

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT

D A Adams (His Worship the Mayor), Cr P A Milner (Deputy Mayor), Cr R D T Broad, Cr S Crooymans, Cr C A Daley, Cr N Gray, Cr S Holmes, Cr B Ranchhod, Cr A Rattray, Cr A M Spicer, Cr J R Tilsley and Cr R L Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE

L D Cavers (Chief Executive), A de Laborde (Group Manager – Service Delivery), D Peddie (Group Manager – Business Support), P Thom (Group Manager – Community Development), C Mischewski (Senior Strategic Planner), H Hodges (Strategic Planner), N Murphy (Strategic Planner), L Visser (Strategic Planning Assistant), C Moore (Manager Projects and Operations), E Mayor (Project Manager), J Stuart (Project Manager), R Jenks (Community Development Advisor – Economic), L De Haast (Transportation Manager), J de Vos (Utilities Manager), P Matthews (Parks and Reserves Manager), A Chwesik (Community Facilities Manager), K Donnelly (Property Manager), D Bezuidenhout (Property Officer) and C Black (Council Secretary)

Karakia timatanga

Cr Holmes opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of Cr J Martyn and Cr P Buckthought be received and sustained.

C23/144

Ranchhod/Broad

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

Confirmation of Council Minutes

COUNCIL MINUTES – 26-04-23 - 3393948

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Hauraki District Council held on Wednesday, 26 April 2023 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

C23/145

Wilkinson/Spicer

CARRIED

Confirmation and Receipt of Committee Minutes

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES (UNCONFIRMED) – 18-04-23 - 3391204

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 April 2023 are received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

C23/146 Adams/Rattray **CARRIED**

REGULATORY HEARINGS COMMITTEE MINUTES (UNCONFIRMED) – 08-05-23 - 3413466

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 08 May 2023 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.

C23/147 Milner/Holmes **CARRIED**

ADAPTIVE PLANNING AND EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MINUTES (UNCONFIRMED) – 15-05-23 - 3415282

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Adaptive Planning and Emergency Committee meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2022 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.

C23/148 Gray/Daley **CARRIED**

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES (UNCONFIRMED) – 04-05-23 - 3410158

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Western Plains Drainage District Committee meeting held Thursday, 04 May 2023 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.

C23/149 Spicer/Daley **CARRIED**

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES (UNCONFIRMED) – 04-05-23 - 3410357

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Eastern Plains Drainage District Committee meeting held on Thursday, 04 May 2023 be received and the recommendations therein adopted.

C23/150 Ranchhod/Daley **CARRIED**

Reporting

PROPOSED LIABILITY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT POLICY – 2023 - 3415381 **Appendix A – Liability and Investment Policy - 3394414**

The Group Manager – Business Support provided elected members with the proposed Liability Management and Investment Policy 2023.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/151

Daley/Tilsley

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT Council adopts the proposed Liability Management and Investment Policy 2023 as attached, and

THAT the policy will come into effect on the 1st of July 2023, and

THAT in accordance with s80 of the Local Government Act 2002, it be noted that the debt caps in the policy, are inconsistent with the debt caps per the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, and that the new caps are more appropriate because of information that has become available after the current long term plan was adopted.

C23/152

Ranchhod/Holmes

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND GUIDELINES – 2023 3419119

The Senior Strategic Planner presented the Conservation and Heritage Fund Guidelines for Council’s consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/153

Ratray/Tilsley

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the Council rename the Significant Natural Areas and Heritage Features Incentive Fund’ to the ‘Conservation and Heritage Fund’ and reflect the changes on the Council’s website and in the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan, and

THAT the Council adopt the Conservation and Heritage Fund Guidelines 2023 as attached, and

THAT the Council delegate the power to make the decision on Conservation and Heritage Fund allocation to the Planning Committee, and the delegations manual be updated accordingly, and

THAT the Council considers these decisions to be insignificant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2020, and

THAT the Council inform the community about the Conservation and Heritage Fund and the Conservation and Heritage Fund Guidelines.

