


Minutes Whakatāne District Ordinary Council Meeting – 14 August 2025

	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, W James, J Jukes, T O'Brien, N Rangiaho and N Tánczos <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillor J Pullar
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (GM Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure), E Hatch (GM People and Partnerships), H Patick (Kaihautu – Strategic Māori Partnerships and Acting GM Business Partnering), J McGeough (Acting GM Finance), J Metcalfe (Team Leader Transport Strategy & Assets), L Tiioke (Manager Building), H Madden (Strategic Policy Analyst), and C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services) <i>Via Teams:</i> S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	<i>Via Teams:</i> Andrew Horwood (Managing Principal – MartinJenkins)
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

Mayor Luca welcomed all to the meeting and Councillor O'Brien opened with a Karakia at 9:00 am.

2 MEETING NOTICES

Mayor Luca shared meeting notices on live streaming and health and safety.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

A school delegation from Jiangxi, China, had recently visited the Eastern Bay of Plenty and it was a great experience for all concerned with the sharing of cultures and hospitality.

The meeting acknowledged the passing of Michard Orchard (Mick) and Daryll Owens.

Congratulations were extended to Hayden Wilde after winning the T100 series race in London earlier this month.

Councillor Pullar paid tribute to his wife Mary on their 54th wedding anniversary. He also congratulated all Councillors who will be elected unopposed in the up-coming local body elections.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NIL

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 11 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT the following minutes of the Whakatāne District Council be **confirmed** as true and correct records:

- Whakatāne District Extraordinary Council – 9 April 2025
- Whakatāne District Council – 26 June 2026

CARRIED

8 STANDING AND JOINT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND MINUTES

8.1 Minutes of Standing Committees

Refer to page 12 of the agenda.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes from the following Whakatāne District Council Standing Committees be **received**:

- Finance and Performance 15 May 2025
- Chief Executive Performance & Support Committee 20 May 2025
- Risk and Assurance meeting 12 June 2025
- Living Together Committee – 19 June 2025
- Infrastructure and Planning Committee – 24 July 2025

CARRIED

8.2 Recommendation from Infrastructure and Planning Committee – Adoption of District Speed Limits

Refer to pages 13-15 of the agenda.

In response to a query about the vote on Site 5, the Team Leader Transport Strategy & Assets clarified that the decision made at the Infrastructure and Planning Committee was not unanimous. During the discussion, it was requested that the motion for this site be considered separately.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne District Council **reconsider** and **revote** on the proposed speed limit change for site #5 – Thornton Road – SH30 to past Blueberry Corner.

CARRIED

Members raised consistency of speed limits would be beneficial on the same road corridor.

A new motion was proposed for site #5 speed limit:

THAT the Speed limit on Thornton Road SH30 from the Red Barn through to the western boundary of 462 Thornton Road be reduced from 100km to 80 km/h.

The motion was put and **LOST**.

The original motion was then put:

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Speed Limit on Thornton from SH30 to the western boundary of 462 Thornton Road be reduced from 100 km/h to 80 km/h.

CARRIED

Mayor Luca requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne District Council **adopt** the proposed speed limit reductions for sites 1-4, 6-16 and 18-19 (as below):

Site #	Site Name	Location	Length	Speed limit (kph)	
				Current	Proposed
1	Withy Road	Full extent of the road	3056m	100	70
2	Te Teko Road – Urban Area	from Okaahu Road intersection south to existing 50kph area.	325m	100	50
3	Thornton Road - East Bank and West Bank Intersections	Thornton Road, 250m west of West Bank Road to 250m east of East Bank Road	750m	100	70
4	Wainui Road - Tio Oyster	From Tauwhare Pa Scenic Reserve southern carpark exit heading south for 830m	830m	100 (temp 60)	60
5	Thornton Road – SH30 to past Blueberry Corner	From SH30 to the western boundary of 462 Thornton Road	4650m	100	80

Site #	Site Name	Location	Length	Speed limit (kph)	
				Current	Proposed
6	Shaw Road Subdivision	For the full extent of Shaw Road and adjoining roads, urban area	1000m	100	50
7	Thornton Beach Road (carpark and boat ramp)	From existing speed hump north to the end of the carpark area	570m	50	30
8	West End Road	From Vills Glade to West End Car Park	970m	50	30
9	Galatea Road - Waiohau	Current 80/100 speed boundaries	1970m	80	60
10	Pukehou Road – Waiōhau	Full extent of road	2900m	80	60
11	Papanui Road – Waiōhau	Full extent of road	1500m	80	60
12	Tawhia Road – Waiōhau	Full extent of road	1400m	80	60
13	Galatea Road - Matahina Dam	Top of Matahina Dam	2450m	100	80
14	Rototaha Road - Matahina Dam	Full extent of road	700m	100	80
15	Reid Road	From Awahou Road to 500m south of Awahou Road	500m	70	100
16	Airport - Tassel Drive	445 m east of end of road	445m	60	30
17	Valley Road	Commerce Street to Taneatua Road (full extent)	2500m	70	50
18	Ōhope Road	From Ōtarawairere Road to Pohutukawa Ave	1300m	80 (temp 60)	60
19	Te Teko Road - Te Teko to Edgecumbe	From Okaahu Road to Main Road	5800m	100	80

CARRIED

8.3 Recommendation from Infrastructure and Planning Committee – Approval for Sale of Lot and Irrigation Bore Asset at Paul Road

Refer to page 16 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Whakatāne District Council approve the sale of Lot 1 (containing the irrigation bore), being a subdivision of Lot 1 DP 464274 at 122A Paul Road, Awakeri, as shown on Plan 1575-SC01 from 360 surveying to Paul Road Water Limited for the sum of \$1; and
2. THAT the Whakatāne District Council authorises the Chief Executive to sign all documents necessary to complete the sale of Lot 1.

