

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2024 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Alex Walker
Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand
Cr Tim Aitken
Cr Pip Burne
Cr Jerry Greer
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Brent Muggeridge
Cr Exham Wichman
Cr Kate Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Tate (Chief Executive)
Nicola Bousfield (Group Manager People and Business Enablement)
Brent Chamberlain (Chief Financial Officer)
Dennise Elers (Group Manager Community Partnerships)
Dylan Muggeridge (Group Manager Strategic Planning & Development)
Phillip Stroud (Acting Group Manager Community Infrastructure and
Development)
Sarah Crysell (Communication and Engagement Manager)
Lisa Harrison (LTP Programme Manager)
Stephen Hill (Electionz.com) (online)
Ben Swinburne (Three Waters Manager)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)

1 KARAKIA

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

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest received.

4 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: 24.78

Moved: Cr Exham Wichman
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

That Council confirm the 18 April, 22 May and 23 May 2024 Council minutes at their next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 13 June 2024.

6 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

No reports received.

7 REPORT SECTION

7.1 REPRESENTATION REVIEW – CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to confirm its preferred option for representation arrangements for the 2025 and 2028 elections for inclusion in the initial representation proposal, to be presented to Council at its meeting of 27 June 2024 for adoption and subsequent community consultation.

RESOLVED: 24.79

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

- 1. That the Council confirms Option 4 as the representation arrangement for inclusion in Councils Initial Representation Proposal for the 2025 and 2028 elections.**

CARRIED

AGAINST: CRS GERARD MINEHAN/ TIM AITKEN/ JERRY GREER/ BRENT MUGGERIDGE

Doug Tate welcomed Stephen Hill (Electionz.com) (*online*) who presented this report with discussions noting:

- Now in third phase of the Representation Review with options being put forward to Councillors to consider and seek feedback on the options proposed.
- Today's decision will be included in the Representation Proposal to be adopted at the 27 June 2024 Council meeting.
- Councillors explored the various representation arrangements and options proposed. Some lengthy debate on each option considered.
- Of the options developed, some options do not comply with the Local Electoral Act due to the over or under representation in one or both wards and the non-compliance with the per member ratio (+/- 10%).
- Under Option 4:
 - Each General ward elector would have 3 ward votes PLUS 2 At-Large votes (plus a vote for the mayor)
 - Each Māori ward elector would have 1 ward vote PLUS 2 At-Large votes (plus a vote for the mayor).
- The Recommendation was put and carried.

7.2 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 SUMMARY REPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary on the Three Year Plan 2024-2027 process, and the matters to be deliberated on that form part of this agenda.

RESOLVED: 24.80

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan
Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

Doug Tate introduced the report which was taken as read.

7.3 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: TRADE-OFF AREA #1 – SORTING LAND TRANSPORT

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to consider feedback related to Trade-off area #1 – Sorting Land Transport received through the Three Year Plan 2024 - 2027 process.

RESOLVED: 24.81

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken
Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

- 1. That Council adopts the Higher Option for Trade-off Area #1 – Sorting Land Transport as set out in the Three Year Plan 2024-2027.**
- 2. That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

CARRIED

The report was taken as read, followed by Councillor discussion.

7.4 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: TRADE-OFF AREA #2 – DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INVESTMENT

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to consider feedback related to Trade-off Area #2 – Drinking Water and Wastewater Investment received through the Three Year Plan 2024–2027 process.

RESOLVED: 24.82

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

- 1. That Council adopts the Central Option for Trade-off Area #2 – Drinking Water and Wastewater Investment.**
- 2. That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

CARRIED

The report was taken as read, followed by Councillor discussion.

7.5 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: TRADE-OFF AREA #3 – PRIORITISING STORMWATER

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to consider feedback related to Trade-off Area #3 – Prioritising Stormwater received through the Three Year Plan 2024 - 2027 process.

RESOLVED: 24.83

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

- 1. That Council adopts the Central Option for Trade-off Area #3 – Prioritising Stormwater as set out in the Three Year Plan 2024-2027.**
- 2. That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

CARRIED

The report was taken as read, followed by Councillor discussion.

7.6 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: TRADE-OFF AREA #4 – SERVICE REDUCTIONS AND EFFICIENCIES

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to consider feedback related to Trade-off area #4 – Service Reductions and Efficiencies received through the Three Year Plan 2024-2027 process.

RESOLVED: 24.84

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

A motion was put for recommendation 1(b) being as:

1. **That Council adopts the Central Option for Trade-off area #4 – Service Reductions and Efficiencies, with the following changes:**
 - a) **That Council retains the existing Library Service operating hours, requiring an increase in the general rate of \$30,000 in the Three Year Plan 2024-2027.**
 - b) ***That Council retains the existing Waipawa Transfer Station at reduced hours until such time as a centralised resource recovery centre is established for the district or some other option.***

Cr Jerry Greer / Cr Brent Muggerridge

Against: Mayor Alex Walker/ Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand / Cr Pip Burne / Cr Exham Wichman / Cr Gerard Minehan

The Motion was Lost

2. **That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

The motion was lost on recommendation 1(b) and the original recommendations put as being:

RESOLVED:

1. **That Council adopts the Central Option for Trade-off area #4 – Service Reductions and Efficiencies, with the following changes:**
 - a) **That Council retains the existing Library Service operating hours, requiring an increase in the general rate of \$30,000 in the Three Year Plan 2024-2027.**
2. **That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

CARRIED

The report was taken as read, followed by Councillor discussion.

