


Minutes Infrastructure and Planning Committee 20 February 2025

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors J Pullar (Chairperson), A Iles, G Dennis, J Jukes, T O’Brien, N Rangiaho, N Tanczos, and T Boynton <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillor W James
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (General Manager Planning, Regulatory & Infrastructure), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), J Sinclair (Senior Water Consents Project Planner), J Joyce (Project Manager), C King-Hazel (Team Leader Administration - Transportation), N Woodley (Manager Policy Planning and Consents), A Dalziel (Consultant), I Morton (Consultant) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> L Woolsey (General Manager Strategy & Growth) and M Hingston (Acting Kaihautu – Strategic Māori Partnerships)
	Visitors:	B Collins and V Falwasser
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

The meeting opened with a Karakia by Councillor O’Brien at 8:58 am.

2 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed. Attendees were also advised of Health and Safety procedures.

3 APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Immink noted that she may need to leave at 11:30 am. Chairperson Pullar noted that if the meeting was not concluded by 12:00 pm, Deputy Chair Iles would resume the meetings proceedings as the Chair.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Councillor Iles extended a virtual bouquet to the Gardeners in the Parks and Reserves department. He noted that residents passed on their praises for their fantastic design, selection and ongoing maintenance of the district’s gardens.

Councillor Dennis also commended the staff involved in the successful management of the debris flow that took place in Matata late January 2025. He also acknowledged the work done after 2005 that has proven very beneficial to the area for debris flow events.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6.1 Thornton Bar and Eatery – B Collins

Brenda Collins representing Thornton Bar and Eatery was accompanied by Verna Falwasser representing the Berry Farm. Their presentation highlighted the impact of the Thornton Hall Road closure on local businesses. Most businesses in the area experienced a 50-75% decrease in revenue during the summer months due to decreased foot traffic. Local businesses on the busy summer period to assist through the quite winter. They explained that the communication process could have been improved to ensure businesses are well informed.

Action:

General Manager Planning Regulatory and Infrastructure would have a meeting with the individuals to discuss this matter moving forward.

Attendance: B Collins and V Falwasser Left the meeting at 9:28 am.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 14 November 2024 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS

8.1 Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report – February 2025

Refer to pages 10-25 of the agenda.

Senior Water Consent Project Planner clarified that the two year wastewater consent extension applies from the date the bill becomes law, rather than extending the 2026 deadline to 2028.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update February 2025 report; and

2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** the Programme Steering Group terms of Reference December 2024 (Appendix A)

CARRIED

8.2 Amendments to the Register of Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations

Refer to pages 26-35 of the agenda.

Team Leader Administration and Transportation highlighted an existing amendment was made recently near 186 King Street, Whakatāne due to immediate safety concerns.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Amendment to the Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations Report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the existing parking amendment, and the proposed parking amendments, including the need for the amendments to be publicly notified, as set out in Appendix 1 'Register of Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations Schedule of Amendments – February 2025'; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that once the parking amendments are in place, the Parking Restrictions, Prohibitions and Limitations Register will be updated following public notification.

CARRIED

8.3 Matatā Wastewater Project Update - February 2025

Refer to pages 36-41 of the agenda.

The Project Manager highlighted that the Infrastructure and Planning Committee would receive a comprehensive report on resource consent options at the next meeting on 10 April 2025. The impact of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan on the consent process was identified. Members were also informed that certain factors are continuously changing and were being considered as they continued to evolve.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Matatā Wastewater Project Update February 2025 report.

CARRIED

8.4 Capex Delivery Update Report

Refer to pages 63-72 of the agenda.

Action:

General Manager Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure to investigate the location of the previous bus shelter that was removed from Te Māpou.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Capex Delivery Update Report.

CARRIED

8.5 Local Waters Done Well – February 2025 Update Report

Refer to pages 73-78 of the agenda.

The Infrastructure and Planning Committee received an update on the Local Waters Done Well (LWDW) reform programme. Following the repeal of previous water services legislation in 2024, councils retain ownership and responsibility for water services, with new requirements to develop Water Services Delivery Plans by September 2025.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Local Waters Done Well February 2025 Update report.

CARRIED

Attendance: the Chief Executive left the meeting at 9:44 am and returned at 9:53 am.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am and reconvened at 10:30 am.

8.6 State Highway Speed Limit Consultation

Refer to pages 79-85 of the agenda.

Manager of Transportation highlighted that Members could provide comments on roads that were not open for consultation in the Local Road Limits plan that was being prepared for the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting on 10 April 2025.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the State Highway Speed Limit Consultation report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **direct** staff to prepare a Council submission on the State Highway Speed Limit Consultation.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Mayor Luca

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee direct the theme of the submission will be to **revert** to the original speed limits under consultation in the Whakatāne District.

CARRIED

Councillors Dennis and Rangiaho requested their votes **against** the motion be recorded.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee have **provided** staff with the following comments to be included in the submission.

1. It was noted that finding information on the website and lodging a submission had been relatively difficult.
2. A request was made to retain the 80kph speed limit from west of Shaw Road to west of Thornton Road, extending the existing 80kph limit that had been retained and not consulted on from west of Phoenix Drive to west of Shaw Road.
3. Members strongly advocated for retaining the 60kph speed limit outside The Hub and did not want it to revert to 80kph as part of the mandatory reversal.
4. It was noted that the Council continued to strongly advocate for improvements to the Mill Road/SH30 intersection, including the previously planned roundabout under the SH30 Awakeri to Whakatāne Safety Improvements Project.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **delegate authority** to the Mayor to approve the submission on behalf of Council to meet the 13 March 2025 deadline.

CARRIED

8.7 Local Government (Water Services) Bill Submission

Refer to pages 42-62 of the agenda.

Correction:

Page 46, correction of Ngāti Tūhoe to Ngāi Tūhoe.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Local Government (Water Services) Bill Submission be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approves** the draft submission to Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill as attached in Appendix A; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** the next steps.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed with a Karakia from Councillor O'Brien at 11:10 am.

Confirmed at the meeting dated
CHAIRPERSON