



HAWKES BAY
REGIONAL COUNCIL
TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O TE MATAU-A-MĀUI

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

Date: Wednesday 30 April 2025

Time: 1.30pm

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

Present: Cr H Ormsby, Chair
Cr W Foley, Deputy Chair (*online*)
Cr X Harding
Cr T Hokianga (*online until 2pm*)
K Kawana, Māori Committee Co-chair (*online from 2.22pm*)
Cr N Kirton
Cr C Lambert
Cr J Mackintosh
M Paku, Māori Committee Co-chair
Cr D Roadley
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
K Brunton – Group Manager Policy & Regulation
C Dolley – Group Manager Asset Management
L McPhail – Manager Recovery (Asset Management)
J MacPhee – Programme Manager for Recovery – Asset Management
R Wakelin – Acting Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management
D Cull – Strategy & Governance Manager
R Hollyman – Governance Advisor
P Martin – Acting Team Leader Governance

1. Welcome/Karakia/Apologies/Notices

The Chair welcomed everyone and Councillor Charles Lambert led an opening karakia.

Resolution

RC24/25 That the apologies for absence from Tania Hopmans be accepted.

**Ormsby/van Beek
CARRIED**

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 26 March 2025

RC25/25 **Resolution**

Minutes of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council meeting held on Wednesday, 26 March 2025, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Harding/Williams
CARRIED**

4. Public Forum

There were no speakers in the public forum.

5. Call for minor items not on the Agenda

There were no minor items raised.

6. Affixing of Common Seal

The Common Seal of the Council has been affixed to the following documents and signed by the Chair or Deputy Chair and Chief Executive or a Group Manager.

		Seal No.	Date
1.1	Port of Napier Ltd – Survey Plan 10285 (Dec 1991)	4604	28 March 2025
1.1	Leasehold Land Sales		
	1.1.1 Lot 1 DP 9950 CT C2/281 - Agreement for Sale and Purchase	4605	3 April 2025

RC26/25 **Resolutions**

That Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

1. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
2. Confirms the action to affix the Common Seal.

**Ormsby/van Beek
CARRIED**

7. Update on the progress of implementing recommendations from the HB Independent Flood Review (HBIFR)

Chris Dolley introduced Louise McPhail and Julie-Anne MacPhee who spoke to the item, which was taken as read. Discussions included:

- Council's work activities to respond to the HBIFR recommendations will be reported on a quarterly basis with this being the first one.
- Of the 47 recommendations in the review, 15% have been completed, 51% are underway, and the balance either awaiting funding or further information before being started.
- The Extreme Weather Hub is now live and has been very well received by the community.
- Three pilot communities are being identified for the Trigger Levels work. Although deciding trigger levels might be perceived as a simple matter, it is not and complexities arise including various evacuation requirements for Civil Defence purposes.
- Rain modelling was explained, in particular how the Metservice and HBRC interact.
- It was noted that councillors are advised about ongoing maintenance, testing and other work being carried out relating to flood infrastructure on a quarterly basis at the Corporate and Strategic Committee meetings.
- Installation of webcams in strategic positions is under way, with many already in place, and others being added on an almost weekly basis.

Councillor Thompson Hokianga left at 2.00pm

- The Flood Forecasting System will allow communities to see the risks for themselves, and self-evacuate as required.
- The Hazard Portal is currently available to the public online and a business case is being developed, to identify improvements to both the online portal and how it is managed.

Katarina Kawana joined the meeting online at 2.22pm

- There has been a soft-launch of the Extreme Weather Hub, and other projects have not been widely publicised at this stage, however more significant community comms will be considered as the projects progress.
- PWC has been appointed to assess whether the work being carried out by the Council adequately addresses the recommendations by the HBIFR, and councillors requested progress reports from PWC on these assessments.
- Desiree Cull provided an update on development of the 'Reducing Flood Risk in Hawke's Bay' strategy. There will be two deliverables – a 15+ page document describing current and future infrastructure investment options to reduce flood (river, surface, and coastal) risk by area, and a supporting animation to be used as an online comms tool.

RC27/25 Resolution

That the Hawke's Bay Regional Council receives and notes the *Update on the progress of implementing recommendations from the HB Independent Flood Review (HBIFR)* staff report.

**Harding/van Beek
CARRIED**

Councillor Charles Lambert led a closing karakia.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.43pm on Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Date: by HBRC resolution on 21 May 2025

Chair: Hinewai Ormsby