

Minutes Infrastructure and Planning Committee 4 September 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 ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors J Pullar (Chairperson), A Iles, W James, G Dennis, J Jukes, T O'Brien, N Tánczos, T Boynton and N Rangiaho
	In Attendance:	D Bewley (General Manager Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure), L Woolsey (General Manager Strategy and Growth), E Hatch (General Manager People and Partnerships), N Woodley (Manager Policy Planning and Consents), J Sinclair (Senior Water Consents Project Planner), J Joyce (Project Manager), C King-Hazel (Team Leader – Transportation), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), W Bryenton (Technical Administration Officer) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> S Perdia (Chief Executive)
	Visitors:	H Ratsey, K Topperwein, F Teinakore-Curtis and P Ngaropo (Te Niaotanga o Mataatua o te Arawa)
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

The meeting opened with a Mihi to the public gallery and 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

None advised.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

The Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board was recognised for the initiative of the Olympic Gold signage at Lisa Carrington Lane.

Councillor O'Brien acknowledged the passing of the Chair of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa Kāhui Kaumātua and esteemed Ngāti Awa elder, Rangitūkehu Paul.

The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting was the final Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting for the triennium and the last meeting that he would chair. The Chair expressed appreciation to the Mayor, elected members, and staff for their support over the years.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation was advised.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 9 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held on 24 July 2025 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS

8.1 Matatā Wastewater Project Update – August 2025

Refer to pages 21-62 of the agenda.

The Co-Governance group outlined the longstanding history of wastewater issues in Matatā, emphasising the importance of community and Iwi engagement through the co-design process. Technical evidence, including peer-reviewed reports and years of environmental monitoring, confirmed that human wastewater contamination was widespread, with existing septic systems unable to address the risks. Three options were considered, financial risks were discussed, particularly regarding the Ministry of Health subsidy, and legal and cultural obligations were acknowledged.

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Matatā Wastewater Project update August 2025 report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** the recommended wastewater system option for Matatā from the Te Niaotanga ō Mataatua ō Te Arawa Co-design Group is Option Moderate/Intermediate scale.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Tanczos

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **endorses** a preferred wastewater system option for Matatā being option 3: moderate/intermediate scale and endorse the Matatā Wastewater Project moving to the consenting strategy development phase with this preferred option.

CARRIED

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 10:49 am and reconvened at 11:06 am.

8.2 Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report – September 2025

Refer to pages 62-68 of the agenda.

The Manager Policy Planning and Consents and the Senior Three Waters Project Planner provided an update on the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme. It was recognised that, following enactment of the Local Government Water Services Bill, wastewater consents had been extended by three years. This alleviated immediate time constraints and enabled improved project planning. The Committee was informed that technical teams had commenced project procurement and options development, with co-design processes involving iwi partners underway. Efforts continued to secure alternative water supplies for vulnerable sites, supported by ongoing consent applications.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

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

CARRIED

8.3 Keepa Road Shared Use Path Options Report

Refer to pages 69-83 of the agenda.

The Manager Transportation presented the report, and members considered a range of options for the Keepa Road shared use path. It was noted that further upgrades would be reviewed in the 2027–2037 Long Term Plan, subject to funding decisions from the New Zealand Transport Agency. The discussion included incremental improvements, alternative funding sources, and the immediate addressing of safety concerns through reactive maintenance within the current budget.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Mayor Luca

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Keepa Road Shared Use Path Options Report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 1: Reactive Maintenance Only for the Keepa Road Shared Use Path; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that the further upgrade of the Keepa Road Shared Use Pathway will be considered during the development of the 2027-2037 LTP and guided by funding decisions from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).

CARRIED

8.4 Battery Town Rally, Christmas Parade and Atea Block Party Event Road Closures

Refer to pages 84-91 of the agenda.

The Technical Administrator Transportation presented the report and informed members that the event organisers had engaged with affected residents and businesses regarding proposed temporary road closures, which were recommended for approval.

It was acknowledged that closures would be time-limited to minimise disruption, and that costs for traffic management would be waived for not-for-profit organisations, excluding publication charges.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Battery Town Rally, Christmas Parade and Atea Block Party Event Road Closures report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** that Council **approve** a temporary road closure on Rendall Road (full length), Manawahe Road (from WDC District Boundary to Rendall Road), Herepuru Road (from 400m prior to Gate 290 to gate 1096A), Cambell Road (from Pikowai Road to WDC District Boundary), on Saturday, 11 October 2025, between 05:40am to 6:00pm, to accommodate the Battery Town Rally event; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** that Council **approve** a temporary rolling road closure for the Christmas Parade event, departing from St Joseph's School, King Street, and proceeding along King Street (St Joseph's School to Haig Street), Haig Street (King Street to Russell Street), Russell Street (Haig Street to Domain Road), Domain Road (Russell Street to McGarvey Road), McGarvey Road (Domain Road to Peace Street), Peace Street (McGarvey Road to The Strand), and The Strand (Peace Street to Kakahoroa Drive), on Saturday, 20 December 2025, between 11:00am and 1:00pm; and
4. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **recommends** that Council **approve** a temporary road closure on The Strand Service Lane (halfway between The Strand and Bracken Street), on Friday 19 to Sunday 21 December 2025, between 12pm (Friday) to 5pm (Sunday), to accommodate the Atea Block Party.

CARRIED

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 12:01 pm and re-entered the meeting at 12:05

The meeting was closed with a Karakia from Councillor O'Brien at 12:06 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated
CHAIRPERSON