

# MINUTES

## Long Term Plan

### Submission Hearings



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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

### 2018-2028 Draft Long Term Plan Submission hearing

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on  
Monday 14 May, Tuesday 15 May and Wednesday 16 May 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, Pat Seymour, Graeme Thomson, Josh Wharehinga and Brian Wilson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Internal  
Partnerships James Baty, Director Liveable Communities Andrew White, Director Transformation  
& Relationships Keita Kohere, Director Environmental Services & Protection Nick Zaman, Acting  
Chief Financial Officer Melanie Walker, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn  
and Committee Secretary Coral Dunn.

**Secretarial Note:** Information contained in submitters' submissions and presentations are  
not recorded in this document.

#### Monday 14 May 2018 – 9 am

The meeting commenced at 9am on Monday 14 May 2018 and opened with a prayer.

#### 1. Apologies

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Interests would be declared as submissions were heard.

#### 3. Hearing of Submissions on Council's Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan

##### Submission 144 – Nona Aston

Cr Stoltz declared her interest as a member of the Positive Ageing Trust.

The submitter advised Council that:

- They should talk to the residents of Dunblane not the manager.
- They needed to provide more facilities for those with disability living on their own.
- They should carefully consider how they talk to elderly people and not to wipe them out of Council plans.

#### Submission 272 – Trudel McKeown

The submitter reiterated her written submission.

#### Submission 319 - Stefan Pishief

The submitter reiterated his submission.

#### Submission 270 - Deidre McGuinness

The submitter read out her written submission

#### Submission 250 – Ellie Craft

Noel Craft spoke on behalf of his daughter Ellie Craft who could not attend the Hearing

He advised that following the discharge of polluted water from Wainui Stream onto the beach he phoned and emailed Council and it took them two hours to arrive.

The submitter was advised that the polluted water was the result of organic flush from neighbouring farmland and not from the Council network.

#### Submission 191 – Richard Thorpe

The submitter spoke to his submission and in response to questions advised:

- Depending on its quality, he would use the wetlands water on his land.
- The transfer of social housing to Gisborne Holdings Limited would enable them to leverage income by borrowing against the asset.
- He was aware Council was bound by the Wastewater Management resource consent.

**Secretarial Note:** Meeting adjourned at 10.12am for morning tea and reconvened at 10.35am.

#### Submission 266 – Debbie Hutchings

The submitter reiterated her submission.

#### Submission 296- Grant Vincent

The submitter reiterated his submission referring to several publications and other sources of information.

#### Submission 80 – Robyn Stuart-Kohn

The submitter elaborated on her written submission.

She was advised to contact Eastland Community Trust about their communal office space.

#### Submission 21 - Clive Bibby

The submitter provided Council with the latest version of his submission and advised:

- Peter Higgs and Lindsay McKenzie would be involved in the project.
- Government said they would fund the project provided it had the support of stakeholders.

The Mayor advised Council supported the project in principal.

Submission 223 Tim Williams

The submitter reiterated his submission,

The Mayor advised the matter would to be investigated.

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.35am and reconvened at 12.30pm

Submission 160 – Gillian Ward

The submitter reiterated the Gisborne Canoe and Tramping Club submission and advised the existing tracks created by wildlife could be utilised by people who would be encouraged to keep to the tracks.

Submission 190- Jamie Foxley

The submitter presented to Council and in response to questions advised:

- He totally supported biodiversity and pest control should occur.
- Focussed pest trapping management was needed.
- Deer height fencing would assist prevent damage done by goats particularly at Pamoā.

Submission 310 Taki Tahi Toa Mano

The submitter reiterated the written submission.

Submission 264 – Alice Pettigrew

Alice Pettigrew and Lexy Cheyne spoke to the Gisborne Netball Centre's submission.

Submission 123 – Kingi Houkamau

The submitter presented to Council.

Submission 24 – Frederick Smith

The submitter reiterated his written submission.

Submission 284 – Anne Roberts

The submitter reiterated her written submission.

Submission 154 – Megan Costello

The submitter elaborated on her submission advising dash cams in trucks would assist with road safety.

Submission 312 – Bruce Duncan

The submitter presented to Council and in response to a question advised that providing drinking water to smaller communities on a scale that did not require wastewater treatment was something that might be done over a 25 year period.

Submission 210 – Gregor Ross

Cr Wilson declared his interest as the Chairman of the Gisborne YMCA.

The submitter presented the Mahi Mahi Bowriders Kaiti submission.

His Worship the Mayor advised Council supported the submission in principle.

Submission 301 - Gillian Ward

The submitter reiterated her written submission.

#### Submission 35 - John Kape

The submitter presented and in response to questions advised:

- His submission was made as a member of the public.
- Council staff would best advise about the safety widening areas needed on SH35.

#### Submission 56 – Ani Pahuru-Huriwai

The submitter reiterated Te Aroha Kanarahi Trust's submission.

#### Submission 291 – Ian McGuinness

The submitter reiterated the Eastland Wood Council's submission and in response to questions advised:

- User pays would be a better system as it was very hard to assess everyone's share/quantum.
- The Wood Council did not have a mechanism to accurately assess their share.
- Whilst they had not looked into the social impact of forestry they were working on Health and Safety and environmental issues.

#### Submission 309 - James Sinclair Ernslaw One Ltd

The submitter reiterated Ernslaw One Ltd's submission.

#### Submission - Rick Thorpe

The submitter spoke to Tairāwhiti Rail Ltd's (TRL) submission and in response to questions advised:

- Exporters wanted flexibility and shipping to Napier or Tauranga once in a blue moon would not work.
- They wanted a full train freight service.
- TRL wanted Kiwirail to restore the balance of transport afforded to other regions.
- There was a new game in town re the viability of rail given the growth in exports in the horticulture and meat sectors.

#### Submission 299 Katrina Duncan

The submitter reiterated the Cycling Advisory Group's submission.

#### Submission 12 - Michael Patterson

The submitter reiterated his submission.

#### Submission 317 - Ted Toroa

The submitter spoke to Ngai Tamanuhiri Hunga Pakeke's submission.

#### Submission 322 - Jody Toroa

The submitter spoke to Toroa Rangiwhaho Marae's submission.

His Worship the Mayor advised Council would be in contact.

#### Submission 4 - Grace Vailea

The submitter read her written submission and presented a petition to Council

MOVED by Cr Dunn, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the petition presented be accepted.

**CARRIED**

His Worship the Mayor advised Council would be in contact.

Submission 83 - Brett Loffler

The submitter spoke to his submission and in response to a question advised there had been no water tabling done in the area.

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.10pm and reconvened at 3.25 pm

Submission 78 - Andrew Gaddum

The submitter reiterated his submission and in response to questions advised:

- Eastland Port was working towards coastal shipping as it was definitely an option and they had been funded to do so.
- Metal could be barged in but the cost of doing so was unknown.

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting was adjourned at 3.30pm for the Regional Transport Committee (RTC) to consider and deliberate on submissions to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) and reconvened at 3.56pm.

Submission 308 - Terry Boyd

The submitter spoke to his submission.

Council advised the "roadlink" connections ensured provision for funding in the RLTP and it was unknown yet whether the connection would be a road, or a walking/cycling path.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Council would be in contact. He noted many submitters mentioned they have not been consulted even though recommendations had stated this would happen.

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting was adjourned at 4.03pm to allow the Regional Transport Committee to continue its deliberations and would reconvene at 9.00am on Tuesday 15 May 2018.

**Tuesday 15 May 2018**

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Interests would be declared as submissions were heard.

**3. Hearing of Submissions on Council's Daft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan**

Submission 156 – Barry Foster

The submitter reiterated his submission

Submission 292 - Manu Caddie

Cr Burdett declared his interest as a Trustee of the Whakarua Park Board.

The submitter tabled apologies from David Goldsmith and reiterated the Whakarua Park Board's submission.

Submission 298 Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell

The submitter reiterated the three key areas of Gisborne Basketball Associations' submission.

In response to a question advised that their association understood the Community Facilities position would be funded by Council, Sport New Zealand and an external funder.

#### Submission 219 - Gordon Halley

The submitter advised that since making the submission Council had made a generous offer to assist with funding applications and in response to questions advised:

- Tourism had increased over the last three years.
- Two new businesses had opened in Tokomaru Bay.
- He was aware that some of the wharfs machinery was at the Museum of Technology.

#### Submission 320 - Mai Gooch Poverty Bay Hockey Assn

The submitter spoke to the Poverty Bay Hockey Association's submission and in response to a question advised she understood that although the Harry Barker Reserve was not in the Long Term Plan, it was a priority project in the Community Facilities Strategy.

