

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA  
ON TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2024 AT 1:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, 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), **Juanita Savage** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services and Development), **Sarayde Tapine** (Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Advisor), **Karen Akuhata** (Kaiwhakahaere Whaipanga | Utilities Manager), **Teri Wathen-Smith** (Mataaro Taiao | Environmental Engineer), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouhurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Phil Lake** (Lei consultant), **Hamish Lowe** (Lei consultant),

**1 KARAKIA**

The opening karakia was given by the Māori Relationships Manager, Duane Culshaw.

The Chair acknowledged the passing of Dean Te Amo.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**APOLOGY**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/97**

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

That the apology received from Cr Benita Cairns be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

**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.

The Chair, Cr Tumataroa-Clarke noted that Council's Environmental Engineer, Teri Wathen-Smith will be presenting to the committee on Wairoa's Cyclone Experience then the committee will move into a public excluded session so that consultants were able to leave and back into open for consideration of the general items.

### WAIROA'S CYCLONE EXPERIENCE PRESENTATION – TERI WATHEN-SMITH

The Chair, Cr Tumataroa-Clarke welcomed the Council's Environmental Engineer, Teri Wathen-Smith to present on Wairoa's Cyclone Gabrielle experience and specifically the impacts on the Councils water infrastructure. She highlighted:

- Rainfall in February 2023 exceeded the monthly average by 400% and some sites by 800%.
- The Wairoa community surviving 3 days alone post Cyclone Gabrielle with no communication from anyone outside of the district.
- During the Cyclone the water intake point was engulfed by the river causing major treatment issues of the water and damage to the infrastructure. The river entered into the water intake vents and flooded the chambers and pumps.
- Over 80 sandbags deployed to protect the Mahanga pump station, however, as these were stolen the pump station was flooded.
- Significant issue for Mahia – land movement and fallen trees breaking the irrigation drip lines.
- Transformational impact of Red Cross funding through recovery and putting whanau back in their homes.
- Government earmarked \$70m for flood protection.

The Chair, Cr Tumataroa-Clarke thanked Teri for her presentation and insight into the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle on the Councils water infrastructure.

## 7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/98

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 March 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**8 GENERAL ITEMS****8.1 PLANNING AND REGULATORY REPORT - FEBRUARY AND MARCH UPDATE 2024****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/99**

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Mr Chris Olsen

The Pouwhakarae - Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager Planning and Regulatory RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report 'PLANNING AND REGULATORY DEPARTMENT REPORTS - February 2024 - March 2024'.

**CARRIED**

The Group Manager – Planning and Regulatory, Hinetaakoha Viriaere spoke briefly to this report highlighting:

- The slow movement of placards being removed and/or status changed across the last month, noting only one residential property moved to a green placard in April.
- Off site assessment undertaken by the International Accreditation of New Zealand (IANZ) of the Council's building consent authority processes and procedures have returned with great results.
- Advertising for another Planner currently occurring.
- Submission made to the Fast-track Approval Bill on behalf of Council.

The Chair, Cr Tumataroa-Clarke highlighted the percentage figures presented on page 15 of the agenda around building consents and LIM's and asked if that was from one of the big housing developments currently being done in the township. The Group Manager – Planning and Regulatory advised she will report back on this at the next committee meeting.

Members agreed for staff to try to keep the same standard or accelerate the numbers of placards being removed as this has been progressing well and is about getting whanau back into their homes, noting only one change in residential placards across the month of April.

**8.2 ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP - UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/100**

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

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, Michael Hardie provided a brief update to his report noting:

- Under the Local Water Done Well (LWDW) the government have confirmed current funding arrangements will be retained to support the implementation of the LWDW project so Council can retain the better-off and transition funding.
- Te Reinga bridge rebuild and a major risk in relation to timelines noting the correction on page 28 of the agenda '7<sup>th</sup> August 2025' is meant to be the stipulated date to have the bridge completed not 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- Realigning 3 sections of the walkway – Near Oslers, Eastend and Spooner's point as displayed in the report. Members briefly discussed how each of these intend to be funded.

Members discussed the expected shortfall of funding that Council will have to give back and the expectation to roll this fund over until the 100% funding is fully expended now being removed. Members agreed for His Worship the Mayor to receive a list of projects for the district and to use this to lobby for Wairoa to relevant Ministers.

His Worship the Mayor asked if staff have looked at other avenues of support for the celtic clubrooms. Members discussed the potential opportunities the clubrooms can offer to the community if it were renovated and made a fit for purpose facility. Members agreed for the Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure to organise a site visit to the celtic clubrooms and from this a report can be tabled at the next committee meeting on a approach forward.

The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Michael Hardie advised that the status of the land at the Mahia Recycling Centre has just been completed, the Maori Relationship Manager is assisting with engagement and he believes that the project is on track to be completed by December 2024.

**9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS****RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/101**

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 1:48pm.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<p><b>9.1 - WAIROA WASTEWATER DISCHARGE CONSENT IMPLEMENTATION - UPATE</b></p>	<p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - 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</p>

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/102**

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

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 2:44pm.

**CARRIED**

The Meeting closed at 3:30pm 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 21 May 2024.

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**CHAIRPERSON**