

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council  
held on Wednesday 30 April 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 J Ross  
Councillor R G K Savage

**In Attendance:** 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)  
Amy Hayes (Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator)  
Rebecca Cole (Jones and Cole Director)

**1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer**

*Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia | prayer.*

**2 Apologies**

*No Apologies were received.*

**3 Leave of Absence**

*No Leave of Absence were received.*

**4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

*Councillor Ross Declared a Conflict of Interest with item 15 – S17A Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service.*

**5 Meeting Notices**

*No Meeting Notices were received.*

**6 Nga Mihi | 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**

**Andre van Schalkwyk** raised the following concern:

- Andre is still facing issues with neighbouring dogs at his business. Mr van Schalkwyk attended the March Council meeting voicing this same concern. He was happy to see the dogs seized and taken off the property after the meeting but later in the week the dogs were returned as well as the disruption.

Elected Members thanked and acknowledged Mr van Schalkwyk for coming in and speaking in Public Forum and look forward to the update from Council staff.

Elected Members asked if Mr van Schalkwyk had advised Council and raised service requests. He confirmed only a text was sent to the Chief Executive Officer.

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning advised that no complaints were received prior to the Easter and Anzac holidays. Manager requested for complaints to still be reported through to Council at the time of the barking as the Rangers must witness the barking.

### **Action Item:**

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Manager Butler, to follow up on the text the Chief Executive Officer received from Mr van Schalkwyk and to make contact with him about the follow up from the text.

**Derek Speirs** asked the following questions for the Chief Executive Officer:

- A request for these questions to be answered through email to Derek. "Does KDC have a timeframe in which to enable it to apply for an exemption to the provision of the Water Services Act 2021 Section 57? So that we can all once again enjoy ingesting toxin free water at the kitchen tap. And if not, why not?"

### **Action Item:**

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, Manager Butler, to reply to the questions Mr Speirs raised.

## **8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **8.1 Ordinary Council – 26 March 2025**

#### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Councillors Julian / Savage  
CARRIED**

## **8.2 Extraordinary Council – 9 April 2025**

### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 9 April 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Councillors Kingi / Ross**  
*Councillor Ion abstained from voting*  
**MAJORITY CARRIED**

## **9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **9.1 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 17 February 2025**

#### **Correction:**

- Page 13 – Item 4.4 – Change Street to Crescent.

### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 17 February 2025 be received.*

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika**  
**CARRIED**

### **9.2 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 24 March 2025**

### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 24 March 2025 be received.*

**Councillors Julian / Godfery**  
**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 7 April 2025**

#### **Elected Members gave the following acknowledgements:**

- The installation of the bollards at the Skatepark.
- The in-person presence of Audit Director, Renè van Zyl.

### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 7 April 2025 be received.*

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika**  
**CARRIED**

#### **9.4 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 16 April 2025**

**Correction:**

- Communications and Engagement Manager attended the meeting via Zoom.

**Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 16 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Councillors Ion / Kingi  
CARRIED**

#### **9.5 Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report**

Amy Hayes and Rebecca Cole will join the meeting at a later time.

**Resolved**

*That the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report be received.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi  
CARRIED**

### **10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES**

#### **10.1 BOP Mayoral Forum – 6 March 2025**

**Action Item:**

- Chief Executive Officer to circulate to Elected members the Cross-Regional Waste Strategy Report that is mentioned on page 35 – item 4.2.

**Resolved**

*That the minutes of the BOP Mayoral Forum meeting held on 6 March 2025 be received.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Godfery  
CARRIED**

#### **10.2 BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management – 28 March 2025**

**Resolved**

*That the minutes of the BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 28 March 2025 be received.*

**Councillors Kingi / Savage  
CARRIED**

## 11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report

### Resolved

*That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 20 March 2025 to Wednesday 23 April 2025 is received.*

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

## 12 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)

### Resolved

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

**Councillors Andrews / Godfery  
CARRIED**

## 13 Dog Registration Fees 2025/26 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (213100)

Council discussed the report on the Dog Registration Fees 2025/26.

### Action Item:

- Elected Members noted and requested that in future reports Council acknowledges that it is **known** dog owners that fund a percentage of total costs.

### Resolved

1. *That the report "Dog Registration Fees 2025/26" be received.*
2. *That Council sets the Dog Registration fees for 2025/26 as follows (2.5%):*

<i>Neutered Dog</i>	<i>\$43.00</i>
<i>Entire Dog</i>	<i>\$86.00</i>
<i>Late payment penalty-applied 2 August 2025</i>	<i>50% addition to the fee charged</i>
<i>Seizure Fee (at the Dog Control Officer's discretion)</i>	<i>\$97.00</i>
<i>Fee for first impounding</i>	<i>\$97.00</i>
<i>Fee for second impounding</i>	<i>\$133.00</i>
<i>Third and subsequent impounding</i>	<i>\$172.00</i>
<i>Sustenance Fee (Daily)</i>	<i>\$13.50</i>

<i>Microchipping Fee</i>	<i>\$18.50</i>
<i>Replacement Tag Fee</i>	<i>\$7.00</i>
<i>Rehoming Fee</i>	<i>\$13.50</i>

**Councillors Savage / Kingi**  
**CARRIED**

**14 Eastern Bay of Plenty Economic and Development Strategy Refresh (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309101)**

Council discussed the report on the Eastern Bay of Plenty Economic and Development Strategy Refresh.

**Economic and Community Development Manager Update:**

- Opotiki District Council adopted the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) document with no amendments.
- Whakatane District Council will be discussing the document tomorrow, Thursday 1 May.
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council will wait for the local Council's outcome before it is taken to Council.

**Resolved**

1. *That the report "Eastern Bay of Plenty Economic and Development Strategy Refresh" be received.*
2. *That delegation be granted to the Chief Executive Officer to enact editorial amendments to the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) to reflect changes identified by Elected Members during the adoption discussion.*
3. *That the adopted REDS be provided to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to supersede the draft REDS submitted as part of the Regional Deals Light-Touch proposal.*
4. *That the adopted REDS be circulated with the Kawerau-centric stakeholders.*
5. *That Council formalises the refresh of a local Kawerau-Centric Economic Development Strategy.*

**Councillors Godfery / Ion**  
**CARRIED**

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

11.22am **Councillor Ross** departed the meeting.

**15 S17A – Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (408600)**

Council discussed the report on the S17A – Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service.

11.24am **Councillor Godfery** returned to the meeting.

**Action Item:**

- Elected Members requested that in future reports Council acknowledge and name those that generously give sponsorship to Council.

**Resolved**

1. *That the report “S17A – Activity Review for the Aquatic Centre Service” be received.*
2. *That Council adopts the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre S17A review as proposed in the report and Appendix A.*
3. *That Council confirms that during the 2025/26 financial year a full review will be undertaken of the following:*
  - a) *fees and charges, including potential entry fees: and*
  - b) *the opening hours for delivering aquatic centre services, both of which will be reported back to Council.*

**Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika  
CARRIED**

11.58am **Councillor Ross** returned to the meeting.

11.58am **Amy Hayes (Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator) and Rebecca Cole (Jones and Cole Director)** arrived at the meeting to speak on behalf of Agenda Item 9.5 - **Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report.**

**9.5 Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs 2024 – 2025: March 2025 Report**

Council received a presentation from Rebecca Cole about what Amy Hayes and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) have done for her local business, Jones and Cole.

Ms Cole also circulated to Elected Members letters of feedback from her business Jones and Cole, River Kawerau, ISS Kawerau and Shelly Dale expressing gratitude and their views on successful delivery for MTFJ.

Elected Members thanked Ms Cole for coming in and speaking about all that Amy Hayes has done to place young people into work. Acknowledgements were also given to for the hard work she is doing in and for the wider community.

12.15pm **Amy Hayes and Rebecca Cole** departed from the meeting.

12.15pm **Councillor Ross** departed from the meeting.

**16 Confirming Alternative Tap Arrangements (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (404000)**

Council discussed the report on the Confirming Alternative Tap Arrangements.

**Action Item:**

- Elected Members suggested that there be an extra tap added at the Pumphouse as there is an increase volume of users of this tap.

**Resolved**

1. *That the report "Confirming Alternative Tap Arrangements" be received.*

**Councillors Godfery / Julian  
CARRIED**

**Resolved**

2. *That Council approves to adopt Option 2 to reconfirm the Pumphouse Taps as chlorine- and fluoride-free AND reinstall chlorine removal filters system only for unchlorinated water at the New World car park.*

**Councillors Julian / Godfery**  
Councillor Kingi voted against the resolution  
**MAJORITY CARRIED**

12.47pm **Councillor Kingi** departed from the meeting.

**17 Exclusion of the Public – 12.49pm**

**Resolved**

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

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 26 March 2025**

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika  
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:*

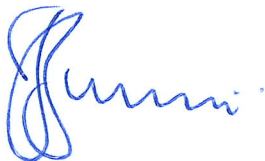


<b>General Subject of the matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
1. Minutes for Confidential Meeting held on 26 March 2025.	Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs 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)

*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.*

## **18 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

**Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 12.57pm.**



**F K N Tunui**

**Mayor**

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