

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKES BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA  
ON THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2024 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Alex Walker  
Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand  
Cr Pip Burne  
Cr Jerry Greer  
Cr Gerard Minehan  
Cr Brent Muggeridge  
Cr Kate Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Doug Tate (Chief Executive)  
Dennise Elers (Group Manager Community Partnerships)  
Dylan Muggeridge (Group Manager Strategic Planning & Development)  
Phillip Stroud (Acting Group Manager Community Infrastructure and  
Development)

Sarah Crysell (Communications & Engagement Manager)  
Sam Broughton (LGNZ President) *(online)*  
Susan Freeman (LGNZ) *(online)*  
Riley Kupa (Recovery Manager)  
Debbie Northe (Community Connections Manager)  
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)

**1 KARAKIA**

Her Worship, The Mayor Alex Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a karakia.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED: 24.51**

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer  
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

**That apologies from Cr Tim Aitken and Cr Exham Wichman be received and accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Conflicts of Interest declared.

**4 STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED: 24.52**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand  
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the following standing orders are suspended for the duration of the meeting:

- 21.2 Time limits on speakers

- 21.5 Members may speak only once
- 21.6 Limits on number of speakers

And that Option C under section 21 General procedures for speaking and moving motions be used for the meeting.

Standing orders are recommended to be suspended to enable members to engage in discussion in a free and frank manner.

**CARRIED**

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 24.53**

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

**That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 10 April 2024 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.**

**CARRIED**

Correction: As Cr Tim Aitken was noted as an apology, that the "attendance list" on the front page be amended to reflect this.

## **6 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

No reports.

## **7 REPORT SECTION**

### **7.1 RESOLUTION MONITORING REPORT**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Resolution Monitoring Report. This report seeks to ensure Council has visibility over work that is progressing, following resolutions from Council.

### **RESOLVED: 24.54**

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

**That the report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

The report was introduced by Doug Tate which was taken as read.

### **7.2 CYCLONE GABRIELLE - RECOVERY UPDATE**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide a bi-monthly formal update on progress on the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle against the key four priorities and issues identified for the district through its Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery and Resilience Plan.

**RESOLVED: 24.55**

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

**That the report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

Riley Kupa and Debbie Northe introduced the report which was taken as read, however gave brief update on 2 specific projects namely (1) Porangahau and (2) Community Well-being and Resilience.

Porangahau:

- A meeting has been confirmed for Monday, 22 April at Rongomaraeroa marae, specifically to discuss the proposed flood mitigation scheme and categorisation process.
- There is a lack of flood protection on the southern side of the river – an opportunity to discuss those issues further with marae specifically and a wider community meeting is planned for 30 April.

Community Well-being and Resilience:

- A key focus for the recovery team has been community preparedness and resilience, more specifically the development of community resilience plans as well as the establishing of community emergency hubs.
- Conversations ongoing with community in how to be better prepared for future events.
- 15 Emergency hubs have been identified in Central Hawke's Bay, including 3 marae.
- The Paul Hunter Centre confirmed as a dedicated hub for our disabled community.

Roading Recovery:

- On 9 April CHBDC has received confirmation from Waka Kotahi that an additional \$9.5m has been granted for emergency response funding.
- These funds needs to be spent before end June 2024.
- Officers are rapidly working to plan and procure contractors to be able to spend the \$9.5m before end of June 2024.
- To date the team has procured around \$8.7m to specific sites/tasks. There are two procurement items in Public Excluded session today for consideration specifically around the construction contract on one specific site and the other items is for the procurement of professional services with our consultant partners, Stantec.
- Ben Swinburne gave an update on the Stormwater activities.

### **7.3 REPORTS FROM JOINT COMMITTEES JANUARY - MARCH 2024**

#### **PURPOSE**

This report presents the minutes of the following Joint Committee for Council's noting:

1. 15 March 2024 – Regional Transport Committee minutes.
2. 25 March 2024 – Hawke's Bay CDEM Group Joint Committee minutes.

**RESOLVED: 24.56**

Moved: Cr Pip Burne  
Seconded: Cr Brent Muggerridge

**That:**

1. **The Minutes from the Regional Transport Committee held on 15 March 2024 be received.**
2. **The Minutes from the Hawke's Bay CDEM Group Joint Committee held on 25 March 2024 be received.**

**CARRIED****7.4 RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE RISK REPORT TO COUNCIL****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide visibility to Council of active risks that officers have reported to the Risk & Assurance Committee, that have trending outside of the risk appetite of Council for two quarters or more.

**RESOLVED: 24.57**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand  
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

**That the report be noted.****CARRIED**

The report was introduced by Nicola Bousfield who gave a brief overview and risks trending outside of the risk appetite of Council. Discussions noted:

- This is the first report to Council reporting on the top risks identified that were also presented to the R&A Committee earlier.
- One of the outcomes from the Risk Maturity review was "how to report risks to the council".
- The risks identified are typical risks trending outside of the risk appetite for two quarters or more to report up to the Council table.
- Ms Bousfield explained each risk identified and gave a brief overview on the current status of each risk.

**7.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND (LGNZ) FOUR-MONTHLY REPORT FOR MEMBERS: NOVEMBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Four Monthly Report for Member Councils to Council for its noting for the period of July – October 2023.

**RESOLVED: 24.58**

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor  
Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

**That the report be noted.****CARRIED**

The Mayor welcomes Susan Freeman and Sam Broughton (LGNZ) who spoke on the 4 monthly

LGNZ report. Discussions noted.

- Acknowledges mana whenua, the Mayor, The Chief Executive and Councillors for their exceptional leadership over the last 18 months through the weather events.
- Particular pressures across Councils in New Zealand due to high inflation and other factors. Need national conversation about funding.
- Rates account for more than half of council funding (+/- 52% on average).
- Councils costs have increased significantly over the years. Infometrics provided data on these costs.
- Essential infrastructure costs, specifically Systems for Water & Sewerage (28%), Transport ways (27%), Civil Construction (27 %), Capital Goods Price index (26%), Commercial Buildings (25 %), Non-residential Buildings (25 %).
- Bridges are 38 % more expensive to build than three years ago, with Roads and water supply systems by 27%, Sewerage systems by 30%.
- New challenges bring new costs such as climate change, transitioning to a low carbon economy, infrastructure demands, tourism growths and emerging biosecurity threats.
- Most councils are at a point where sweating assets or underinvesting in new assets would impact on services.
- Councils have taken on debt to fund infrastructure investment and now are paying huge interest costs.
- With additional council responsibilities and stronger standards coupled with reduced funding levers are making the situation harder.
- Infometrics have done some analysis on how much kiwis pay in rates compared to tax – estimates an average Kiwi household pays around \$2,900 a year in rates and \$37,000 in tax.
- Local Government owns and operates more than 25% of NZ's Infrastructure assets. Local Government invests in \$3,8billion in Infrastructure per year.
- LGNZ is advocating for levers individual councils can choose to use i.e
  - An accommodation levies.
  - GST sharing on new builds.
  - Congestion charging.
  - Tourism levies etc.
- Shifting the burden of rates into a new way of funding.
- LGNZ would be keen to hear from council on how we should pay for infrastructure.
- Key part is to have a national conversation around rates pressure, noticing that communities are much more aware of what those pressures are.

## 7.5 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 UPDATE

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a general update on the Three Year Plan 2024–2027 programme overall and progress underway.

### RESOLVED: 24.59

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

**That the report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

The report was introduced by Doug Tate which was taken as read.

- To date, 31 submissions have been received and expecting more to come.
- Tonight, The Mayor and Councillors will have a live Facebook Q&A session tonight to address issues and concerns public may have.
- Noting council's timeline in terms of engagement events over the coming weeks and the

remainder of the LTP program.

## 8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

No report.

## 9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

### RESOLVED: 24.60

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

**That the next meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council be held on 22 May 2024.**

**CARRIED**

## 10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

### RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

#### RESOLVED: 24.61

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

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

The general subject matter 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 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<b>10.1 - Public Excluded Resolution Monitoring Report</b>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - 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 under section 6 or section 7</p>

<p><b>10.2 - District Plan Key Project Status Report</b></p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - 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 under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p><b>10.3 - Land Transport Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Professional Services Contract Variation</b></p>	<p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - 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 under section 6 or section 7</p>

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED: 24.62**

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

**That Council moves into Public Excluded Business at 10.32am.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.32am and reconvened in Public Excluded at 11.00am.

**RESOLVED: 24.63**

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

**That Council moves out of Public Excluded Business at 12.01pm.**

**CARRIED**

**11 TIME OF CLOSURE**

The Meeting closed at 12.02pm.

**The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 22 May 2024.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**