


## Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee Minutes – 7 August 2025

 <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.</b>
	Present:	Councillor N Tánczos (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors T Boynton, A Iles, W James, J Jukes, T O’Brien, and N Rangiaho <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillor J Pullar
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Planning Regulatory and Infrastructure), L Woolsey (GM Strategy and Growth), A Pickles (GM Community Experience), G Mischefski-Gray (Strategic Policy Analyst), J Farrell (Strategic Projects Manager), S Allerby (Intermediate Planner), L Hunt (Climate Change and Resilience Manager), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	
	Apologies:	Mayor Dr V Luca (on Council business), Councillor W James and Councillor G Dennis

**Councillor O’Brien opened the meeting with a Karakia at 9:00 am.**

### 1 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed, and Health and Safety points were relayed to all attendees.

**Attendance:** Climate Change and Resilience Manager entered the meeting at 9:02 am.

### 2 APOLOGIES

Chairperson Tánczos relayed that the mayor was currently travelling to Auckland to meet with the Minister of Health and on behalf of Mayor Luca, thanked the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee members for their work during the triennium.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Iles

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **accept** the apology from Mayor Luca (on Council business) and apologies from Councillors G Dennis and W James.

#### **CARRIED**

**Attendance:** The Chief Executive entered the meeting at 9:05 am.

### **3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES**

The General Manager Strategy and Growth acknowledged staff involved in the emergency response for the recent severe weather event. With Ōpōtiki cut off from Whakatane, Marae in the rohi were also acknowledged for their assistance.

Superbike champion Mitch Rees was congratulated for placing the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest newcomer at the 2025 Iles of Man TT Race.

Bay Wide Community Law Services celebrated their 20-year anniversary, and they were acknowledged for their work supporting Iwi and social organisations.

### **4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nil.

### **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Refer to page 8 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

#### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Thursday, 22 May 2025 be **confirmed** as a true and correct record.

#### **CARRIED**

### **7 REPORTS**

#### **7.1 January to June 2025 Six Monthly Climate Change Update**

Refer pages 9-15 of the agenda.

The Strategic Policy Analyst highlighted the progresses made during the six-month period.

During discussions the following points were noted:

- The Solid Waste Team would report as to the success of the school education programmes. Running these programmes was also seen as an opportunity to obtain feedback regarding community preparedness.
- Information would be circulated to Elected Members indicating the initial results from the Kerbside Contamination 3 Strikes Campaign.
- The Solid Waste team was acknowledged for the Recycling Initiative they ran on request of the Murupara Community Board. It was suggested this workshop is held across the district for all Community Boards and for Community groups.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Iles

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Energy, Environment and Resilience Committee **receive** the January to June 2025 Six Monthly Climate Change Update report.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Building Resilience: Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment**

Refer pages 16-212 of the agenda.

The Climate Change and Resilience Manager acknowledged the scale of work carried out developing the Climate Change Risk Assessment report.

In response to a query about the availability of the digital spatial viewer tool for other sectors, the Strategic Projects Manager advised there was strong interest from local and central government for the tool to be made available. All publications would contain a disclaimer and would note that the information to inform; not to advise.

The tool was deemed worthy of Local Government recognition, and Council staff would review potential awards to which the work could be submitted.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the 'Building Resilience: Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment' report be **received**.
2. THAT the Tonkin and Taylor Ltd authored 'Whakatāne District Climate Change Risk Assessment / Te Pūrongo Aromatawai Tūraru Huringa Āhuarangi o Whakatāne' report' be **received**; and
3. THAT the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **approve** the staged release of risk assessment data through the online viewer according to the indicative timeline:

<i>Indicative timeline for release of online viewer (subject to change pending data finalisation)</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
September-October 2025	Finalisation of risk data for release through online viewer
13 October 2025	Internal project governance group approves data for internal release to staff
October-November 2025	Staff training and testing use of online viewer Comms plan for public release finalised
By end November 2025	Testing complete and legal review of disclaimer prior to public release
Early December 2025	Online viewer public release

**CARRIED**

The Strategic Projects Manager thanked the meeting for the supportive comments and acknowledged Council staff (Stephen Allerby, Jessica Mules, Kate Robbie, Aaron Jeffries, Stephen O'Leary) and staff from Tonkin and Taylor Ltd (James Hughes, Claire Smith; Rachael Nilsson).

Chairperson Tánczos thanked the members of the Committee for their service over the triennium and thanked Council staff for their input and contributions.

**THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN AT 10:00 AM.**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON