

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council  
held on Wednesday 9 April 2025  
commencing at 9.02 am**

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

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

**1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer**

*Her Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia | prayer.*

**2 Apologies**

*Apologies were received from Councillor Ion.*

**Councillors Kingi / Ross  
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**

*Chief Executive Officer advised that there are updated handouts of the Local Water Done Well, Long Term Plan Document and the shortened Long Term Plan Document.*

**6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements**

*Her Worship the Mayor sends thoughts and aroha | love to all in the Community that have lost loved ones and celebration to those that have new additions to their families.*

**7 Public Forum**

*No Public Forum*

**8 Balanced Budget Requirement for Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201100)**

Council discussed the report on the Balanced Budget Requirement for Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034.

**Correction:**

- Page 3 – Paragraph 1 – Remove “surpluses” and add “deficits”.

**Resolved**

1. *That the report “Balanced Budget Requirement for Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034” be received.*
2. *That Council confirms the decision to continue the policy of not funding depreciation on the portion of Roding assets subject to Waka Kotahi (NZTA) subsidies for the Long Term Plan 2025-2034, as Council believes the reasons for doing so remain unchanged and that this policy is appropriate for the Kawerau District.*
3. *That Council confirms the decision to continue the policy of not funding depreciation on non-critical and non-strategic assets for Long Term Plan 2025-2034, as this policy is appropriate for the Kawerau District.*
4. *That Council confirms the decision and reasons for not fully funding depreciation, is in the best interests of the Community due to rates affordability and it is financially prudent to do so, which will result in unbalanced budgets for the Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034.*

**Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika  
CARRIED**

**9 Significance and Engagement Policy Review 2025 (Communications and Engagement Manager) (103015)**

Council discussed the report on the Significance and Engagement Policy Review 2025.

**Corrections:**

- Page 10 – 3. Whānuitanga | Scope – Bullet point three – Correct the spelling for “Act”.
- Page 11 – 5. He Whakamārama | Definitions – Row 2, Detail – Correct the spelling for “characteristics”.

- Page 15 – 6.2.3 and 6.2.4 – Change the word “comms” to “communications”.
- Page 20 – Last row at the bottom of the page – Add the “F” to actors, so it spells “Factors”.

## **Resolved**

1. *That the report “Significance and Engagement Policy Review 2025” be received.*
2. *That following any amendments and feedback from Elected Members and Council’s Iwi Liaison Cultural Advisor, Council adopts the draft Significance and Engagement Policy 2025 for consultation with the Long Term Plan 2025-2034.*

**Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika  
CARRIED**

## **10 Adoption of Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025 – 2034 and Supporting Documents (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110553)**

Council discussed the report on the Adoption of Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025 – 2034 and Supporting Documents.

## **Resolved**

1. *That the report “Adoption of Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025 - 2034 and Supporting Documents” be received; and*
2. *That Council adopts the proposed Performance Framework for 2025 - 2034; and*
3. *That, pursuant to sections 101A and 101B of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopts the Financial Strategy (2025 - 2034) and the Infrastructure Strategy (2025 - 2034) as presented; and*
4. *That, pursuant to section 102(1) - (4) of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopts the following funding and financial policies, as presented, for consultation:*
  - i) *Draft Revenue and Financing Policy;*
  - ii) *Draft Financial Contributions Policy;*
5. *That all of the above documents are made available during the special consultation period and on request to members of the public; and*
6. *That, pursuant to section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopts the Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2025 – 2034 for commencement of the special consultative procedure, with submissions closing at 5 pm on 12 May 2025; and*
7. *That Council hears and considers any submissions to the Consultation Document at the Ordinary Council meeting on 28 May 2025; and*
8. *That Council delegates to the Group Manager Finance and Corporate Services the authority to make technical and editorial amendments to the Long Term Plan 2025 –*

**Councillors Ross / Andrews  
CARRIED**

**11 Adoption of draft Gambling Venues Policy and Statement of Proposal for Consultation (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (110800)**

Council discussed the report on the Adoption of draft Gambling Venues Policy and Statement of Proposal for Consultation.

10.20am Chief Executive Officer departed from the meeting.

10.21am Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting.

Chief Executive Officer advised Elected Members that on Wednesday 14 May 2025 the funders will be available to meet with Elected Members

**Resolved**

1. *That the report "Adoption of draft Gambling Venues Policy and Statement of Proposal for Consultation" be received.*

**Councillors Ross / Kingi  
CARRIED**

2. *That Council approves Option 1 – Adopt the draft policy as proposed.*

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika  
CARRIED**

3. *Given Council approves option 1, Council resolves to adopt a draft Gambling Venues Policy and Statement of Proposal, with any amendments, for public consultation.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Godfery  
CARRIED**

4. *That Council authorises the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning to make any necessary minor drafting amendments to the Draft Policy and/or the Statement of Proposal to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by Council.*

**Councillors Kingi / Godfery  
CARRIED**

**12 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

*Her Worship the Mayor closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 10.45am*



F K N Tunui

**Mayor**

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