

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Jeremy Harker (attended as CEO of QRS until the end of Item 8.2), Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **Hinetaakoha Viriaere** (Pouwhakarae Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager Planning and Regulatory), **Juanita Savage** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services and Development), **Luke Knight** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Te Aroha Cook** (Kaiarataki Whakaoranga | Recovery Manager), **Hinemoa Hubbard** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer), **Karla Hogan** (Funding and Contracts Advisor), **Michael West** (Kaitātari Pakihi | Business Analyst), **Tyler Trafford Misson** (Pouwhakamahere | District Planner), **Kate Standring** (Executive Principal|Office of the Mayor/Office of the Chief Executive), **QRS Team: Jeremy Harker** (CEO of QRS, attended for item 8.2) **Siobhan Storey** (QRS CFO), **Lauren Jones** (QRS Director)

1 KARAKIA

A karakia was held before the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To be declared as the agenda progresses.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

LATE ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2025/14

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Benita Cairns

That the reports 8.1 *Update on proposed Development Contributions Policy*, 8.2 *QRS Statement of Intent for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028 and Half-yearly Report to 31 December 2024*,

and 10.4 ***Appointment for Interim Chief Executive*** be received as late items.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION 2025/15

Moved: Cr Roslyn Thomas

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the minutes and confidential minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4 February 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.2 QRS STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2025 TO 30 JUNE 2028 AND HALF-YEARLY REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2024.

RESOLUTION 2025/16

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That Council receives the QRS draft Statement of Intent 2025-28 and the 6-month performance report to 31 December 2024.

CARRIED

The Group Manager of Finance and Corporate Support introduced the QRS team.

The QRS team highlighted:

- Current opportunities include the Te Reinga Bridge and their EcoReef product, with further opportunities in flood mitigation and the Waikare Gorge Realignment.
- The 6-month profit was lower than the previous year, but the \$50,000 interim distribution was achieved.
- SCI targets continue to be exceeded, with a return on shareholders' funds of 8.52%.
- Efforts to secure the supply chain include investing in a concrete plant and securing a lease at Blucks Pit.
- An opportunity with EcoReef, which uses aggregate and sand from Blucks Pit to produce hexagonal concrete blocks for drop-out repairs and other applications. QRS has signed a license to manufacture, distribute, install, and sell these products in the Wairoa and

Gisborne districts.

- QRS received the HB Chamber of Commerce Social Impact Award and a CCNZ commendation for the Te Reinga Bridge project.
- KPI highlights include a net promoter score of 56 (industry standard is 30-40) and an overhead percentage of 13% (industry standard is 15%).

At 1:59 pm, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke left the meeting.

The committee had queries regarding the EcoReef product and its applications.

At 2:02 pm, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke returned to the meeting.

At 2:04 pm, Cr Jeremy Harker joined the meeting as a Councillor, having attended earlier as CEO of QRS.

8.1 UPDATE ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

RESOLUTION 2025/17

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Benita Cairns

That Council:

- (1) Receives the report.
- (2) Maintains the status quo regarding the consultation for Development Contributions Policy.
- (3) Directs the Chief Executive to contact the Minister's office to determine if our process runs contrary to the recent announcement.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive introduced the report, noting it was completed on a fast-track basis due to ongoing consultations on the Development Contributions Policy and recent legislative changes made by the Government.

The District Planner provided a brief overview, noting that the changes are approximately 18 months away from being enacted.

Elected members noted:

- The importance of seeking direction from policymakers.
- That any matters not included in the consultation process should be addressed during hearings to ensure alignment between the consultation content and government proposals.

9 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES/ACTION SHEETS

Nil

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION 2025/18**

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 2:18pm.

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
10.1 - MAHANGA BEACH WATER SUPPLY - OPTIONS ASSESSMENT REPORT	s7(2)(f)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of Council members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment	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
10.2 - Professional services procurement review	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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
10.3 - Risk Analysis/Due Diligence Report for the Wairoa Airport Upgrade	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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
10.4 - Appointment for Interim Chief Executive	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial	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

	activities	withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
CARRIED		

RESOLUTION 2025/19

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 3:45pm.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed with a Closing Karakia by His Worship, the Mayor at 3:46pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON