

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Cr Jeremy Harker (via Zoom),

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support via Zoom), **Hinetaakoha Viriaere** (Pouwhakarae Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager Planning & Regulatory), **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), **Kate Standing** (Executive Principal),

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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RESOLUTION 2024/20

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the apologies received from Cr Melissa Kaimoana and Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

The Group Manager – Community Services and Development provided a brief update about the weather due to the heavy rain warning issued the day before. She advised elected members that:

- Wairoa remains in a heavy rain warning of orange with expected rainfall to continue through to the end of the week.
- Today's rainfall levels are expected to be less than yesterday.
- Flash flooding occurred yesterday in the areas of Nuhaka, Morere and Mahia. This resulted in Emergency Services needing to rescue a person from a vehicle and the vehicle needing to be salvaged.

- Tāne-nui-a-Rangi and Tamakahu have opened and Tamakahu is supporting one whanau.
- Surface flooding occurring throughout the district.
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council deployment of extra technical staff to Wairoa yesterday.
- Communication plans and check-ins were activated yesterday.

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

5.1 ELECTED MEMBER'S ALLOWANCES AND RECOVERY OF EXPENSES POLICY REVIEW UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2024/21

Moved: Cr Benita Cairns

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that Council

- A) Receive the report.
- B) Accept the updates to the Elected Member's Allowances and Expenses Policy in line with the Local Government Members (2023/24) Determination 2023 attached as Appendix 1.
- C) Adopt the revised final version of the Wairoa District Council Elected Member's Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy 2024 attached as Appendix 2.

CARRIED

The Group Manager – Finance and Corporate Support advised elected members that specific allowances have been made in the budget previously and that previous conversations between elected members involved payment of allowances in full to elected members, a reimbursement approach and that there is an opportunity to add to the budget if elected members wanted to claim back on the allowances.

The Policy and Governance Officer spoke briefly to the report highlighting to elected members that due to the notification only received under 2 weeks ago from the Remuneration Authority about the updated Local Government Members Determination, Council staff carried out a review of the WDC Elected Members Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy. She advised of the changes made to the policy, the amounts allowed to be recovered by elected members and that due to the editorial nature of the changes no consultation was required.

Cr Cairns highlighted making the process for reimbursement clear to elected members.

The Meeting closed at 9:21am with a closing karakia given by His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 June 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON