

Minutes of A meeting of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Date: 30 October 2024

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER

Present: Cr W Foley, Chair
Cr X Harding
K Kawana, Māori Committee Co-chair
Cr N Kirton
Cr C Lambert
Cr J Mackintosh
M Paku, Māori Committee Co-chair
Cr S Siers
Cr J van Beek
Cr M Williams

In Attendance: N Peet –Chief Executive
T Munro – Te Pou Whakarae
S Young – Group Manager Corporate Services
I Maxwell – Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management
C Comber – Chief Financial Officer
L Hooper – Team Leader Governance
P Bicknell – Senior Group Accountant

1. Welcome/Apologies/Notices

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Tania Hopmans and councillors Hinewai Ormsby, Thompson Hokianga, Charles Lambert and Di Roadley.

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council meeting held on 25 September 2024

RC77/24 Resolution

Minutes of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council meeting held on Wednesday, 25 September 2024, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

van Beek/Harding
CARRIED

4. Public Forum

There were no speakers.

5. Call for minor items not on the Agenda

There were no items raised.

6. 2023-2024 Annual Report for adoption

- Nic Peet introduced the item, highlighting the land categorisation and silt and debris work that was carried out as part of the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle, over and above business as usual.
- Chris Comber advised that Council has received a qualified audit in relation to the opening balance of the infrastructure (flood protection) assets which were not able to be valued last financial year due to Cyclone Gabrielle and were revalued throughout 2024. Emphasis of matter item relates to the uncertainty of quantifying GHG emissions, and two outstanding matters relating to the revaluation of HBRIC and recognizing NEMA claims but these won't change the Audit Report.
- Susie Young highlighted that there are still large amounts of silt task force funding showing in the accounts, insurance monies still outstanding will come in next year, and that infrastructure assets have nearly doubled in value.
- The reason for the budgeted \$20M deficit was to recognise assumptions in relation to income and expenditure for cyclone recovery, including insurance reimbursements.
- In relation to the Emergency Management activity under spend, it was explained that when reconciling budgets there were costs initially budgeted immediately following Cyclone Gabrielle that were transferred to within the business as usual activities.
- The delivery of \$96M of infrastructure assets work over and above the 'usual' work was noted. Further it was noted that the new work through the IPMO is having to start from scratch including design, while the rapid rebuild was all done on existing, physical stopbanks.

RC78/24 Resolutions

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *2023-2024 Annual Report* staff report.
2. Adopts the *Hawke's Bay Regional Council 2023-2024 Annual Report* for publication, subject to minor amendments approved by the Chief Executive.

**Kirton/van Beek
CARRIED**

7. Council appointment to the Regional Planning Committee

Nic Peet introduced the item, which was taken as read.

RC79/24 **Resolutions**

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Receives and considers the *Council appointment to the Regional Planning Committee* staff report.
2. Agrees that Council can exercise its discretion and make these decisions without consulting directly with the community.
3. Appoints Councillor Sophie Siers to the Regional Planning Committee, to replace Councillor Di Roadley.

**Harding/Mackintosh
CARRIED**

8. Discussion of minor items not on the Agenda

There were no items for discussion.

The group offered a karakia to close the meeting.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1.02pm on Wednesday, 30 October 2024.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date: by HBRC resolution on 13 November 2024

Chair: Hinewai Ormsby