C23/154

Milner/Wilkinson

CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO SIGNIFICANT AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY (REVISED) - 2023 - 3418197

The Strategic Planner requested Council's consideration to the amendments on the already approved proposal for the Significance and Engagement Policy (SEP) in light of the changes to the Water Services Reform.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/155

Adams/Daley

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT Council adopt the Significance and Engagement Policy 2023 without amendment, and

THAT the Council considers these decisions to not be significant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2020.

C23/156

Adams/Holmes

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE LAND TRANSPORT POLICY - 2023 - 3419138

The Senior Strategic Planner and Transportation Manager presented the Land Transport Policy 2023 for Council's consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/157

Ranchhod/Tilsley

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the Council adopt the Land Transport Policy 2023 as attached, and

THAT the Council delegate authority to make decisions on granting funding for traffic management for community events, in addition to those annual civic and cultural events noted in the Long Term Plan, to the Community Partnerships Committee, and the delegations manual be updated accordingly, and

THAT the Council considers these decisions to be insignificant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2020, and

THAT the Council inform the community about the Land Transport Policy.

C23/158

Ranchhod/Gray

CARRIED

TRANSPORT – INTERIM SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - 3419056

The Transportation Manager presented members with an update on the progress of the Hauraki District Interim Speed Management Plan and sought approval for the proposed implementation plan.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/159

Adams/Broad

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the implementation plan for Council's interim speed management plan is approved, and

THAT the following changes as requested by the Councillor Speed Management working party is incorporated in the published version of the implementation plan:

1. Implementation of speed limit changes in Oparia Road and Raratuna Road, Turua to be delayed to NLTP 24/27 to allow for further review.
2. Implementation of the speed limit change in Gilmour Street, Waihi to be aligned with current and future extensions of the Rail Trail, or place-making projects.
3. Implementation of speed limit change in Victoria Street, Waihi to be aligned with work on the Hauraki Rail Trail.
4. Implementation of speed limit changes on Awaiti Road to be coordinated with Matamata-Piako District Council, but preferably to be at the same time as Hauraki Road changes.
5. Implementation of speed limit changes on Kaiaua Road be brought forward to 2023-26 in the Long Term Plan.
6. Implementation of speed limit changes in Pipiroa Road, Ngatea be brought forward to 2021-23 in the Long Term Plan.

THAT the Council considers these decisions to be insignificant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2020, and

THAT level of engagement at this time is to inform our communities.

C23/160

Spicer/Broad

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.03am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.20am

PLAINS COMMUNITY HUB - MAY 2023 - 3419171 Appendix A - 3419174

Project Managers presented the Council with a budget option for Council to consider to allow the Plains Community Hub project to progress and to request that a working party be established to support the decision-making process and community engagement plan.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/161

Tilsley/Daley

CARRIED

The business case to support the decision was provided in the attachment (Appendix A).

Members supported Option 1.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council proceed with the project (as per Option 1) and establish a Working Party consisting of Councillors Tilsley, Broad, Milner, Spicer and Croymans to support the decision-making process, and

THAT the Council set a working budget of \$4.8 million, and

THAT the Council approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$3,667,716 for the Plains Community Hub – New Build Project, and

THAT the Council carries forward the budgeted capital expenditure of \$1,132,284 for the Ngatea library and service centre from the Offices- Renewals activity, from 2022/2023 to the year 2023/2024, and

THAT the Council considers these decisions to be significant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2020.

C23/162

Broad/Daley

CARRIED

Presentation: Fiona Carrick - Chief Executive, Te Waka #3424332

CEO Te Waka, Fiona Carrick was in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the role of the organisation in regards to Regional Economic Development, activities to strengthen the regional economy, priorities and objectives and the strategy for 2023-28.

