

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 25 September 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 R Andrews

In Attendance: Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Economic & Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved

Apologies from Councillor Ross were received.

**Councillors Kingi / Andrews
CARRIED**

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

Her Worship the Mayor gave notice of an order of business change that following agenda item 7, Public Forum, will be agenda item 11, Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions Report so that we can hear from the submitters. Then will return to the agenda resuming at agenda item 8 Confirmation of Council Minutes.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

Her Worship the Mayor congratulated those in the Kawerau Community who celebrated an entire season of dedication in sports. She also acknowledged those who have lost loved ones and sends her aroha | love.

7 Public Forum

Brett Pacey

Mr. Pacey gave an update on his petition to Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to have an extra cycle lane on the walkway on the Bridge that is over Tarawera River. The petition had 206 signatures and was sent to Deputy Mayor Rangihika, Chief Executive (CE) Morgan Godfery and NZTA personnel provided by CE Morgan Godfery.

The corner of Jellicoe Court and Onslow Street outside Hamertons Lawyers tends to flood when there is heavy rain which causes a hazard for the public.

He also gave the following requests for the town centre:

- Bi-cycle rack near the Hospice shop.*
- Picnic area near the Bakehouse with a large chessboard.*
- Public toilet on the other side of the town centre.*

8 Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions Report (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320400)

Council discussed the report on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions Report

Resolved

- 1. That the report “Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw – Hearing and Submissions” be received.*
- 2. That Council receive the written and oral submissions.*

Submitter who was heard

- *Christine Larsen*
- 3. That Council commences deliberations on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw following the hearing and receipt of the submissions.*
 - 4. That Council notes legal advice has been sought to ensure the site assessments do not extend beyond the limits of s11 of the Freedom Camping Act as raised by a submitter.*
 - 5. That Council notes a further meeting will be held on 16 October 2024 to complete the deliberations after receipt of a legal opinion on submission feedback.*

6. *That Council notes the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw will be amended to reflect the outcome of deliberations in preparation for adoption.*

**Councillor Savage / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

9 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

9.1 Ordinary Council – 28 August 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

9.2 Extraordinary Council – 11 September 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Julian / Andrews
CARRIED**

10 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 11 September 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Ion / Godfery
CARRIED**

11 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES

10.1 BOP Mayoral Forum – 16 August 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the BOP Mayoral Forum meeting held on 16 August 2024 be received.

**Councillors Julian / Kingi
CARRIED**

10.2 Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group – 9 August

Resolved

That the minutes of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group meeting held on 9 August 2024 be received.

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

12 Her Worship the Mayor's Report

Resolved

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 22 August to Wednesday 18 September 2024 be received.

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

13 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)

Resolved

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

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

14 Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 30 June 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Council discussed the report on the Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Correction:

Page 11 – Item 4 – Change the total for 2023/24 No. of Targets from 64 to 63.

Resolved

That the report "Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 30 June 2024" be received.

**Councillors Savage / Godfery
CARRIED**

15 Approval to raise a loan (2024) from Local Government Funding Agency (Financial Accountant) (206700)

Council discussed the report on the Approval to raise a loan (2024) from Local Government Funding Agency.

Resolved

- 1. That the report "Approval to raise a loan (2024) from Local Government Funding Agency" be received.*
- 2. That Council approves the raising of \$2.0 million fixed term for a period to April 2029.*
- 3. That Council delegates the Chief Executive authority to execute all the necessary documents for the raising of this loan.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

16 Draft Naming Policy, Receipt of Submissions and Deliberations (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (110800)

Council discussed the report on Draft Naming Policy, Receipt of Submissions and Deliberations.

Resolved

- 1. That the report "Draft Naming Policy, Receipt of Submissions and Deliberations" be received.*
- 2. That Council receive the written submissions on the draft naming policy; and*
- 3. That Council deliberates on the draft naming policy and recommends any changes to the draft naming policy as a result of the deliberations; and*
- 4. That Council notes a further meeting will be held on the 16th of October 2024, to approve the amended naming policy (based on deliberations) for adoption.*

**Councillors Kingi / Andrews
CARRIED**

17 DRAFT Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309101)

Council discussed the report on DRAFT Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS).

Correction:

Page 169 – Item 2 – Paragraph 1 – Should be Sir Michael Cullen not David Cullen.

Resolved

1. *That the report “DRAFT Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS)” be received.*
2. *That Council resolves to endorse the draft Regional Economic Development Strategy for consultation with the Kawerau community.*

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

18 Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan – Governance and Engagement (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (104025)

Council discussed the report on Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan – Governance and Engagement.

Resolved

1. *That the report “Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan – Governance and Engagement” be received.*
2. *That Council approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Governance Group.*
3. *That Council delegate the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning authority to approve subsequent minor editorial changes to the Terms of Reference for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan Project Governance Group.*
4. *That Council note a workshop will be held on 2 October 2024 to provide and allow feedback into the engagement strategy for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan, which is set to be undertaken between 14 October 2024 to 17 November 2024.*

**Councillors Savage / Kingi
CARRIED**

19 Exclusion of the Public – 11.15am

Resolved

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

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 28 August 2024**
2. **Stoneham Park Residential Development Phase 2 Engineering**

**Councillors Ion / Andrews
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 28 August 2024. 2. Stoneham Park Residential Development Phase 2 Engineering.	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.

Councillor Andrews departed the meeting at 12.15pm

Karakia Whakamutunga

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.48pm



F K N Tunui

Mayor

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