CARRIED

8.4 Recommendation from Infrastructure and Planning Committee – Whakatāne Airport Statement of Intent 2024-2027

Refer to pages 17-36 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne District Council approve the attached Whakatāne Airport Draft Statement of Intent for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.

CARRIED

9 MAYORAL REPORTS

9.1 Mayoral Report – August 2025

Refer to pages 37-55 of the agenda.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the Whakatāne District Council **receives** the Mayoral Report – August 2025.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 Local Water Done Well – Adopt Final WSDP

Refer to pages 56-213 of the agenda and pages 213a-c of the tabled items.

GM Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure summarised the development process of the Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP). He highlighted the financial investments for water services, via the Long Term Plan process, would need to be increased, and he spoke to the operating revenue and the impact on costs to customers.

The draft plan was shared with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) on 31 July 2025, and resulting from feedback received, the draft plan did require further amendments. The GM Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure proposed updated recommendations to reflect this.

If Council moved to a CCO model detailed work would need to be carried out regarding setup and operating costs. Direction would be determined through the Long-Term Plan process in 2027.

Actions:

- An in-depth explanation be provided to Elected Members regarding the relationship between statements around operating cash surpluses and increases in the cost of water services.
- Insurance premium cover for water assets to be provided to Members.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Tanczos

RESOLVED:

That the Whakatāne District Council:

1. **Receives** the “Local Water Done Well – Water Services Delivery Plan for approval” report; and,
2. **Approves** the attached Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) for submission to the Department of Internal Affairs by 3 September 2025, subject to changes as requested by the DIA and any other minor changes that might be required; and,
3. **Provides** delegation to the Chief Executive to make changes as requested by the DIA and any other minor changes to the attached WSDP, should these be needed to enable certification of the Plan; and,
4. **Notes** the WSDP is subject to approval by the Department of Internal Affairs before becoming the established pathway for future delivery of water services in the Whakatāne District.

CARRIED

Attendance: A Horwood left meeting at 10:08 am.

10.2 Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Review

Refer to pages 214-228 of the agenda.

In response to a question, the Manager Building explained that the policy changes were clarifications only and did not alter the original context.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council **receive** the Adoption of the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy Report; and
2. THAT Council **adopt** the draft version of the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy (Appendix 1); and
3. THAT Council **note** that no submissions were received on the draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy.

CARRIED

Attendance: Manager Building and Strategic Policy Analyst left the meeting at 10:14 am.

11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Refer to pages 240-241 of the agenda and pages 241a-b of the tabled item.

Mayor Luca tabled an updated motion to exclude to the public, which included the public excluded minutes to confirm and receive (items 2-5).

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Iles

RESOLVED:

THAT, as per the tabled item, the Whakatāne District Council **agree** to exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Whakatāne Airport Schedule Flight Service Registration of Interest (ROI)
2. Confirmation of Minutes Whakatāne District Extraordinary Council meeting – 9 April 2025
3. Confirmation of Minutes Whakatāne District Council – 26 June 2025
4. Receive Minutes of CEPSC meeting 20 May 2025
5. Receive Minutes of Risk and Assurance Meeting 12 June 2025

This resolution is made in accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be).

Item number and General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for excluding the public	Plain English reason for passing this resolution
Item 1: Whakatāne Airport Scheduled Flight Service Registration of Interest (ROI)	Section 7(2)(b)(ii) To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	s48(1)(a) 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 would exist under section 6 or section 7	The respondent has additional related commercial sensitive negotiations underway in relation to operational arrangements and information has been provided in confidence. Any assumptions and/or times frames could hinder these negotiations.
Item 2: Public Excluded minutes of the Extraordinary Council 9 April 2025	As per reasons given in the public agenda for the 9 April 2025 Extraordinary Council meeting: I.e. - Section 7(2)(g) - Section 7(2)(h) - Section 7(2)(i)	s48(1)(a) 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 would exist under section 6 or section 7	As per reasons given in the public agenda for the 9 April 2025 Extraordinary Council meeting.
Item 3: Public Excluded Minutes of the	As per reasons given in the public agenda for the 26 June 2025 Ordinary Council	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the relevant part of the	As per the explanations given in the public agenda for the 26 June

Ordinary Council meeting 26 June 2025	meeting: I.e. - Section 7(2)(a) - Section 7(2)(h) -Section 7(2)(c)(i)	proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	2025 Ordinary Council meeting.
Item 4: Public Excluded Minutes of the Chief Executive Support and Performance Committee 20 May 2025	As per reasons given in the public agenda for the 20 May 2025 Chief Executive Support and Performance Committee meeting: I.e. - Section 7(2)(a)	s48(1)(a) 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 would exist under section 6 or section 7	As per the explanations given in the public agenda for the 20 May 2025 Chief Executive Support and Performance Committee meeting.
Item 5: Public Excluded Minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee 12 June 2025	As per reasons given in the public agenda for the 12 June 2025 Risk and Assurance Committee meeting: I.e.: - Section 7(2)(a) - Section 7(2)(g)	s48(1)(a) 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 would exist under section 6 or section 7	As per the explanations given in the public agenda for the 12 June 2025 Risk and Assurance Committee meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting moved into Public-Excluded session at 10:15 am.
The meeting returned to the Public session at 11:15 am.

Mayor Luca restated the following resolutions from the Public Excluded session of the meeting:

1. THAT the Council **received** the Whakatāne Airport Scheduled Flight Service ROI report; and
2. THAT Council **confirmed** the report could be released to the public on the Chief Executive's approval.

The meeting closed at 11:16 am with a Karakia by Councillor O'Brien.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

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