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, 18 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10.45AM

UNCONFIRMED

PRESENT:
Chair Kelly Annand
Deputy Chair Pip Burne
Mayor Alex Walker
Cr Jerry Greer
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Brent Muggeridge
Cr Kate Taylor
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)
Dylan Muggeridge (Group Manager: Strategy, Policy & Planning)
Kim Anstey (Planning Manager)
Jane Budge (Strategic Governance Manager)
Arthur Budvietas (Principal Project Manager)
CHB Museum
Sophie Elliott (Resource Consents Manager)
Lisa Harrison (Director - Regulatory & Customer Experience)
Pam Kupa (Pou Whātuia - Māori Relationships Manager)
Epic Ministry / Youth Council
Audrey Malone (Senior Communications Advisor)
Logan McKay (Community Safety and Compliance Manager)
Brian Morris (Rangatira, Tamatea) *(Online)*
Christine Renata (Community Development Lead)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)
Sport Hawke's Bay

1 WELCOME/KARAKIA/NOTICES

Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand welcomed everyone to the meeting noting karakia was performed earlier in the day.

2 APOLOGIES

That the apologies from Crs Exham Wichman and Tim Aitken be noted and accepted, and that an apology for early departure at 1pm be noted and received for Cr Gerard Minehan.

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mayor Alex Walker declared, for the purpose of transparency, that her mother is presenting at today's meeting as a member of the CHB Museum. Although not a conflict.

4 STANDING ORDERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.31

Moved: Cr Jerry Greer
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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.32

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan
Seconded: Mayor Alex Walker

That the minutes of the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee Meeting held on 24 July 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6.2 ANNUAL REPORTING FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

PURPOSE

To present the annual reports from community organisations for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 to the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.33

Moved: Deputy Chair Pip Burne
Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Annual Community Organisations reports from Sport Hawke's Bay, Central Hawke's Bay Museum and EPIC Ministries.

CARRIED

Christine Renata presented the report and noted taken as read.

- Presentations were received from Sport Hawke's Bay, Central Hawke's Bay Museum Committee, and Effort Ministries.
- Emphasised the value of volunteers and community partnerships.

Sport Hawke's Bay Presentation

- The new strategy was presented, focusing on quality experiences and five priority communities (including Pukehou).

- Discussion on increased funding needs, and support for clubs and schools.
- Discussion on rural travel fund challenges, transport barriers, and potential for co-designed solutions with council.

Central Hawke's Bay Museum Committee Presentation
- Rosemary Dean (Curator) presented the Museum's Strategic Plan (2024–29) and mission to be a community focal point.
- Visitor numbers about 9,000, with free entry increasing attendance and benefiting local retailers.
- Discussed storage and funding challenges; plans to partition exhibition hall for better storage of collection.
- Discussion on using the museum as an information hub for heritage trails and QR code history project.
- Emphasis on funding to secure collections and maintain free entry.

Effort Ministries Presentation
- The Inspire Youth Council (Epic) shared highlights: involvement in community events (Duck Day, AMP Show), can drive, Youth Week (run every term), Project Benny (recycling bins), and social media outreach.
- Discussion on youth unemployment: challenges finding flexible jobs, need for local support, and council's role in encouraging businesses to hire youth.
- Council encouraged Youth Council to create a TikTok campaign to inspire local employers.
- Acknowledgment of council support and the importance of youth voices.

Cr Jerry Greer left the meeting at 12.00pm.

6.3 GIFTING OF NEW NAME FOR TIKOKINO BOREFIELD

PURPOSE

To accept a gifted new name from Mana Whenua, of 'Wai-o-nuku', for the Tikokino Drinking Water Borefield.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.34

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the Strategy Growth and Community Committee accepts and thanks Mana Whenua and Brian Morris for the gifted name 'Wai-o-nuku' for the Tikokino Drinking Water borefield.

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Pam Kupa and Brian Morris (Online) noting the rationale for the new name "Wai-o-nuku" to better reflect the water source.

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 RESOLUTIONS MONITORING REPORT

PURPOSE

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.35

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor
Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

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

CARRIED

The report was taken as read.

6.4 DISTRICT PLAN - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FOR PLAN CHANGE 1

PURPOSE

To consider the progress of Plan Change 1 through an application to the Minister Responsible for Resource Management Act Reform for an exemption to the Plan Stop provisions in accordance with section 80V of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.36

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker
Seconded: Deputy Chair Pip Burne

That the Committee:

1. **Endorses officers' proposed approach to apply to the Minister Responsible for Resource Management Act Reform for an exemption to be able to continue with Plan Change 1 to include:**
   - I. **A structure plan and new plan provisions for the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct**
   - II. **'wash-up' matters from the District Plan review**
   - III. **A review of the Renewable Energy chapter in the District Plan**
2. **Confirms that the Chief Executive has delegation to apply to the Minister for an exemption under section 80V of the Resource Management Act 1991.**
3. **Notes that, *if an exemption is granted by the Minister*, Plan Change 1 will be brought to Council early in the new triennium for adoption and public notification.**

CARRIED

Dylan Muggeridge and Kim Anstey introduced the report with discussions noting:

- Officers sought endorsement to apply for a Ministerial exemption to continue Plan Change One (structure plan for Waipukurau South Growth Precinct and minor district plan matters).
- Discussion on the importance of progressing growth projects and using government mechanisms to avoid delays.
- Agreed to write to local MPs to help expedite the process.

6.5 DISTRICT LICENSING ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

PURPOSE

To receive the District Licensing Annual Report 2024-25 as per section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.37

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan
Seconded: Mayor Alex Walker

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the District Licensing Annual Report 2024-25.

CARRIED

The report was introduced by Logan McKay, with discussions noting:

- Annual report received; 154 applications processed, reflecting increased workload.
- Acknowledgment of licensing team's dedication and professionalism.

6.6 CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT 2024-2025

PURPOSE

To receive the Animal Control Annual Report 2024-25 as per section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, which states that a territorial authority must report on the administration of the dog policy and control practices.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.38

Moved: Deputy Chair Pip Burne
Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Animal Control Report 2024-25.

CARRIED

Logan McKay and Lisa Harrison presented the report, with discussions noting:

- Reduction in dog registrations and increased proactive patrols.
- Discussion on responsible dog owner policy, communication gaps, and need for better outreach.
- Clarification on rural vs. urban dog registration fees and working dog definitions.
- Plan to review dog control policy and bylaw, with more engagement and data collection planned.

6.7 TUKITUKI (TAREWA) SWINGBRIDGE - PROJECT UPDATE

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the next steps on the Tukituki (Tarewa) Swingbridge project following Council's decision at the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee meeting on 21 August 2025, to no longer require the bridge to convey wastewater.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.39

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker
Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Tukituki (Tarewa) Swingbridge Project Update.

CARRIED

Arthur Budvietas provided update, with discussions noting:

- Regular engagement with Rotary Pathways Trust, design revisions underway, and next steps outlined.
- Emphasis on strong community expectations and the need for council partnership and a potential financial contribution.

6.8 VERBAL UPDATE – REIMAGINING FLOOD RESILIENCE STEERING GROUP

PURPOSE

Councillors Pip Burne and Jerry Greer will provide a verbal update following the inaugural meeting of the Project Steering Group for the Reimagining Flood Resilience initiative, held on Monday, 1 September 2025.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.40

Moved: Chair Kelly Annand
Seconded: Deputy Chair Pip Burne

That the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee notes the verbal update – Reimaging Rivers Steering Group report.

CARRIED

Verbal update from Cr Pip Burne was received, noting:

- Focus on community engagement, and planning for long-term flood resilience.
- Tonkin and Taylor report referenced as basis for stakeholder and focus group engagement.
- Discussion on identifying key geographic areas for flood resilience and the need for broad community input.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 25.41

Moved: Chair Kelly Annand
Seconded: Deputy Chair Pip Burne

That the next SGC Committee meeting be held on following Local Elections.

8 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.42

Moved: Deputy Chair Pip Burne
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 - Centralines Sports Complex (Pool) Service 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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.43

Moved: Deputy Chair Pip Burne
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That Council moves into Public Excluded Business at 1.02pm.

CARRIED

The Committee adjourned for lunch at 1.02pm and returned in Public Excluded Business at 1.35pm.

Cr Gerard Minehan left the meeting at 1.07pm.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.44

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That Council moves out of Public Excluded Business at 1.22pm.

CARRIED

9 TIME OF CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 1.22pm.

The Minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the final Council meeting.

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CHAIRPERSON