

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council  
held on Wednesday 13 November 2024  
commencing at 11.00am**

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

**In Attendance:** Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)  
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)  
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)  
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)  
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

**1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer**

*Pastor Mark Kingi led the meeting in prayer.*

**2 Apologies**

**Received**

*Apologies from Councillor Kingi were received (leave of absence approved 30 October 2024).*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Andrews  
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**

*CE Godfery advised since receiving legal advice early this week the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024 has been updated.*

**6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements**

*There were no Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements.*

**7 Public Forum**

*No Public Forum*

**8 Adoption of the Re-assessed Site Assessments, proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320400)**

Council discussed the report on the Adoption of the Re-assessed Site Assessments, proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation.

**Resolved**

1. *That the report "Adoption of the re-assessed site assessments, proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation" be received.*
2. *That Council agrees that making a new Freedom Camping Bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 is the most appropriate way to address freedom camping on Council owned land.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Andrews  
CARRIED**

**Resolved**

3. *That Council*
  - a) *Adopts the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal including the proposed amendments to the Reserves Management Plan as attached for public consultation.*
  - b) *Confirms the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw as attached*
    - i) *Is in the most appropriate form of the bylaw; and*
    - ii) *Does not give rise to any implications under, and is not inconsistent with, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.*
  - c) *Agrees that a summary of the site assessment be included for public understanding of the proposal.*
  - d) *Approves the consultation for the period 18 November 2024 to 20 December 2024.*
  - e) *Authorises the Group Manager Regulatory and Planning to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the re-assessed site assessments, the Proposed Bylaw or the Statement of Proposal to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by council, prior to final printing and publication.*

**Councillors Godfery / Ion  
CARRIED**

**9 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

*Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 11.32am*



**F K N Tunui**

**Mayor**

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