ELDERLY PERSONS HOUSING RENTAL FEES – 2023-24 - 3419672

In the absence of the Property Manager, the Property Officer and Group Manager – Service Delivery sought Council’s approval for increasing Council’s Elderly Person Housing rental fees from 1 August 2023 to a sustainable rental rate.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/163

Daley/Broad

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the weekly Elderly Person Housing rental fees are increased by \$18 per unit from 1 August 2023 to \$198 (studio unit), \$198 (bedsit unit) and \$205 (single bedroom unit), and

THAT staff continue to work with tenants and Ministry of Social Development in the transition of the rental rates, and

THAT the Council considers these decisions to be insignificant under its Significance and Engagement Policy 2020, and

THAT Council staff clearly communicate the Council’s decision to tenants, aligning with the requirements of the Residential Tenancies Act, and

THAT Council adopts Option 5, that Council lobby’s central government to support local government to be social housing providers.

C23/164

Daley/Crooymans

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD TO 30 APRIL 2023 - 3419087

The Group Manager – Business Support provided Council with cumulative financial information for the year to date to monitor the financial performance of the organisation and to inform of budget requests made under the delegated financial authority.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/165

Ranchhod/Daley

CARRIED

Council's approval was sought of further requests for additional budget under the CEO's delegation for the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Earthquake Strengthening Projects.

RESOLVED

THAT Council notes the Audit and Risk Committees continued approval, due to the 3-Waters process, the continued non-compliance with as follows:

- the recommended parameters for the fixed/floating interest rates as set out in the Liability Management Policy up to and including the date of the next Committee meeting, as it believes it is prudent to do so for the reasons set out in the treasury paper submitted to them on the above dates.
- the recommended parameters for the loan maturity profile as set out in the Liability Management Policy up to and including the date of the next Committee meeting, as it believes it is prudent to do so for the reasons set out in the treasury paper submitted to them on the above dates.

THAT Council Endorses the Chief Executives budget Waihi Arts Centre and Museum Earthquake Strengthening Project of \$26,620 excluding GST made under the CEO's Delegations.

C23/166

Ranchhod/Daley

CARRIED

IWI LIAISON QUARTERLY REPORT – JANUARY – APRIL 2023 - 3417277

The Iwi and Māori Liaison Officers presented the quarterly Iwi Liaison report covering the period January to April 2023.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/167

Adams/Spicer

CARRIED

LIBRARY SERVICES – THIRD QUARTER - 2022-23 - 3415105

The Library Services Manager presented the activities of the District and Community Libraries for the third quarter.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/168

Adams/Broad

CARRIED

The Mayor vacated the Chair at 11.45am, the Deputy Chair assumed the Chair. The Mayor returned to the meeting and took the Chair at 11.46am.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT – THIRD QUARTER – 2023 - 3419296

The Group Manager – Service Delivery provided an update on the activities in Community Services. This includes the district swimming pools, sports fields, recreation reserves, Waihi Events Centre, district sports coordinator (Sport Waikato), community halls, rural halls, elderly persons housing, public toilets, cemeteries, non-recreational reserves and property.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/169

Rattray/Ranchhod

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.04pm

The meeting reconvened at 12.35pm

NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TARGETS RESULTS - THIRD QUARTER 2022-23 - 3418938

The Strategic Planning Assistant presented the Council with the non-financial performance results (including mandatory results) for the third quarter of the 2022/23 year.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/170

Holmes/Wilkinson

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY REPORT - 31 MAY 2023 - 3419104

The Chief Executive presented his monthly report to 31 May 2023.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

C23/171

Milner/Tilsley

CARRIED

The Chief Executive gave an update on Staff Recruitment and recent changes and an update on Three Waters Review

Reasons for Matters to be taken with the Public Excluded

RESOLVED

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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 are as follows:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of this Resolution
1	Paeroa Centennial Park Board Dissolution	Section 7(2)(g) - Maintain legal professional privilege.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
2	Award of Contract HDC23-022 Waste Disposal Services 2023-2033	Section 7(2)(b)(i) - Protect information where the making available of the information: (1) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
3	Budget Increase and Contract Award Waihi Water Treatment Plant	Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

C23/172

Adams/Gray

CARRIED

confidential pages 10 and 11 have been removed

RESOLVED

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting and that the business in committee discussed be confirmed.

C23/179

Daley/Broad

CARRIED

Karakia whakamutunga

Cr Holmes closed the meeting with a karakia at 1.49pm.

CONFIRMED

D A Adams
Mayor

28 June 2023