

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 11 June 2025
commencing at 11.12 am**

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

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

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Dinal McMillian opened the meeting with a karakia | prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

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

No Meeting Notices were received.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

No Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements were received.

7 Public Forum

No Public Forum

8 **Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320400)**

Council discussed the report on the Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy.

Council heard from the following submitters:

- Renee Bolkowy, Dr Jody Huxford (GP & Public Health Medicine Registrar) and Soifua Pearson (Pasifika Oranga) from Health New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora
- Andrea Funde and Madelaine Cullen from Problem Gambling Foundation (PGF) Services
- Ben Hodges and Jo Salisbury from New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT)

Elected Members queried how is PGF funded to where representatives of PGF explained the services for prevention and minimisation of gambling harm are provided through a gambling levy which is a levy on the four main operators of gambling in New Zealand. This means the four operators, which are Casino, Lotto, Class 4 Gambling and TAB, must pay a levy and that goes to fund all services that prevent and minimise gambling harm, research and the strategy that is provided from Te Whatu Ora.

12.37pm **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** departed from the meeting.

12.39pm **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** returned to the meeting.

12.52pm **Councillor Godfery** departed from the meeting.

12.54pm **Councillor Godfery** returned to the meeting.

Action Items:

- The strategy from Te Whatu Ora to be circulated to Elected Members.
- Clause 7 is to be reworded as the decision is to have no TAB venues.
- Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning to look into or receive legal advice if the wording should be will or must for 8.4 under Relocation Venues instead of 'Council may consider the following...'.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Receipt of Submissions for the Draft Gambling Venue Policy" be received.*
2. *That Council receive the written and oral submissions to the consultation documents for the draft Gambling Venues Policy.*
3. *That Council consider the submissions, deliberate and provide direction for any amendments to the draft Gambling Venues Policy.*

Councillors Ross / Kingi
CARRIED

1.41pm **Councillor Kingi** departed from the meeting.

9 **Event Costs and Funding for Kawerau Christmas in the Park – Saturday 13 December 2025 (Chief Executive Officer) (309305)**

Council discussed the report on the Event Costs and Funding for Kawerau Christmas in the Park – Saturday 13 December 2025.

1.44pm **Councillor Kingi** returned to the meeting.

Resolved

1. *That the report Event Costs and Funding for Kawerau Christmas in the Park – Saturday 13 December 2025” be received.*
2. *That Council approves funding applications for the Kawerau Christmas in the Park (CITP) 2025 be prepared and submitted to:*
 - *Trust Horizon for \$10,000*
 - *Lion Foundation for \$65,000*
 - *Bay Trust for \$10,000*
 - *Lotto for \$24,000*
 - *Four Winds for \$90,000*
 - *New Zealand Community Trust for \$20.000*

**Councillors Julian / Ion
CARRIED**

10 **Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

Her Worship the Mayor closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 1.53pm.



F K N Tunui

Mayor

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