

Thursday, 5 March 2026

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga
Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 5 March 2026**

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

Time start - end **9.00am – 9.57am**

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

Ngā KaiKaunihera:
Councillors:-Alwyn Corban, Siam Daniel, Michael Fowler (Deputy Mayor) via zoom, Stephen Gibson, Yvonne Lorkin, Elisha Milmine, Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Derek Nowell-Usticke, Callum Ross, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
 Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan
 Group Manager: Democracy & Emergency Management – Craig Cameron
 Interim Group Manager: Strategy – Gus Charteris
 Manager: Democracy & Governance Services – Louise Stettner
 Democracy & Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine
 Senior Advisor - Democracy & Governance Services – Lynne Cox

1. **OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA**

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Daniel.

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

Councillor Ross/Councillor Milmine

That apologies for absence from Councillors O’Keefe and Jessup be accepted.

CARRIED

Leave of absence had previously been granted to Councillor Ratcliffe who was away on Council Business.

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. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

6. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

7 RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 8

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Watkins

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

8 Commercial Contract

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>
8 Commercial Contract	<p>Section 7 (2) (b) (ii)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Section 7 (2) (h)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</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>

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).

To protect Councils commercial negotiation position.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 9.57am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: