

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 24 JULY 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Tate (Chief Executive)
Nicola Bousfield (Group Manager: Corporate, Community & Regulatory)
Brent Chamberlain (Chief Financial Officer)
Kim Anstey (Acting Group Manager: Strategy, Policy & Planning)
Mark Kinvig (Group Manager: Infrastructure & Asset Management)
Jane Budge (Strategic Governance Manager)
Sarah Crysell (Communications and Engagement Manager)
Audrey Malone (Senior Communications Advisor)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)
Ben Swinburne (3 Waters Manager)

1 WELCOME/KARAKIA/NOTICES

Her Worship, The Mayor Alex Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a karakia. The Mayor noted that the meeting will focus on Local Water Done Well updates as well as a public excluded item on the matter also.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflicts of Interests declared.

4 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: 25.31

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: 25.32

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 July 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL UPDATE

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the recommendations from the deliberations of Local Water Done Well and to provide further context and updates on the Local Water Done Well Programme

RESOLVED: 25.33

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That Council receives and notes the Local Water Done Well update.

CARRIED

Doug Tate introduced the report and noted:

- The Finance and Expenditure Select Committee have recommended over 360 amendments to the Bill, with no changes recognising affordability.

Next steps include:

- Draft Water Service Delivery Plan to be brought to Council in August.
- Final Water Services Delivery Plan to be adopted at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 28 August 2025.

6.2 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - ENDORSEMENT OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME PRINCIPLES

PURPOSE

To seek approval on the investment principles for a revised affordable water services plan, to be included as an addendum to the Regional Water Services Delivery Plan (RWSDP).

RESOLVED: 25.34

Moved: Cr Brent Muggeridge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

That Council:

1. **Approves the principles set out in this report for revising the water services programme from those outlined in the Three-Year Plan 2024 - 2027.**
2. **Acknowledges the risks associated with the principles proposed for the capital investment programme for drinking water and wastewater.**
3. **Further directs the Chief Executive to develop a revised water services programme for approval at the 21 August 2025 Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee meeting.**

CARRIED

Ben Swinburne and Mark Kinvig presented the proposed five guiding principles for a more affordable 10-year investment plan.

Discussion included:

- Drinking water compliance is a top priority; the current national standards are mostly met.
- Wastewater upgrades aim to meet the new national standards in 10 years, using modular solutions and continued surface water discharges.
- Network resilience to focus on critical assets; trade-offs include second water supply vs. reservoir replacement.
- Growth investments will be modular and responsive to actual demand.
- Work on the historic underinvestment will slow, with priority given to critical areas; backlog acknowledged.
- The risks and trade-offs will be communicated to the community, including reputational and service level impacts.
- Key principle change related to wastewater implications, was recommended:
This means changes to wastewater management and treatment plants will result in the ongoing discharge of treated wastewater into rivers for a longer period and we will work to incrementally meet the new wastewater standards within ten years.

Next Steps:

- Workshop on revised investment plan set for 7 August.
- Adoption of the revised plan will be brought to Finance Infrastructure and Performance Committee on 21 August 2025.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next Council meeting be held on Thursday, 7 August 2025.

8 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RESOLVED: 25.35**

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

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
8.1 - Recommendation of the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee Meeting held on 10 July 2025	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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
8.2 - Local Water Done Well - Adoption of Heads of Agreement	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)	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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:44 am and reconvened at 3:10 pm to consider the Public Excluded business of the Extraordinary Council meeting. An apology from Councillor Tim Aitken for his early departure was noted; he left the meeting at the morning tea adjournment at 10:44 am.

RESOLVED: 25.36

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That Council moves into Public Excluded Business at 3.10pm.

CARRIED**RESOLVED: 25.37**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That Council moves out of Public Excluded Business at 4.05pm.

CARRIED

9 TIME OF CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.05pm.

The Minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at next Council meeting to be held on 7 August 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON