sharland left.*

Ngāti Pārau Appointee: - Alice Hughes

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Group Manager: Infrastructure - Craig Thew (HDC)

Interim Group Manager: Waste, Parks & Cemeteries - Martin Jarvis (HDC)

Waste Manager - Angela Atkins (HDC)

Landfill Manager – Chris Morgan (HDC)

Landfill Supervisor – Paul Webster (HDC)

*Kua Tatū:*

**In attendance:**

Waste Minimisation Lead - Stefni Wilson (NCC)

Management Accountant - Jeff Tieman (HDC)

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager - Jennie Kuzman (HDC)

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Partner - Jo Roe

Solid Waste Landfill Technician – Gagan Kooner (HDC)

Democracy and Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton (HDC)

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The meeting opened with the Interim Group Manager: Waste, Parks & Cemeteries, Martin Jarvis, in the Chair, Martin remained in the Chair until the Joint Committee had elected its Chair.

Councillor Nick Ratcliffe gave the opening Karakia.

## 1. APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA

Councillor Corban/ Councillor Isaac-Sharland

That apologies for lateness from Ngāti Pārau Appointee: Alice Hughes be accepted.

CARRIED

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

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

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

This was the first meeting of the new triennium, so there were no previous minutes to be confirmed.

## 4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

(Document 26/75)

The Interim Group Manager: Waste, Parks & Cemeteries, Martin Jarvis, called for nominations for the role of Chair.

### **Election of Chair:**

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry (HDC) was nominated by Councillor Ratcliffe (HDC) and seconded by Councillor Isaac-Sharland (NCC).

As there were no other nominations, Councillor Montaperto-Hendry (HDC) accepted the role and was duly elected unopposed as Chair.

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry then assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the role of Deputy Chair.

### **Election of Deputy Chair:**

Councillor Ratcliffe (HDC) was nominated by Councillor Montaperto-Hendry (Chair) and seconded by Councillor Isaac-Sharland (NCC).

Councillor Craig Morley (NCC) was nominated by Councillor Watkins (HDC) and seconded by Councillor Corban (HDC).

A vote was taken with the result being 2 votes for Councillor Ratcliffe and 2 votes for Councillor Morley.

At this point Councillor Morley advised that he would be happy to withdraw from being a nominee for the Deputy Chair role.

Councillor Morley and Councillor Ratcliffe both outlined their respective background and experience, specifically in regard to landfill activities.

At this point, Ngāti Pārau Appointee: Alice Hughes joined the meeting at 1.12pm.

To provide background information for Alice Hughes, the Chair summarised the experience that both Deputy Chair nominees had outlined earlier.

Councillor Morley advised that he rescinded his earlier statement, where he had withdrawn from being a nominee for this role.

The point was made that a member did not need to be the Chair or Deputy Chair to have a voice at the table and that all members had equal opportunity to address an issue/item at a meeting.

The Chair explained, for Alice Hughes' information, which members had nominated and seconded each nominee and that the earlier vote had for a Deputy Chair had been tied 2-2 votes.

With Alice Hughes now present, the vote was put again – with the result being:

Councillor Ratcliffe received 2 votes.

Councillor Morley received 3 votes.

Councillor Morley was duly declared as being elected as Deputy Chair.

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry/ Councillor Isaac-Sharland

- A) That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Election of Chair and Deputy Chair dated 27 February 2026.
- B) That Councillor Hana Montaperto-Hendry (HDC) be appointed as Chair of the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee for the next triennium 2025-2028.
- C) That Councillor Craig Morley (NCC) be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee for the next triennium 2025-2028.

CARRIED

The Chair, Councillor Montaperto-Hendry, asked the members and officers around the table to introduce themselves.

## 5. HEADS OF AGREEMENT

(Document 26/74)

The Interim Group Manager: Waste, Parks & Cemeteries, Martin Jarvis; as well as Group Manager: Infrastructure, Craig Thew; and Management Accountant, Jeff Tieman all spoke to the agenda report, highlighting the main points and responding to questions from the meeting.

The meeting addressed the attached Revised Heads of Agreement document –with officers responding to questions and clarifying the details under each part.

The meeting particularly sought clarification regarding Parts 6.1 c) and d) set out under Point #6 “Joint Committee General Powers”.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Joint Committee would be held at the Education Centre (Te Whare Mukupara) at the Ōmarunui Landfill.

Councillor Watkins/Alice Hughes

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Heads of Agreement dated 27 February 2026.

CARRIED

## 6. HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING UPDATE

(Document 26/66)

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Jennie Kuzman, spoke to the report. She highlighted the main points and responded to questions from the meeting focussing on health and safety risks at the landfill.

The meeting was advised that officers at the landfill needed to continue to be vigilant and the measures being taken to mitigate any risks for staff, contractors and licensed users of the site.

The meeting was advised that there was a significant number of low level small fires occurring at the landfill, which could become major hazards – e.g. caused by batteries that were dumped.

Officers advised that health hazards, such as toxic gases and the dumping of unknown chemicals, were significant risks at the landfill. Council staff were given protection and their health monitored via the use of PPE equipment, monitors and other new technology. Other users of the site were given regular information regarding such hazards/risks but council could not oversee how these other users were protected by their respective companies.

Extensive discussion took place with it being noted that an attempt to stop batteries being dumped was a widespread issue and the actions that officers were undertaking, included lobbying central government. Pre-sorting of e-waste before it went to the landfill would minimise fire risks at the site – with a multi-pronged attack needed, including behavioural changes for the public.

Councillor Ratcliffe/Councillor Corban

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Health, Safety & Wellbeing Update dated 27 February 2026.

CARRIED

## 7. ŌMARUNUI JOINT LANDFILL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

(Document 26/1)

The Interim Group Manager: Waste, Parks & Cemeteries, Martin Jarvis, spoke to the report, highlighting the main points and responding to questions from the meeting.

It was noted that this report would have been addressed previously, but it had been deferred to this meeting due to the timing of the local authority elections held last year.

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Isaac-Sharland

A) That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Ōmarunui Joint Landfill Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2025 dated 27 February 2026.

- B) That the Committee receives the unaudited Ōmarunui Joint Landfill Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025 and attached to the report in A) above, as Appendix 1 (CG-17-20-00057).

CARRIED

At this point, a brief adjournment was taken  
The meeting adjourned at 2.20pm and resumed at 2.25pm

## 8. SIX MONTH ACTIVITY REPORT

(Document 26/3)

The Interim Group Manager: Waste, Parks & Cemeteries, Martin Jarvis, and the Landfill Manager, Chris Morgan, spoke to the report, highlighting the main points and responding to questions from the meeting.

The main points highlighted included the following:

- Operator drivers were protected on the site in their cabs but were still using monitors.
- The thermal cameras were working well as part of the permanent fire detection system on the site, together with smoke detectors.
- Officers had applied for a new Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) factor for the previous calendar year and the factor that had been granted was 0.58. This would be a huge cost benefit to the council. The government had changed the system making it harder to get a lower factor.
- Landfill gas – the unique factor verifier required more detail. Officers working with the contractor were able to provide this information. When more of HDC's infrastructure was in place (in Area B) it would assist the landfill gas contractor as they could then install a second engine in the energy plant.
- No waste had yet been received from Wairoa. Officers expanded further on this point.
- Council continue to engage "Air Matters" to undertake testing in regard to the effect on the site of the dumping of skins, pelts and other tannery waste.

Councillor Corban/Councillor Ratcliffe

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Six Month Activity Report dated 27 February 2026.

CARRIED

## 9. MINOR ITEMS - *NGĀ TAKE ITI*

There were no additional business items.

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

There were no extraordinary business items.

At this point, Councillor Whare Isaac-Sharland (NCC) left the meeting at 2.53pm. Councillor Siam Daniel (HDC Alternate) who had been present at the meeting as an observer also left.

Councillor Greg Mawson (NCC Alternate) who had been present at the meeting as an observer up to this point, then replaced Councillor Whare Isaac-Sharland (NCC) for the remainder of the agenda items.

**11 RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 12**

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Councillor Mawson/Councillor Corban

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

**12 Review of Disposal Fees**

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>
<b>12 Review of Disposal Fees</b>	<p><b>Section 7 (2) (i)</b></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>To enable the Council to carry out negotiations.</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</b></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 3.08pm

Confirmed:

Chair:

Date: