

# MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Mayor Meng Foon, Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz,  
Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Amber Dunn, Karen Fenn,  
Larry Foster, Malcolm MacLean, Pat Seymour, Graeme Thomson, Josh Wharehinga, Brian Wilson.

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## **MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY Meeting**

**Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on 2 October 2018 at 9am.**

### PRESENT:

Mayor Meng Foon (Chair), Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Councillors Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Amber Dunn, Karen Fenn, Larry Foster, Malcolm MacLean, Graeme Thomson, and Brian Wilson.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Internal Partnerships James Baty, Director Liveable Communities Andrew White, Director Transformation & Relationships Keita Kohere, Director Environmental Services & Protection Nick Zaman, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Acting Democracy & Support Services Manager Jill Simpson and Committee Secretary Coral Dunn.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

### APOLOGIES:

Councillors Seymour and Wharehinga.

#### **1. Apologies**

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Akuhata-Brown  
That the apologies from Crs Seymour and Wharehinga be sustained.

**CARRIED**

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

#### **3. Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

#### **4. Acknowledgements and Tributes**

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

#### **5. Public input and petitions**

There was no public input or petitions.

## **6. Extraordinary business**

There was no extraordinary business.

## **7. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## **8. Adjourned business**

a) 18-435 Gladstone Road Bridge Review

## **9. Reports of the Chief Executive and staff**

### **9.1 18-440 Gladstone Road Bridge - Options**

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann reiterated the report.

Debate ensued about funding the preferred option, timeframes, fiscal responsibility, aesthetics, funding options, grant funding, time constraints, completion for Te Ha commemorations, rushed design and process versus amazing design and accurate numbers, advising the community why not completing the other side at the same time and the cycle barrier.

Council was advised:

- The contractor advised the changes would add two months to the existing timeframe because of the need to price construction of the steel railings.
- The 96 hour turnaround prevented ability to provide absolute costings.
- The project team had not yet been asked whether the works would be completed before the Te Ha Commemoration.
- Unsure whether the current contractor would complete the other side.
- \$700k of the \$1.425m Minor Improvements budget was earmarked for Navigations and the Inner Harbour work and given the intensive work programme to be completed funds could not come from that budget.
- Given the \$45m Capital Expenditure budget plus the \$108m from the Provincial Growth fund along with the additional Long Term Plan funding and the ambitious work programme ahead, time was required to identify how the \$200k would be funded.
- Another funding option was the surplus in the Financial Assistance Rate area which was increased to 68% resulting in a surplus which was put into reserve to hold for things that may come up in the roading activity.
- Despite this decision possibly affecting future resource consents from developers the consent process would still have to be followed.
- The need for a barrier between traffic and the cycleway was being reviewed.
- Eight of the 32 concrete panels would have been created by 4 October 2018.

It was agreed the recommendations be amended as outlined below.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Supports Option B – The installation of the concept plan or similar on Gladstone Road Bridge subject to:
  - a) Funding being sourced from Council's low risk/low cost allocation (minor works) of \$2.47m to complete the downstream side for \$200,000.
  - b) Heritage NZ not objecting to any resource consent variation.
  - c) A decision on the resource consent process.
  - d) If any of the factors above extend the contract delivery programme then Council defaults to either Option A or Option C.
  - e) A decision on the upstream side being deferred until Council understands what low cost/low risk projects are reprioritised. The costs to install the concept plan would add a further \$320,000 to the project.

**CARRIED**

#### **10. Public Excluded Business**

There was no Public Excluded business.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.51 am.

Meng Foon  
**Mayor**