

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council  
held on Wednesday 3 September 2025  
commencing at 9.00 am**

**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:** Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery) – via Zoom  
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)  
Mayoral Aide (M Rogers)

**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**

*A Leave of Absence was received from Deputy Mayor Rangihika for Wednesday 10 September 2025.*

**4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

*No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.*

**5 Meeting Notices**

*No Meeting Notices were received.*

## 6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

*Her Worship the Mayor gave the following acknowledgements:*

- *To the Kawerau Rotary Club for hosting the first Meet the Candidates' Night at the Firmin Lodge that was held on Tuesday 2 September 2025.*
- *There are two more Meet the Candidates to come. One will be hosted by Grey Power Kawerau in the Concert Chambers on Friday 12 September at 1.30pm. It's in the Ballot will be hosting on Saturday 13 September at from 10am in the Town Hall.*
- *The Mayoral Debate will be held on Wednesday 17 September and hosted by One Double X.*

## 7 Public Forum

**Jenny Reynolds** raised the following:

- Kawerau Council have already been proactive in renewing the water pipes, trying to comply with Central Government and Health Department directives, Mrs Reynolds expressed that she would not like to see a forced amalgamation with other Councils that have not renewed their infrastructure.
- The decision that is to be made in today's Extraordinary Council meeting will have a lasting impact on the District.
- Gave advice that Kawerau Council should express concerns to Central Government and the Local MP as we [Kawerau District] do not want to be swallowed up by any other Council and/or forced to amalgamate.

Elected Members acknowledged Mrs Reynolds for her contribution and discussion on today's agenda item.

## 8 He Tāonga Te Wai – Approving a Water Service Delivery Plan (Chief Executive Officer) (404000)

Council discussed the report on the He Tāonga Te Wai – Approving a Water Service Delivery Plan.

### **Chief Executive Officer Comments/Updates:**

- The Working Group that is referenced in the report and recommendations includes the Mayors as well as appointed Elected Member or Elected Members from each Council, The Chief Executive Officers from each Council will be behind the scenes to help Elected Members but decision powers remain with Elected Members.
- Elected Members raised a question about who bears the cost if the Plan is found to be non-compliant. Council will be the one to bear the costs.

### **Action Item:**

- Have an explanation, on page 62, the paragraph just before **3.1.1. Rating policy** after "30 June 2022", as to why the latest revaluation assets report is not included in the document.

**Resolved**

1. *That the report “He Tāonga Te Wai – Approving a Water Service Delivery Plan” be received.*

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika  
CARRIED**

**Resolved**

2. *That Council agrees its Water Service Delivery Plan is prepared on the basis of an internal business unit.*

**Councillors Kingi / Ion  
CARRIED**

**Resolved**

3. *That for the period from October 2025 to February 2027 Council appoint the Mayor and Elected Member(s) to a Governance Working Group consisting of appointed Mayors and Elected Members from Rotorua Lakes Council, Whakatāne District Council, and Ōpotiki District Council with the purpose of evaluating collaborative models for water service delivery up to and including a Multi-Council Controlled Organisation (MCCO).*

**Councillors Kingi / Savage  
CARRIED**

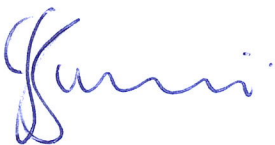
**Resolved**

4. *That Council agrees to consider the final report of the Governance Working Group in 2027 and subsequently resolve to retain an internal business unit or join the MCCO or other collaborative model from 1 July 2028.*

**Councillors Ion / Ross  
CARRIED**

**12 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

*Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 9.59am.*



**F K N Tunui**

**Mayor**

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