


Minutes Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting – 26 March 2026

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2026, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.
	Present:	Mayor N Tánzos, Deputy Mayor J Jukes, Chairperson T Boynton, and Councillors G Dennis, C Hamill, A Iles, L Immink, J Morgan-Ranui, W James, T O’Brien, and M Whitaker
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), L Woolsey (GM Strategy and Growth), H Patrick (Kaihautu – Strategic Māori Partnerships and GM Commercial), A Pickles (GM Community Experience), H Keravel (Senior Strategic Policy Analyst), N Woodley (Manager Policy, Planning and Consents), M Read (Manager Ports and CE Airport), M Mackenzie (Team Leader Regulation, Monitoring), N Elliott (Manager Community Regulation), V Fergusson (Manager Strategic Property), A Renyolds (Manager Transportation), N Burgess (Manager Tourism and Economic Development), K Boreham (Principal Advisor – Executive Office), and S Duffy (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Eugene Berryman-Lamp (CEO Te Runanga o Ngāti Manawa)
	Apologies:	Councillor Hamill (for lateness)

1 KARAKIA

Chairperson Boynton formally opened the Committee meeting at 9:00 am with a Karakia and welcomed staff and members of the public.

2 MEETING NOTICES

The Chairperson shared meeting notices on live streaming and health and safety.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor Hamill / Seconded Mayor Tánzos

RESOLVED

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee **accept** the apology from Councillor T O’Brien.

CARRIED

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

A tribute was made to Mr Hori Thrupp (Ruatoiki), who had recently passed away at the age of 98.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 11 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Immink / Seconded Deputy Mayor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Strategy and Policy meeting held on 5 February 2026 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

Refer to page 12 of the agenda.

Moved Deputy Mayor Jukes / Seconded Councillor James

It was requested that the status of the minutes being received be included within the motion.

Confirmation of the Murupara Community Board minutes occurred at their Board meeting held on 23 March 2026, however due to process timing, the MCB minutes received were in an unconfirmed status.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes from the following Whakatane District Council Community Board meetings be **received**:

- Unconfirmed Murupara Community Board meeting - 27 January 2026
- Unconfirmed Whakatane-Ōhope Community Board meeting - 2 February 2026
- Unconfirmed Rangitāiki Community Board meeting - 4 February 2026

CARRIED

9 REPORTS

9.1 Murupara Masterplan

Refer to pages 13-76 of the agenda.

Manager Policy Planning and Consents summarised the report content.

Mr Berryman-Kamp introduced himself and highlighted that the Murupara Master Plan reflected the community aspirations for housing, economic development and cultural revitalisation. He referenced the proposed revitalisation of Taniwha Park, aspiration of commercial zone and future housing. He

acknowledged Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa and the Whakatāne District Council and concluded saying the plan accurately reflected the aspirations of community for the 'look and feel' for Murupara.

Elected Members expressed their gratitude to Ngāti Manawa for hosting them during the recent visit to their rohe. Mr Berryman-Kamp answered questions regarding growth, accommodation, employment, commercial and agricultural opportunities.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Deputy Mayor Jukes

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee **receives** the Murupara Masterplan report; and
2. THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee **endorse** the Murupara Masterplan.

CARRIED

Attendance: Mr Berryman-Kamp, the Chief Executive and the Manager Policy, Planning and Consents left the meeting at 9:43 am.

9.2 Approval of Draft Bylaws for Public Consultation

Refer to pages 77-282 of the agenda.

The Senior Strategic Policy Analyst introduced the paper and advised the Draft bylaws had been informed by research, analysis of requests for service, Council briefings and where required, legal advice was sought. In conclusion he noted the proposed timeframe for the process:

- i) Consultation 1-30 April 2026
- ii) Hearings and deliberations 28 May 2026
- iii) Council Approval 23 July 2026

The recommendations were taken in parts – and prior to each one, Strategic Policy Analyst highlighted the key changes and questions were asked and answered.

Attendance: The Chief Executive re-entered the meeting at 9:48 am.

Moved Councillor Hamill / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee **receive** the Approval of Bylaws for Public Consultation report.

CARRIED

Alcohol Control Bylaw

During discussions regarding the Alcohol Control Bylaw, the following points were noted:

- It was clarified that regarding timing of alcohol bans, issues were typically in the later hours.
- After consultation and analysis, further information would be reported to Elected Members regarding similar provisions in other Councils on alcohol bylaw restrictions.

During debate Councillors agreed to option 1 regarding consultation. The Mover and Seconder agreed with the additional wording added to the motion.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Mayor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

2. THAT the Strategy Policy Committee **approve for public consultation** the Draft Alcohol Control Bylaw, with the inclusion to request additional feedback on a 24/7 ban in the Whakatāne Central Business District (CBD) (option 1).

CARRIED

Ports and Wharves Bylaw

Manager Ports and CE Airport advised the Bylaw, Ports Operational Plan, and the Licence to Occupy documents would align regarding roles and from there, the delegation of seizure powers.

Moved Mayor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

3. THAT the Strategy Policy Committee **approve for public consultation** the Draft Ports and Wharves Bylaw.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Manager Ports and CE Airport left the meeting at 10:13 am.

Kaihautu – Strategic Māori Partnerships and GM Commercial entered the meeting at 10:13 am.

Beaches Bylaw

GM Strategy and Growth advised that after consultation and research, staff could propose suggestions regarding the enhancement regarding reinforcement of bylaws and resulting communication methods.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Whitaker

RESOLVED:

4. THAT the Strategy Policy Committee **approve for public consultation** the Draft Beaches Bylaw.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am and returned at 10:37 am.

Dog Control Policy

Regarding the reference to nesting birds and streams, it was requested the wording be updated to specify the impacted areas of the streams.

Attendance:

GM Community Experience entered the meeting at 10:41 am.

Manager Tourism and Economic Development entered the meeting at 10:42 am.

The Chief Executive entered the meeting at 10:46 am.

The Senior Policy Analyst reported Central Government had recognised the Dog Control Act was outdated and not fit for purpose and would be reviewed. This would include consultation with stakeholders.

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Ranui-Morgan

During debate, Members spoke to the option they wished to consult with and with the approval of the mover and seconder updated the motion supporting option 1.

RESOLVED:

5. THAT the Strategy Policy Committee **approve for public consultation** the Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy, with inclusion of requesting additional feedback on dog restrictions in the Whakatāne CBD and on Ōhope Beach (option 1).

CARRIED

Draft Keeping of Animals, Stock, Flock and Bees (excluding dogs) Bylaw

Moved Councillor Hamill / Seconded Councillor Immink

During debate, Members spoke to the option they supported and with the approval of the mover and seconder updated the motion supporting option 1.

RESOLVED:

6. THAT the Strategy Policy Committee **approve for public consultation** the Draft Keeping of Animals, Stock, Flock and Bees (excluding dogs) bylaw.

Councillors James and Dennis requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Team Leader Regulation Monitoring and Manager Community Regulation left the meeting at 11:11 am. GM Strategy and Growth left the meeting at 11:11 am and re-entered at 11:13 am.

Draft Stock Movement Bylaw

Attendance: Manager Strategic Property entered the meeting at 11:18 am.

Moved Councillor Hamill / Seconded Councillor Immink

RESOLVED:

7. THAT the Strategy Policy Committee **approve for public consultation** the Draft Stock Movement Bylaw.

CARRIED

Councillor Iles requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

Attendance: Manager Transportation left the meeting at 11:23 am.

Statement of proposal for the six bylaws

The Senior Strategic Policy Analyst advised the meeting of a typographic error within the recommendation. He noted the correct reference was to recommendation 6 (not number 5).

Attendance:

Kaihautu – Strategic Māori Partnerships and GM Commercial left the meeting at 11:28 am

Moved Hamill / Seconded Mayor Tanczos

RESOLVED:

8. THAT the Strategy Policy Committee **approve for public consultation** the statement of proposal for the six bylaws (noting it will be updated to reflect Council’s decisions for recommendations 6).

CARRIED

10 Resolution to Exclude the Public

Refer to page 283 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Immink / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee **agree** to exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. isite Review Report

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: isite Review Report	7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons (staff), including that of deceased natural persons 7(2)(h) Enable any Council holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 7(2)(i) Enable any Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	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 report is public excluded due to the commercial nature of the isite business, discussions of possible joint ventures, commercial rental, and tenancies and staff sensitivity.

CARRIED

The meeting moved to the Public Excluded section at 11:30 am.

The meeting returned to the Public section at 12:06 pm.

11 Restatements

The Chairperson restated the following two recommendations made within the Public Excluded section of the meeting, relating to the isite Review Report:

- i) THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee received the isite Review – Public Excluded report; and,
- ii) THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee confirmed the report can be released to the public on the Chief Executives' approval.

The meeting closed at 12:08 pm with a Karakia by Chairperson Boynton.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON

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