

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024 AT 10:01 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Mr Chris Olsen (via Zoom),

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Hinetaakoha Viriaere** (Pouwhakarae Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager Planning & Regulatory), **Michael Hardie** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Sarayde Tapine** (Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Advisor), **Lisa Malde** (NZTA Acting Regional Manager), **Aydan Chatterton** (NZTA Area Programme Manager, Central North Island),

1 KARAKIA

The Opening Karakia was given by the Chair Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/92

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little and Cr Benita Cairns be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair acknowledged the passing of a long contributing member to the Wairoa community, Gary Mayo following his fight with Cancer.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

6 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.

NZTA PRESENTATION – Wairoa District, Discussing the ‘why’ and ‘how’ of walking and cycling in Wairoa

The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure introduced NZTA attendees Lisa and Ayden while also noting that discussions around inviting NZTA to a infrastructure committee to hear the committees roading concerns, predominantly around the state highway that runs through the middle of the town. He noted that Lisa’s attendance was to discuss some of these issues alongside walking and cycling in Wairoa.

Lisa noted the need for identifying those opportunities for walking and cycling linkages for the community as this will put the Council in a better position to move forward with that plan and to receive funding. Lisa further spoke to the current draft GPS on land transport and the NLTP noting that the current strategic priorities identified by the current government are economic growth and productivity, increased maintenance and resilience, safety and value for money and this will drive the direction for NZTA. She also highlighted:

- Other sources of funding through nationally delivered activities such as Streets for People for example. She also noted crown funding and local share as other sources of funding.
- Case study in Waipawa Central Hawke’s Bay – State highway runs through the middle of town as well with community concerns around speed and volume of vehicles going through the township. A town centre masterplan brought the community together on how to address the issue of the highway environment. NZTA worked with Waipawa initially around the temporary fix off jutter bars, however, the community wanted a permanent solution. She noted that it is a comprehensive, streamlined and collaborative process co-designed along the community who therefore have buy in into how to address severance or walking and cycling connectivity. She noted that this is usually done on a testing trial with a pathway to permanence so once the community is happy with it you begin mapping out the process on how to make it a permanent installation. She also highlighted cost-savings presented with this opportunity due to the investigation and consultation design parts being completed together.
- Other funding avenues via a recreational standpoint.

Lisa opened the floor for discussion to talk through the committees plans, desires, concerns and problems including how they might want to manage this issue and prepare for future funding opportunities.

The Group Manager - Assets and Infrastructure noted that the previous strategy Council consulted on wasn’t sufficient enough and that the focus needs to be on a thorough strategy that encompasses the entire district. The Chair noted the effect Cyclone Gabrielle has had on the district and how Wairoa is not in the same position as when the original strategy was developed and how these factors need to be considered in the development of another plan as well.

The Chief Executive asked Lisa what she meant when she referred to the word ‘severance’. She

explained that due to the river dissecting the community into two areas and because the state highway often carries heavy vehicles or a lot of traffic it makes it sometimes difficult to get across or feel safe in that environment.

Cr Eaglesome-Karekare noted people crossing along Paul, Achilles and Queen Streets as children often use these areas to cross before and after school. The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure also highlighted the crossing outside of the I-site. Sometimes people crossing on mobility scooters often affect the flow of traffic as they don't fit in the middle median therefore affecting both sides of traffic.

The Chief Executive noted His Worship's advocacy for zebra crossings. Cr Eaglesome-Karekare supported this with large signage to also warn drivers. He further noted state highway 38, Mahia Ave and Carroll Street and the displaced Nuhaka School at the Mormon Church on the state highway towards Gisborne and the road signs and speed restrictions in place for this.

Cr Eaglesome-Karekare also noted connecting the Māhia and Opoutama villages together with a walkway to feel safe.

Mr Olsen asked Lisa what the chances were of receiving funding for this under the current draft GPS. Lisa noted that it looks like unless they can indicate a high uptake and a high demand for people to walk and cycle in that area then it poses to be very difficult. She noted that if the background work hasn't currently been done then she encouraged to wait until the next RLTP to do this. Mr Olsen suggested Council have the plan ready and start from next year to begin the consultation and development of the plan ready for the next RLTP.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/93

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 February 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 RECEIPT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/94

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke
Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the Minutes of the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 2022 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

8.2 ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP - UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/95

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke
Seconded: Mr Chris Olsen

The Pouwhakarae-Hua Pumau | Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report, and provide direction where appropriate.

CARRIED

The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure gave a brief update to this report. He updated the committee that staff received notification the day prior to the meeting that the \$12.1M of Cyclone Gabrielle funding for emergency works will stop as of 30 June under the current governments direction. He noted that Council received \$31M for emergency works and have only spent \$22M so far. He believes that Council would have spent majority of that money by the middle of this year, however, anything remaining has to be returned to NZTA. He raised concerns in relation to Councils plans to use this funding for more longer-term projects and how this is no longer an option. He estimates the shortfall to be around \$5M to be returned back to NZTA.

Mr Olsen suggested the need to amend the current funding application to increase it by the amount anticipated Council will miss out by and for the Mayor to go in and speak to the Chair of NZTA directly. He also suggested a regional approach of Mayors to the NZTA chairperson to discuss the issue.

The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure highlighted the Te Reinga bridge permanent replacement and reported about a presentation held to crown infrastructure partners about timelines and this pressure on delivery as they want to deliver it by late 2025, noting the risk in not having the ability to have the bridge completed by then. He also highlighted the WDC submission to the current draft GPS statement as there is inconsistency between the governments direction and Wairoa specifically. He noted that there isnt much mention of the Hawke's Bay region in the GPS and Council as previously stated are keen to support the national items of significant out to Mahia/Nuhaka/Opoutama, resilience and increased maintenance renewals and the review of traffic management and potential wasted revenue in this area. He encouraged feedback and input to the submission from members before Tuesday 02 April as this is when the submission is due.

Mr Olsen asked for how much extra WDC has asked for compared to this current three years from

Waka Kotahi. The Group Manager – Assets & Infrastructure noted that in some areas it is more than 50% noting that this will be a key consultation item with the community to identify priorities for recovery, emergency works, appropriate levels of service and capital works. The committee members then discussed at length existing pressures on timeframes and deadlines especially in terms of funding.

8.3 PLANNING AND REGULATORY REPORT (JANUARY AND FEBRUARY UPDATE)

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/96

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

The Group Manager Planning and Regulatory Services RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

The Group Manager – Planning and Regulatory spoke briefly to this report. She highlighted the rapid building assessment space noting that in the last year from 08 March 2023 there has been a reduction in number of placards for commercial and residential premises, however, numbers are still high and there is still a long way to go. She noted that reinstatement works in the last month have increased considerably and this trend is expected to continue. She advised that as of this day, yellow restricted access stickered homes is at 93 for residential, white at 157 and green at 105.

Members briefly discussed the status of each sticker and what people are required to do to move from one colour to the next. The Chair requested what people had to do to move from white to green placards. The Group Manager – Planning and Regulatory noted that the checklist contains points below that only building inspectors can sign off and move people from white to green stickers:

- Pre-line inspection.
- Permission given to line walls.
- Walls lined.
- Water supplies restored.
- Working toilet.
- Cabinetry, kitchen, bathroom and wash-house installed.
- Wet areas installed and cabinet floors and walls sealed.
- Any documents required.
- Electrical certification and sign-off.

Mr Olsen noted the approximate 10% decrease in number of stickered homes in the last month and that where this work continues it will look good for Wairoa in a years time from now in the removal of placards and whanau being back in their homes.

The Chief Executive noted the pressure on building teams on the re-monitoring and re-placarding of homes and if they are adequately resourced to carry out this work. She noted that the team is managing however there is a focus of building competency within the organisation as some Building Officers are still in training and this will enable officers to process consents more efficiently and effectively while also being in-house as well. She also noted that advertisement will be going out soon for another Planner.

The Meeting closed at 11:10am with a closing karakia given by the Chair Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 23 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON