

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 31 July 2024
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor B Julian
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor J Ross

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Economic & Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Managers' PA (P Cooper)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved

Apologies from Councillor Andrews were received.

**Councillors Ross / Ion
CARRIED**

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence was received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

Chief Executive Godfery gave the following Meeting Notices:

- *Māori Wards Bill passed through final reading in Parliament yesterday.*
- *One apology from Group Manager, Regulatory & Planning. Chief Executive Godfery will be presenting the Group Manager's two papers on the Draft Naming Policy and Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.*

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

Her Worship the Mayor welcomed Janet White, Manager, Kawerau Preschool Learning Centre. The chair of the Kawerau Community Awards Committee, Deputy Mayor Rangihika presented Janet with a Kawerau Community Award, acknowledged the strong backing behind her application and thanked her for her input into the community. Councillors Ross and Ion endorsed his comments.

Deputy Mayor left meeting at 9.10am

Deputy Mayor returned at 9.13am

7 Public Forum

Her Worship the Mayor welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

Brett Pacey

Mr. Pacey would like to organise a petition asking NZTA to add an additional walkway on the left side of the bridge over the Tarawera River. Mr. Pacey argues this will improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

Mr Pacey also highlighted tree removal in Boyce Park, erosion along the embankment of the Tarawera River, and closed with an acknowledgement of Council's efforts across the community and thanked her Worship the Mayor and Elected Members.

- *CEO Godfery will meet again with Mr Pacey to talk about processes for the above concerns, in particular around the walkway for the bridge.*

Agent Lawrence Ward

Mr. Ward outlined various sections of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, posed questions regarding the Kawerau and Murupara Townships Act 1953, questioned the meaning of a Provident Fund in the Act, and drafted a Trespass Notice.

- *Her Worship the Mayor asked that details of the Trespass Notice attached to his presentation be shared with Elected Members.*
- *CEO Godfery advised that Council will formally respond to the questions raised.*

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council – 29 May 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Ion / Councillor Savage
CARRIED**

8.2 Extraordinary Council – 12 June 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

8.3 Ordinary Council – 26 June 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and abstained Councillor Kingi.

**Councillors Ross / Godfery
CARRIED**

8.4 Extraordinary Council – 17 July 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

9 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 17 July 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting held on 17 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Councillors Ion and Ross were not in attendance. Passed by those in attendance.

**Councillors Julian / Savage
CARRIED**

10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES

There were no receipt of Regional Minutes

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report (101400)

Councillor Ross left the meeting at 9.51am

Councillor Ross returned at 9.52am

Resolved

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 20 June 2024 to Wednesday 24 July 2024 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

12 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)

Council discussed a new date for the Civil Defence workshop for Elected Members. Her Worship the Mayor advised this would be done in coordination with the commencement of the new Director of Civil Defence.

Councillor Julian requested she be re-sent a summary of costs for Kawerau Christmas in the Park.

Councillor Kingi asked that estimated completion dates be included.

Resolved

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions requested by Council is received.

**Councillors Kingi / Ion
CARRIED**

13 Elected Members' Remuneration – 2024/2025 (101310)

Councillor Godfery left the meeting at 10.04am

Councillor Godfery returns at 10.05am

The report informing members of the determinations by the Remuneration Authority for 2024/2025 was discussed. CE Godfery explained that the Remuneration Authority sets these determinations as an independent safeguard for the public sector.

Resolved

That the report "Elected Members' Remuneration – 2024/2025" be received.

**Councillor Savage / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

14 Adoption of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation (320400)

Council discussed the report on the Adoption of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation. Councillor Ion acknowledged staff for extensive and thorough information.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Adoption of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation" be received.*

**Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED**

2. *That Kawerau District Council:*

Resolved

- a) *Agrees that making a new Freedom Camping Bylaw is the most appropriate way to address freedom camping on Council owned land.*

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

Resolved

- b) *Adopts the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal as attached for public consultation.*

**Councillors Godfery / Kingi
CARRIED**

Resolved

- c) *Confirms the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw as attached*
 - i) *Is the most appropriate form of the Bylaw; and*
 - ii) *Does not give rise to any implications under, and is not inconsistent with, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Savage
CARRIED**

Resolved

- d) *Agrees that a summary of the information contained in the Statement of Proposal is necessary to assist in the public understanding the proposal.*

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

Resolved

- e) *Agrees that a summary of the site assessment be included for public understanding of the proposal.*

**Councillors Kingi / Ross
CARRIED**

Resolved

- f) *Approves the consultation for the period 5 August 2024 to 6 September 2024.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Julian
CARRIED**

Resolved

- g) Authorises the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the Statement of Proposal to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by council, prior to final printing and publication.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

15 Adoption of the Draft Naming Policy and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation (110800)

Council discussed the report on adoption of the Draft Naming Policy and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation and resolved with the inclusion of “Option 2” in 2 b) and “and/or Council’s cultural advisor” in 2 d).

Resolved

- 1. That the report “Adoption of the Draft Naming Policy and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation” be received.*
- 2. That Kawerau District Council:*
 - a) Agrees to making a new Naming Policy; (per Option 2)*
 - b) Adopts the Draft Naming Policy and the Statement of Proposal as attached for public consultation.*
 - c) Approves the consultation for the period 5 August 2024 to 6 September 2024.*
 - d) Authorises the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the Draft Naming Policy and the Statement of Proposal to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by Council and/or Council’s cultural advisor, prior to final printing and publication.*

**Councillor Ross / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

16 Exclusion of the Public – 10:53am

Resolved

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- 1. Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 26 June 2024**
- 2. License to Occupy Application**
- 3. NTGA License Agreement**

**Councillors Ross / Ion
CARRIED**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General Subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1. Minutes from Confidential Meeting held on 26 June 2024. 2. License to Occupy Application. 3. NTGA License Agreement.	Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.	That 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 exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia at 12.17pm



F K N Tunui

Mayor

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