

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council  
held on Wednesday 30 July 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 W Godfery  
Councillor B J Julian  
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)  
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

**1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer**

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

**2 Apologies**

**Resolved**

*Apologies from Councillors Kingi and Andrews were received.*

**Councillors Ross / Savage  
CARRIED**

**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**

*Her Worship the Mayor gave apologies from the Chief Executive Officer as he is away today.*

*Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services advised that an updated Mayors Report has been tabled.*

## 6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

*Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged the current weather and road status and gives thought to all and advises for everyone to keep safe.*

## 7 Public Forum

**Derek Speirs** raised the following:

- When certain Council's decided to no longer continue with their Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) membership.
- In regards to the LGNZ conference that was held in July, Mr Speirs questioned those Elected Members that went, where they had the time to go to different workshops. There were lots of speakers, as stated on the LGNZ website.

Her Worship the Mayor queried if Mr Speirs had watched the Council Meeting that was held 28 May 2025 where the LGNZ membership was considered. Elected members also spoke on the impact and benefits of LGNZ. Unfortunately, Mr Speirs could not locate the recorded meeting but advises that he is biased on his position.

Elected Members advised that attendees from Kawerau District Council at the LGNZ conference discussed which workshops each person would attend. This approach ensured that only one individual participated in a workshop, allowing for better distribution among the different sessions.

### **Action Item:**

- Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to send the link of the recorded Council Meeting that was held 28 May 2025 to Mr Speirs.
- Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to send the programme from the LGNZ conference that occurred on the 16-17 July 2025.

## 8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

### 8.1 Extraordinary Council – 18 June 2025

#### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 18 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Councillors Julian / Ion  
CARRIED**

### 8.2 Ordinary Council – 25 June 2025

#### **Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Corrections:**

- Under Meeting Notices on page 6 replace “following is tabled” to “following has been tabled”. Also replace “Update Mayors Report” to “Updated Mayors Report”.

- On page 8 add the date of the meeting for the Audit and Risk Committee meeting, so should read “Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 9 June 2025”.
- On page 8 under agenda item 9.2 replace “Iwi Liaison” to “Audit and Risk”.

**Elected Members Corrections:**

- Change the date from 2025/36 to 2025/26 for agenda item 14 on page 9.

**Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Godfery  
CARRIED**

**8.3 Extraordinary Council – 9 July 2025**

**Resolved**

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

**Councillors Julian / Ion  
CARRIED**

**9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**9.1 Iwi Liaison Committee Meeting – 16 June 2025**

**Elected Members gave the following acknowledgement:**

- To Te Haukakawa Te Rire, Council’s Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor for the work he does with Council. Elected Members’ advised of the importance of having Mr Te Rire and this committee.

**Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 16 June 2025 be received.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Ross  
CARRIED**

**9.2 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 9 July 2025**

**Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Corrections:**

- Under agenda item 8 on page 22 replace “Economic and Community Development” to “Group Manager, Operations and Services”.

### **Elected Members Corrections:**

- Correct that the Chief Executive Officer “departed from the meeting” not “returned to the meeting”. This is noted before agenda item 10 on page 23.

### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 9 July 2025 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Councillors Ion / Julian  
CARRIED**

## **10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES**

### **10.1 BOP Mayoral Forum – 3 July 2025**

### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum meeting held on 3 July 2025 be received.*

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

### **10.2 BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee – 4 July 2025**

### **Resolved**

*That the minutes of the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on 4 July 2025 be received.*

**Councillors Ion / Savage  
CARRIED**

## **11 Her Worship the Mayor’s Report**

Tabled was an updated report with grammatical updates only.

### **Resolved**

*That Her Worship the Mayor’s report for the period Thursday 19 June to Wednesday 23 July 2025 be received.*

**Her Worship the Mayor / Deputy Mayor Rangihika  
CARRIED**

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

### **Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Update:**

- In response to the inquiry from Elected Members regarding the action items not included in the action schedule from the minutes, Manager Butler explained that it depends on the timing of finalising the draft minutes, compiling the agenda and ensuring the action items are picked up. Staff strive to complete this as promptly as they can, but there are occasionally timing delays based on when the agenda is due out and when the minutes are finalised.

### **Resolved**

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

**Councillors Ion / Savage  
CARRIED**

## **13 Management of Street Trees Policy Review 2025 (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (408120)**

Council discussed the report on the Management of Street Trees Policy Review 2025.

### **Action Item:**

- An extension on the scope of the new Management of Street Trees Policy, to direct the link between the new Policy and the relationship with Kawerau District Councils Reserve Management Plan.

### **Resolved**

1. *That the report "Management of Street Trees Policy Review 2025" be received.*
2. *That Council adopts, with any agreed amendments, the "Management of Street Trees Policy Review 2025" as present in Appendix B to this report, and the policy is effective from 31 July 2025.*

**Councillors Ross / Julian  
CARRIED**

**14 Elected Members’ Remuneration – 2025/26 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (101310)**

Council discussed the report on the Elected Members’ Remuneration – 2025/26.

**Resolved**

*That the report “Elected Members’ Remuneration – 2025/26” be received.*

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

**15 Exclusion of the Public – 10.20am**

**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 18 June 2025**
- 2. Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 25 June 2025**
- 3. Tarawera River Whitewater Walkway Repair**

**Councillors Godfery / Ross  
CARRIED**

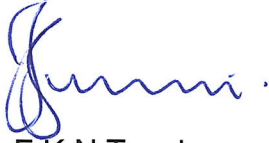
*The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:*

<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 Extraordinary Council Meeting Held on 18 June 2025 2. Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 25 June 2025 3. Tarawera River Whitewater Walkway Repair	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.*

**16 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

**Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 11.06am**



**F K N Tunui**

**Mayor**

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