- *The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.54am and reconvened at 11.16am.*

7.7 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATION'S REPORT: TUKITUKI (TAREWA) SWINGBRIDGE

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is to consider feedback related to Tukituki Swing bridge received through the Three Year Plan 2024 - 2027 process.

RESOLVED: 24.85

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

- 1. That Council reaffirms its support of the Tukituki (Tarewa) Swing bridge as an important recreational asset for Central Hawke's Bay, despite delays in the rebuilding of the bridge as a result of Hawke's Bay Regional Council's review of the Upper Tukituki River Scheme following Cyclone Gabrielle.**
- 2. That Council retains funding as proposed in the Three Year Plan 2024-2027 for the construction of the Tukituki (Tarewa) Swing bridge as a means to convey wastewater across the river.**
- 3. That following the release of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Upper Tukituki Scheme Review an assessment of the impacts of the review on the project is completed, and that Council reassesses the viability of the project to convey wastewater across the Tukituki.**
- 4. That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

CARRIED

Doug Tate introduced the report which was taken as read.

- There are a number of risks associated with this project and further information is required to better understand the impacts of these, particularly the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Upper Tukituki Scheme Review that has halted the project's progress to date.
- The swing bridge is an important asset to our community and is the centrepiece of the Tukituki Trails network.
- HBRC were unable to progress the consenting for the project any further due to the Upper Tukituki Scheme Review which is currently undertaken.
- The balance of the report was taken as read.

7.8 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY AND RATING SYSTEM

PURPOSE

The matters for consideration by Council is whether the Revenue and Financing Policy and Rating System should move the cost of swimming pool inspections, for those that have a permanent swimming pool, from a fee and charge to a targeted rate.

This report also considers the cost of swimming pool inspections moving to 100% funded by swimming pool owners (under the previous Revenue and Financing Policy 80% of the fee was covered by the pool owner and 20% was covered by general rates).

RESOLVED: 24.86

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

1. **That Council adopts the following recommendations for the Revenue and Financing Policy following its consultation as part of the Three Year Plan 2024-2027:**
 - a) **That swimming pool inspection costs continue as a fee and do not move to a targeted rate.**
 - b) **That swimming pool inspection costs move to 100% private funding.**
2. **That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

CARRIED

Doug Tate introduced the report which was taken as read, followed by Councillor discussion.

7.9 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is whether or not the proposed Development Contributions Policy should be adopted.

RESOLVED: 24.87

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

1. **That Council adopts the Development Contribution Policy following its consultation as part of the Three Year Plan 2024-2027.**
2. **That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

CARRIED

The report was taken as read, followed by Councillor discussion.

7.10 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: OTHER MATTERS

PURPOSE

The matter for consideration by the Council is any other matters outside the four trade-off areas or related policies, raised during Three Year Plan submission process.

RESOLVED: 24.88

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

- 1. That the submitters are thanked for their comments, which are acknowledged, and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**
- 2. That Sport Hawke's Bay's are thanked for their submission and their ongoing efforts in Central Hawke's Bay and that their request for support for a Regional Spaces and Places Plan and the Regional Aquatics Plan is managed by Officers.**
- 3. That funding support is not provided to the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Trust but invites the Trust to continue to participate in our community and community networks.**
- 4. That Council adopts the proposed change in the Land Use and Subdivision activity budget.**
- 5. That Council scopes for a rating review in the next 12 months.**

CARRIED

Doug Tate introduced the report which was taken as read followed by Councillor discussion.

7.11 THREE YEAR PLAN 2024-2027 – DRAFT DELIBERATIONS REPORT: TE AUTE DRAINAGE SCHEME

PURPOSE

The matters for consideration by Council is whether the Te Aute Drainage Scheme Budget should be adjusted following the Te Aute Drainage Scheme Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This is a Targeted Rate affecting the 16 farm properties surrounding the Papanui Stream Catchment Area.

RESOLVED: 24.89

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

- 1. That Council agrees to increase the targeted rate for the Te Aute Drainage Scheme by \$50,000 for additional maintenance of the drainage scheme as requested by the Te Aute Drainage Scheme Committee/Ratepayers in the Three Year Plan 2024-2027.**

CARRIED

The report was taken as read, followed by Councillor discussion.

8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

No reports.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: 24.90

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the next meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council be held on 13 June 2024.

CARRIED

Her Worship, The Mayor thanked the community for their input and feedback throughout the consultation process and thanked all officers for their effort in preparing the Deliberations Reports.

10 TIME OF CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 12.43pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 13 June 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON