

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY, GROWTH & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2024 AT 9.00AM**

UNCONFIRMED

PRESENT: Chair Kelly Annand
Deputy Chair Pip Burne
Cr Tim Aitken
Cr Jerry Greer
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Brent Muggeridge
Cr Kate Taylor
Mayor Alex Walker
Cr Exham Wichman
Pou Whirinaki Amiria Nepe-Apatu
Pou Whirinaki Piri Galbraith

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)
Mark Kinvig (Group Manager Community Infrastructure and Development)

Jane Budge (Strategic Governance Manager)
Sarah Crysell (Communications and Engagement Manager)
Sasha D'ath (Economic Development Manager)
Debbie Northe (Community Connections Manager Recover)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)

1 KARAKIA

Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand, opened the meeting and mentioned that a karakia had been conducted earlier this morning during the councillors' public excluded workshop session.

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.13

Moved: Deputy Chair Pip Burne
Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.14

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the minutes of the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2024 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 RESOLUTIONS MONITORING REPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Resolution Monitoring Report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.15

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer
Seconded: Deputy Chair Pip Burne

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee notes the Resolutions Monitoring Report.

CARRIED

Doug Tate introduced the report noting that items have been completed.

- Dylan Muggeridge provided an update on the freedom camping policy.
- A fair and transparent campsite allocation process for the peak summer season was established.
- The policy prioritises camping opportunities for CHB locals.
- A computer-generated ballot process ensures fairness.

6.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the progress and implementation of the Central Hawke's Bay Economic Development Action Plan. This update aims to inform the Committee about the current status, achievements, and future steps of the plan to ensure transparency and accountability in our efforts

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.16

Moved: Cr Tim Aitken

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

1. **That the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee notes the 'Economic Development Action Plan – Progress Report'.**
2. That the Committee acknowledges the ideas and process for moving forward.

CARRIED

Sasha D'ath introduced the report which was taken as read. Further discussions noted:

- Discussion on the need to refresh the Economic Development Action Plan from August 2019.
- Ms D'ath emphasised the importance of keeping the plan agile and reviewing it annually.
- The plan includes categories such as water, transportation, growth and development, land use, diversification, business development and attraction, tourism, and skills.
- An update on the land use diversification study by Left Field Innovation was provided.
- The study identifies opportunities for land use diversification in Central Hawke's Bay, considering soil types, topography, and export potential.
- Completion is expected by January 2025, with community engagement and workshops to follow.

Actions:

- Councillors were invited to email Sasha with thoughts and ideas for the new economic development action plan before closing down period.
- Schedule a workshop in the new year to discuss the refreshed economic development action plan before the 27th March meeting.
- Provide an update on the progress of projects supported by the managed equipment programme and other initiatives from the 2019 action plan.
- Refreshing the economic development action plan to keep it agile and review it annually.
- Exploring opportunities for land use diversification in response to climate change
- Creating a comprehensive analysis of the district for land use diversification
- Developing a regional economic development strategy post-recovery plan
- Incorporating partnership and opportunity within the why into the economic development strategy
- Engaging with the community to introduce new crops based on the land use diversification study
- Articulating the economic uplift opportunities across the pillars before the end of January
- Incorporating housing as an economic activator in the economic development strategy
- Ensuring the economic development action plan includes specific economic measures and metrics.

6.3 UPDATE ON REGIONAL DEALS AND ENDORSEMENT OF LOCAL DIRECTION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report provides an overview of the Regional Deals Programme announced by Government. It also seeks an endorsement of the proposed approach and priorities for Central Hawke's Bay to be considered as part of a Regional Deal Proposal.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.17

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee:

1. **Notes the report and the timelines set by Government.**
2. **Confirms its intention to participate in a Hawke's Bay Regional Deal.**
3. **Endorses the approach and priorities for the development of a light-touch proposal for a Hawke's Bay Regional Deal outlined in this report.**

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Doug Tate with discussions noting:

- Discussion on the new regional deals framework and the need to indicate intention to participate by 18 December.
- The framework focuses on building relationships and agreeing on priorities between the government and the region.
- Potential areas of focus identified: infrastructure investment for housing acceleration, transport initiatives, water management, and developing a regional spatial plan.
- Exploring infrastructure support or funding mechanisms for housing acceleration.
- Identifying potential infrastructure support or legislative relief for housing.
- Developing a spatial plan for the region to support housing and infrastructure projects.

Actions:

- Prepare a light touch proposal for the regional deal to be submitted by 28 Feb 2025.
- Workshop on 30 January to discuss the regional deals proposal in detail.
- Ensure that the economic narrative from Central Hawke's Bay is included in the first rounds of conversations on the regional deals.

6.4 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUBS UPDATE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report provides an update on Community Emergency Hubs in Central Hawke's Bay.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.18

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee notes the Community Emergency Hubs update.

CARRIED

Debbie Northe introduced the report which was taken with discussions noted:

- Update on community emergency hubs, including additional funding from lotteries DIA.

- Funding used for projects such as solar installations and heating upgrades.
- Progress on community resilience plans and implementation of emergency communications systems discussed.

Actions:

- Provide an update on the community resilience plan for the Podiatry community.
- Share the finalised welfare operational plan, including the mapping of community resilience plans and hub locations, in the new year.
- Creating a district map showing community coverage of resilience plans and hub locations.
- Updating community resilience plans with new tsunami mapping and evacuation signage.
- Providing secure storage for emergency hub resources in community halls.
- Implementing digital radios for emergency communication in community hubs.

6.5 ADOPTION OF 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Meeting Schedule for 2025.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.19

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

1. **That the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee adopts the '2025 Council Meetings Schedule'.**

CARRIED

Doug Tate introduced the report with discussions noting:

- The committee adopted the 2025 council meeting schedule, with amendments for national meetings and other commitments, ensuring a balance between member needs and effective governance.

6.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND (LGNZ) FOUR-MONTHLY REPORT FOR MEMBERS - 1 JULY - 31 OCTOBER 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 2024.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.20

Moved: Deputy Chair Pip Burne

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

- That the Strategy, Growth & Community notes the 'LGNZ Four-monthly report for members dated 1 July – 31 October 2024'.**

CARRIED

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

- Discussion on ongoing advocacy efforts by LGNZ around funding and financing tools and unfunded mandates.
- Emphasis on pushing back against additional financial burdens imposed by the government.

- Ensuring local councils have the necessary resources to carry out their functions.

Actions:

- Write a specific letter with Central Hawke's Bay's numbers and data to MPs and ministers regarding the potential waste levy and other unfunded mandates.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 24.21

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the next meeting of the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee be held on 27 March 2025.

CARRIED

8 TIME OF CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 11.25am.

The Minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the next Strategy, Growth & Community Committee meeting to be held on 27 March 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON