

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2022 AT 9AM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Hine Flood (Deputy Mayor), Cr Danika Goldsack, Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

IN ATTENDANCE: Kitea Tipuna (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), Kimberley Tuapawa (Pouwhakarae – Pārongo/Wheako Kiritaki | Group Manager Information and Customer Experience), Gary Borg (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), Stephen Heath (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau Hapori/Ratonga | Group Manager Community Assets and Services), Simon Mutohori (Pouwhakarae-Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager-Planning & Regulatory Services) Courtney Hayward (Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Here, Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Policy, Governance and Economic Development Manager),

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia by Te Tumu Whakarae Kitea Tipuna

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14 requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

5 GENERAL ITEMS

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 2022/27

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Harker

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders for the purposes of the hearings.

CARRIED

5.1 SUBMISSIONS TO THE WATERS AND CEMETERIES BYLAWS

RESOLUTION 2022/28

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Harker

That Council receive the submissions attached as appendix 1 & 2 and thank submitters for their submissions to the cemetery bylaws.

CARRIED

The meeting was opened by Mayor Craig Little who noted that the bylaws are still in draft form and the hearings are an opportunity to inform the formation of the bylaws.

Fran Unwin: Here to argue the point that nazi swastika have no place in cemetery. Shameful that it's been allowed to happen. No relevance to our town, or history. There to intimidate and garner attention. Children's playground – nazi graffiti. Sieg heil is German in origin and does not represent who we are and our history. Fallen soldiers fought for freedom, WW1 WW2 and Holocaust victims never got a choice. It represents what we don't want in our lives today. WDC need to do what is right. Get rid of gang symbols. Don't let our cemetery be a victim.

Murray Olsen – Concerns about proposed bylaw. What is the purpose of it? Gang insignia in government public buildings. Singles out one part of community however community is made up of many parts. Cemetery grounds purpose is to be a cemetery not to hold a tool shed. Council buildings are made to be buildings. Reasonable person test is not well defined – gang members are part of our lives. Reasonable person test – everyone thinks they are reasonable. Agreed that Council could look into not allowing swastikas and choosing some specific symbolism. If you don't want swastikas make that a law – don't make about being offended. Open can of worms. Celebrate our community

Council noted that Julianna Dawson submitted her apologies

9.18am adjournment – moved by Mayor Craig Little, second Cr Tumataroa Clarke.

9.25 reconvene

Dennis Makalio (via zoom) – the Rigby whanau have asked Dennis to support as he has been down this road before. Making the wrong decision costs taxpayers money. Dennis has been down this road before. It is important not to breach bill of rights – freedom of expression, freedom of speech. Don't bring politics into areas that are tapu. Whanau happy that you aren't going to be touching their plots. Gang insignia act is for government buildings and not urupa. What would a police officer/human rights commissioner say? Appreciate that council has dealt with them well and haven't given him the run around. Council has only got the right to tell us the size of the gravestone. Mr Makalio noted he doesn't want this to go to supreme court.

Trish Lambert - Ethics and philosophical around this issue. Swastika and symbol of divinity in early life - adopted by Nazis, Hitler regime. When the mongrel mob came together they adopted signals as result of being marginalized. A lot of young people are unaware of the implications of the swastika. People think it is trendy to be offended. Philosophy of segregating community – singling out one section and targeting one aspect of culture is divisive. Significant number of people in our town – does nothing to help rather reintegration. Bylaw is sloppy and open for

interpretation. No right for others to impose and divide.

Maude Stone - Representing Terry-Shane Stone headstone, everyone has had their say. Concerned that no-one rang her despite her son being involved in the narrative. As the whanau is hurting. Everyone is related – no matter what. Some of the things in the papers were hurting. Maude noted she went through the process, went through the council to get the headstone put in. She thought cemetery was community space. He wanted to become a mob member -my choice was to be there as a mother. Why change the bylaw now? If you are gonna take one down you might as well take them all down. Council decides where the headstones go and should take responsibility for that. When people criticize my sons headstone it makes me angry – people's past are in their past. My son is gone now. Ashamed that this town complained. Some of the things were so wrong that were put out there. I will fight to not have it removed. People's rights and their whanau to decide what's on there.

9.54 adjournment – moved by Mayor Craig Little and Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare.

10.08 reconvene

Council went through the written submissions

Angela Thomas – Spoke that the bylaw was good, however the publicity that went down around bylaw was negative. Valid points where people have felt intimidated. There are things that are not tika that have happened and a bylaw isn't the thing to fix this. From an offence perspective there are different things that cause offence. Maori are often used to being told that's in the past you need to move on. Gangs are the manifestation of the infringement of mana. If there is poor behaviour you need to ring the police.

Cr Kaimoana acknowledged the whānau who has submitted and that this is a hard time for all of them.

Cr Eaglesome-Karekare, Tumataroa-Clarke and Goldsack reiterated Cr Kaimoana's sentiments

Cr Harker noted that this is about how we move forward. Council will look for a clear, transparent solution and the way forward.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE WATER BYLAWS

RESOLUTION 2022/29

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That Council receive the submissions attached as appendix 1 & 2 and thank submitters for their submissions to the waters bylaws..

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 10.39AM.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 14 June 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON