

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council  
held on Wednesday 17 December 2025  
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.00am**

**Present:** Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui  
Councillor W Apiata  
Councillor M Dowie  
Councillor T Hill  
Councillor B J Julian  
Councillor G T Leokava-Taani  
Councillor J Ross  
Councillor A R Worsley

**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)  
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

**1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer**

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

**2 Apologies**

*No Apologies were received.*

**3 Leave of Absence**

**Resolved**

*A Leave of Absence from Deputy Mayor Kingi was received (Leave of Absence was approved on 10 December 2025), for Council meeting on 17 December 2025.*

**Councillors Ross / Julian  
CARRIED**

**4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

*No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.*

**5 Meeting Notices**

*The Chief Executive Officer advised the Mayor's Report has been tabled.*

## 10 Final adoption of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (406230)

Council discussed the report on the Final adoption of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025.

### **Group Manager, Operations and Services Updates/Comments:**

- Include in brackets Appendix A next to WMMP in the fifth paragraph under Background.
- Recommendations 2 should read “That Council formally adopts with minor amendments the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025, as presented in Appendix A.
- Throughout the WMMP it is mentioned that Council recycles plastics 1 and 2 but plastics 5 will be added.
- When Council diverts waste from the landfill Council pays a waste levy of \$65 per tonne. 50% of this levy can be returned to Council, but only if we meet our diversion and reporting requirements. The refunded portion is based on verified diversion rates—often referred to as achieving “zero waste” outcomes.

### **Elected Members Comments:**

- Elected Members sought clarification on who bears the cost if the owner is not found for abandoned vehicles. Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning advised that if no owner is found Council will try to recover cost, if possible. If this is not possible then ratepayers bear the cost.

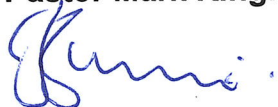
### **Resolved**

1. *That the report “Final adoption of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025” be received.*
2. *That Council formally adopts with minor amendments the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025, as presented in Appendix A.*
3. *That the adopted WMMP be submitted to the Ministry for the Environment in accordance with statutory requirements.*

**Councillors Dowie / Hill  
CARRIED**

## 14 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.32pm.



F K N Tunui

**Mayor**

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