

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 26 February 2025
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor R G K Savage

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ross.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Ion
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3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

Chief Executive Officer gave the following meeting notices:

- *Advised that the Local Water Done Well report in the Confidential Agenda is seeking a decision from Elected Members to go out to the Community for consultation.*

- Department of Internal Affairs has directed Kawerau District Council that the attachment in the Eastern Bay of Plenty (EBOP) Regional Deals report be confidential. This is why the report is in the Confidential Agenda.
- For both, Local Water Done Well and EBOP Regional Deals, Kawerau District Council will release to the public Council's advice.

6 **Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements**

Her Worship the Mayor sends her aroha | love to all in the community that have lost loved ones and gives her well wishes to all on behalf of Council.

7 **Public Forum**

Brett Pacey raised the following concerns and proposal:

- The condition of footpath along River Road from Tamarangi Drive to Freyberg Street is deteriorating and requires attention.
- Proposed having a dog park on Boycie Park and an area for freedom camping as it is a spacious reserve that currently receives no attention.
- The bank for Tarawera River is starting to encroach close to Boyce Park. There are also trees in the river that need to be attended to. Mr Pacey acknowledges that this issue needs to be raised with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council but has found it hard to contact them.

Elected Members thanked Brett for coming in and raising his concerns and giving his proposal of the dog park.

Andre van Schalkwyk raised the following concerns:

- The past 14 months Andre has had on-going problems with neighbouring dogs. The problems are dogs continuously barking and the number of dogs that reside on the property. He has made numerous complaints to Council's dog control team regarding the barking but there has been no resolution. This is starting to affect his business as guests complain also.
- The disproportionate rates increase of property, 2-4 Parimahana Drive. The level of increase is not reflective of market conditions and must be reviewed and decreased for market-related fairness.

Elected Members acknowledged Andre for bringing these concerns to the Council Meeting and they hear his frustration, also gave appreciation of his use of Te Reo Māori.

Chief Executive Officer proposed to meet with Andre on Monday 3 March to discuss his on-going dog related problems.

Vernette Shelfield raised the following concerns:

- Requested a small walkway in the freedom camping area at Firmin Lodge to get from the car park to the toilet block. There is currently wooden railing that people must step over to go to the other side.

- There are no lights in the toilets at Firmin Field at night for freedom campers. Also, there are continuous issues with the toilet seats.

Her Worship the Mayor expressed her gratitude to Vernetta for her time, concerns and proposed solutions. A follow up from Council staff will be done.

Hugh Ellis raised the following concerns:

- When a dog complaint is made there is no follow up with the complainant.
- Having portable dwellings on the front of the properties.

Chief Executive Officer gave an explanation on the legislation and process on dog complaints. He would like to meet with Hugh to discuss the particulars.

Wayne Andrews raised the following concerns:

- There are contractors on the corner of Onslow and Fenton Street that have exceeded the time that the work was expected to finish. Wayne's query was, are the ratepayers liable for double paying the contractors when they go over the expected timeframe.

Group Manager, Operations and Services advised that in the contract there are clauses that cover anomalies. The job is quality inspected by Council and can request the contract to redo it. There are contingencies that cover over run that is in the contract, but some expenses fall back on the contractor.

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Extraordinary Council – 4 December 2024

9.54am **Councillor Godfery** departed from the meeting.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 December 2024 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Julian / Savage
CARRIED**

8.2 Ordinary Council – 18 December 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 December 2024 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

9.56am **Councillor Godfery** returned to the meeting.

8.3 Extraordinary Council – 12 February 2025

To be noted in the minutes that this meeting was an audio recording only due to technical issues.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Kingi / Savage
CARRIED**

9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 9 December 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Ion / Julian
CARRIED**

9.2 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 11 December 2024

Amendment to item 6, second action item. Remove 'and including apologise around system issues'.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2024 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Ion / Kingi
CARRIED**

9.3 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 10 February 2025

To be noted in the minutes that this meeting was an audio recording only due to technical issues.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Julian / Ion
CARRIED**

9.4 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 12 February 2024

To be noted in the minutes that this meeting was an audio recording only due to technical issues.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

10 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

10.1 BOP Mayoral Forum – 12 December 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the BOP Mayoral Forum meeting held on 12 December 2024 be received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillors Godfery
CARRIED**

10.2 BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management – 13 December 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 13 December 2024 be received.

**Councillors Julian / Savage
CARRIED**

10.3 BOP Regional Transport Committee – 13 December 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the BOP Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 13 December 2024 be received.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillors Andrews
CARRIED**

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report

Resolved

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 19 December 2024 to Wednesday 19 February 2025 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

12 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)

Chief Executive Officer update:

- Comms did go out to the public in regards to how permits for Tarawera Falls work and who makes it accessible.
- There is no estimated date for when a report will be added to the Council meeting for the progression on the basketball courts and skatepark project.
- A verbal confirmation was given in the December 2024 Council Meeting to Elected Members about the Porritt Glade AGM's being for Porritt Glade residents only.
- Chief Executive Officer will add comments into the Action Schedule for the next Council meeting with an update on social media posts on a 'How to do a Request for Service to Council'.

Resolved

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions as updated and amended requested by Council is received.

**Councillors Kingi / Ion
CARRIED**

13 Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Council discussed the report on the Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2024.

Resolved

That the report "Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2024" be received.

**Councillors Julian / Godfery
CARRIED**

14 Gambling Policy Review – Social Impact Statement and Policy Review Options (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (110800)

Council discussed the report on the Gambling Policy Review – Social Impact Statement and Policy Review Options.

Action items:

- Clarification on the organisation 'Tent Board', as it is listed in the New Zealand Community Trust grants to Kawerau District.
- Invitation to New Zealand Community Trust, Lion Foundation and Four Winds Foundation to meet with Gambling Policy committee to discuss harm reduction and what the investment to ensure that there is delegated resources.

10.51am **Councillor Andrews** departed from the meeting.

10.53am **Councillor Andrews** returned to the meeting.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Gambling Policy Review – Social Impact Statement and Policy Review Options" be received.*

**Councillors Godfery / Savage
CARRIED**

2. *That Council approved Option 3 – To merge the policies and make any amendments to maintain the focus on reducing gambling harm per the reduction in machine numbers.*

**Councillors Godfery / Kingi
CARRIED**

11.08am **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** departed from the meeting.

11.10am **Deputy Mayor Rangihika** returned to the meeting.

15 Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberations of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320400)

Council discussed the report on the Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberations of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Elected Members have requested when consultation goes out to the public/community to include in the submission the following:

- Submitting on behalf of a group or as an individual.
- Is the submitter a Kawerau Resident/Ratepayer.

Correction:

- Page 204 – Have the spelling corrected for Stoneham Walk.

11.22am **Councillor Godfery** departed from the meeting.

11.25am **Councillor Godfery** returned to the meeting.

Resolved

1. That the report "Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberations of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw" be received.
2. That Council receive the written submissions.
3. That Council deliberations on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw following the hearing submissions; and
4. That Council provide recommendations related to any amendments requested as a result of the submissions received.

Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED

16 Exclusion of the Public – 12.26pm

Resolved

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Minutes for Confidential Extraordinary Council Meeting Held on 4 December 2024
2. Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 18 December 2024
3. Local Water Done Well
4. Raw Pit Renewals
5. 2024/2025 Reseals Tender
6. EBOP Regional Deals Proposal

Councillors Ion / Savage
CARRIED

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

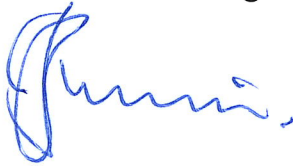
| General Subject of the matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| 1. Minutes for Confidential Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 December 2024. 2. Minutes for Confidential Meeting held on 18 December 2024. | Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. | That 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 exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i) |

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| 3. <i>Local Water Done Well.</i> | | |
| 4. <i>Raw Pit Renewal.</i> | | |
| 5. <i>2024/2025 Reseals Tender.</i> | | |
| 6. <i>EBOP Regional Deals Proposal.</i> | | |

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 2.22pm



F K N Tunui

Mayor

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