


Minutes Infrastructure and Planning Committee 29 May 2025

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|  <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p> | Details of Meeting: | INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 29 MAY 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 Tánczos, T Boynton and W James <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillor N Rangiaho |
| | In Attendance: | D Bewley (General Manager Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure), E Hatch (General Manager People and Partnerships), A Pickles (General Manager Community Experience), N Woodley (Manager Policy Planning and Consents), J Sinclair (Senior Water Consents Project Planner), J Finlay (Manager Three Waters), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), N Elliott (Acting Manager Community Regulation), N Clarke (Manager Solid Waste), S Stewart (Manager Strategy and Performance), H Madden (Strategic Policy Analyst), L Tioke (Manager Building) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> S Perdia (Chief Executive) and J Joyce (Project Manager) |
| | Visitors: | S Court (MP) and C Luxton (S Court Office) <i>Via Teams:</i> N Wilson (S Court Office) |
| | Apologies: | |

1 KARAKIA

The meeting opened with a Karakia by Councillor O’Brien at 9:00 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

No apologies had been advised.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

The Chairperson extended birthday wishes to Councillor Tánczos.

Approximately 70 people attended the Wainui and Wangarara 1895-1973 book launch held at the late Basil Simpson's previous residence. The book, compiled by Lorna Aikman, presented historical insights on the history of Wainui and Waingarara from 1895-1973.

The Nukuhou Saltmarsh Care group was thanked for their efforts over the past 24 years.

The Scottish Pipe Band was acknowledged for their contribution to Whakatāne events (for example ANZAC Day and Christmas parade).

Local firefighter Jeff Brown was congratulated for gaining third place (in this age category) in the New Zealand Sky Tower Challenge.

Members were advised that MP Simon Court would be presenting at 11:00 am.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 26 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 10 April 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **confirm** the sub-committee minutes held 28 April 2025 as true and correct record, and in accordance with standing order 7.2(b), resolves to dissolve the Infrastructure and Planning sub-committee, as it had completed the assigned task of considering the proposed speed limits for each road in the district to be included in the consultation process for the 2025 proposed discretionary speed limit changes.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS

8.1 Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report – May 2025

Refer to pages 16-24 of the agenda.

The Project Manager presented the report and noted that seven water consents had been progressed, providing a better understanding for Ōhope. The Tāneatua and Murupara wastewater consent replacement projects had commenced, noting that these projects were less impacted by the new environmental performance standards. The budget would be reviewed throughout the programme and any significant increases would be reported back to the committee.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Mayor Luca

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report - May 2025.

CARRIED

8.2 Matatā and Murupara Storm Damage Report

Refer to pages 25-31 of the agenda.

The Manager of Three Waters presented the report and highlighted that project costs had increased to \$93,000, and noted the correct reference was to the Whakatāne River (not Rangitāiki River). He added that the weather event on 28 May 2025 caused further impact, and a follow-up report would detail the required works.

The resolution was amended to reflect updated information, with background work continuing. The Committee also discussed the potential need for a funding cap in response to storm-related issues and climate change impacts, particularly in Matatā.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Matatā and Murupara Storm Damage Report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approves** the unbudgeted expenditure of \$112,000 for storm damage remediation works on the Awatarariki and Waitepuru Streams in Matata; and for the reinstatement of the piped stormwater drain off Pine Drive, Murupara.

CARRIED

8.3 Matahī Road Motorsport & The Strand Light Up Whakatāne Event Road Closures

Refer to pages 32-35 of the agenda.

Manager Transportation advised that the Police and NZTA Waka Kotahi were supportive of the road closures.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Matahī Road Motorsport & The Strand Light Up Whakatane Event Road Closures report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** that Council **approve** a temporary road closure on Matahī Road, from 551 Matahī Road to the Whakatāne District boundary, on Sunday, 6 July 2025, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, to accommodate the Motorsport Hill Climb event; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** that Council **approve** a temporary road closure on Saturday, 5 July 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, to accommodate the Light Up Whakatāne event, affecting The Strand (between Kakahoroa Drive and Wharaurangi), Kakahoroa Drive (between The Strand and Kakahoroa Drive Service Lane #1), the full length of Kakahoroa Drive Service Lane #1, and the full length of Kakahoroa Drive Service Lane.

CARRIED

8.4 Burma Road Closed Landfill Upgrade Works and Landfill Provisions

Refer to pages 36-57 of the agenda.

Attendance: General Manager People and Partnerships and General Manager Community Experience left the meeting at 9:58 am.

Then Manager Solid Waste provided an update on the Burma Road Landfill upgrade, explaining that the work was undertaken as emergency works due to the risk of stormwater overflows, and included upgrading old infrastructure.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Burma Road Closed Landfill Upgrade Works and Closed Landfill Provisions report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **acknowledge** the challenges of managing closed landfills; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **note** that there is work to do as a sector to ensure that appropriate provisions are made for the management of closed landfills as we near the end of the first aftercare period.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am and reconvened at 10:34 am.

8.5 Waste and Litter Legislation Amendments Submission

Refer to pages 58-74 of the agenda.

The Manager Solid Waste outlined proposed changes to the Waste and Litter Acts, including extended producer responsibility, waste levy reforms, and stronger compliance tools.

Attendance: Councillor Iles entered the meeting at 10:35 am and Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 10:36 am. General Manager People and Partnerships and General Manager Community Experience entered the meeting at 10:41 am.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Waste and Litter Legislation Amendments Submission report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the submission on the proposed amendments to the Waste and Litter Act as attached in Appendix A, for submission to Central Government, subject to minor corrections.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mayor Luca left the meeting at 10:50 am

8.6 Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review

Refer to pages 75-95 of the agenda.

The Strategic Policy Analyst presented the report, noting that the policy review period was every five years, and was required to be amended through the special consultative procedure. It was also noted that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) had recommended aligning the

policy with best practices, which staff have incorporated into the draft policy, now ready for public consultation.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy as attached in Appendix 1, for public consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure in accordance with the requirements of the Building Act 2004 and Local Government Act 2002; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** the Statement of Proposal as attached in Appendix 2.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mayor Luca, S Court and C Luxton entered the meeting at 11:07 am.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

9.1 Parliamentary Undersecretary Simon Court

Mayor Luca introduced Parliamentary Undersecretary Simon Court and Mr Cameron Luxton.

Simon Court presented updates on infrastructure policy, including enhancements to the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework, strategic leasing, and market-led proposals to boost private sector involvement. He outlined the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act, the upcoming National Policy Statement for Infrastructure, and the replacement of the Resource Management Act (RMA) with two new Acts focusing on planning and environmental protection.

Proposals included new development levies, particularly to benefit industrial areas and large-scale developments. Discussion addressed prior government financial overcommitment, including \$29 billion in debt, overpayment for land, and unfulfilled projects, emphasising the need to recalibrate development and land portfolios. This included the two new Acts setting national standards, defining environmental limits, and requiring spatial plans to justify development. The importance of balancing significance, materiality, and community growth was stressed, alongside the need for fair compensation for heritage overlays on private property. Members also discussed enhancing building sector accountability through warranties and insurance and reducing local government burden by introducing a national system for managing resource and building disputes.

The meeting was closed with a Karakia from Councillor O’Brien at 12:17 pm.

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| Confirmed at the meeting dated |
| CHAIRPERSON |

[YouTube link](#) to the Infrastructure and Planning meeting.