


Minutes Whakatāne District Emergency Council Meeting – 10 February 2025

	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2025, COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors G Dennis, A Iles, J Jukes, T O'Brien, and N Tánczos <i>Via Teams: Councillors N Rangiaho and W James</i>
	In Attendance:	D Bewley (GM Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure), A Pickles (GM Community Experience), L Woolsey (GM Strategy and Growth), V Fergusson (Manager Strategic Property), J Finlay (Manager Three Waters), S Whittle (Manager Communications and Engagement), K Boreham (Principal Advisor – Executive Office) and C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services) <i>Via Teams: S Perdia (Chief Executive), M Hingston (Acting Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), E Hatch GM People and Partnerships</i>
	Apologies:	Councillors J Pullar & T Boynton

1 KARAKIA

Mayor Luca welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of 2025 and officially commenced the emergency council meeting at 2:00 pm by inviting Councillor O'Brien to open with a Karakia.

Councillor O'Brien presented a mihi mihi and extended a warm welcome to everyone returning from the Christmas and New Year break.

2 MEETING NOTICES

Mayor Luca shared meeting notices on health and safety, live streaming, and noted the urgency of today's emergency council meeting.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the apologies for Councillors John Pullar and T Boynton be **accepted**.

CARRIED

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Refer to pages 10 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Tanczos

RESOLVED:

THAT the public be **excluded** from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Property Investigation - Options Report February 2025

The general subject 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(1) 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(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	Property Investigation - Options Report February 2025	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	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)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
1	Enable Councils to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities Section 7(2)(h)
1	To carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i))

CARRIED

The meeting moved to the Public-Excluded session at 2:07 pm.

The meeting returned to the Public session at 2:25 pm.

The following resolutions were restated during the public section of the meeting:

1. THAT the Property Investigation - Options Report February 2025 be **received**; and
2. THAT the public be excluded from consideration of this report on the grounds set out in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 under Section 48(1)(a)(i);
 - 7(2)(i) - Enable any Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
 - 7(2)(h)- Enable any Council holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities
3. THAT the report can be **released** to the public on the Chief Executive's approval.

The meeting closed at 2:28 pm with a Karakia by Councillor O'Brien.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

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