His Worship the Mayor advised Council would debate the matter.

#### Submission 300 - Donald Hay

The submitter reiterated his submission.

#### Submission 326 - Bill Thorpe

The submitter reiterated his submission.

#### Submission 262 - Tim Egan and 316 - Scott Wilson

Each submitter spoke to their submissions.

#### Submission 350 - Tina Ngata

Manu Caddie tabled Tina Ngata's apology and spoke to the Waiapu Resource Recovery Action Group's submission.

In response to a question he advised that there would need to be a meeting facilitated by Council to discuss their community's waste management goals.

#### Submission 352 - Brendan Walker

The submitter presented Waste Management Ltd's submission and in response to questions advised:

- The volume restricted wheelie bins, to be implemented within six months did not require stickers.
- There would be 3 bins per household (general waste, recycling and green waste) which would be funded by rate payers.
- His firm's recycling operation would commence in six months.
- Council could assist zero waste by promoting better packaging products, sorting of household waste and implementing drop off centres for clean and sorted waste
- Community education regarding kerbside parking on rubbish collection days would be needed to avoid collection trucks having to double park.

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and reconvened at 10.56am.

Submission 313 - Barbara Barwick

The submitter reiterated her submission.

Late Submission - Robyn Rauna

The submitter provided hand outs and spoke to the Tamanuhiri Tutu Poroporo Trust's submission.

Submission 334 - Chris Torrie

Gordon Webb, Peter McKenzie and Chris Torrie spoke to the Te Awapuni Moana Trust's submission and in response to questions advised:

- The cost of the work would be spread across ratepayers within the 1300 hectare catchment.
- The 2005 repairs had benefited those outside of Awapuni e.g. the commercial business in Dunstan Road.

Submission 287 - Gordon Webb

The submitter reiterated his submission.

Submission 242 - Tracey Evans

The submitter spoke to her submission.

Submission 237 - Tony Ensor

The submitter reiterated his submission.

Submission 55 - Bob Proudfoot

The submitter spoke to his submission.

In response to questions he advised seeking alternative income sources would not be easy but Eastland Community Trust needed to come to the assistance of their beneficiaries.

Submission 224 - Hepa Akukhata-Brown

The submitter presented the Karakatuwhero River Management Committee's submission.

Submission 53 - Jennifer Palmer

The submitter reiterated her submission.

Submission 261 - Michelle Ferrere

The submitter reiterated the Gizzy Kai Rescue's submission.

Submission 335 - John Kape

The submitter reiterated his submission and in response to a question advised:

- He was not aware rates moved when Council took money out of the road contracts.
- The fact only 50% of forestry was captured was another issue Council would have to address.

Submission 349 - Sunny Peters

The submitter presented the NZ Coastguard Eastern Region's submission and in response to questions advised:

- They aimed to integrate with Life Saving and Civil Defence.
- The concept of someone being locally based was being considered.

#### Submission 252 - Murray Palmer

The submitter and Josie McClutchie spoke to the submission and in response to questions advised:

- Alternative disposal of wastewater needed to happen tomorrow.
- Alternative disposal of wastewater should happen concurrently with DrainWise given human health implications.

#### Submission 233 - Terry Shel Drake

The submitter reiterated Gisborne Chamber of Commerce's submission and in response to a question advised:

- He was yet to see that rail freight was the way to go.
- The whole package including coastal shipping needed to be considered.

#### Late Submission - Amohaere Houkamau

Moera Brown and LeRoy Pardoe reiterated Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust's submission.

#### Submission 271 - Diane Taylor

The submitter presented Survey Gisborne Ltd's submission

#### Submission 162 - Graham Wilson

The submitter presented Gisborne Athletic Club's submission

#### Submission 306 - Sandra Faulkner

The submitter spoke to the Federated Farmers of NZ's submission.

#### Submission 332 - Andrew Willock

The submitter reiterated Waikanae Surf Lifesavings Club's submission and in response to questions advised:

- He was unsure whether or not the Club had sent in a RFS regarding the lifting tiles.
- The trees were blocking the view from the lifesaving tower on the top level of the club.

#### Submission 88 - Julie Robinson – Te Ora Hou

The submitter spoke to Te Ora Hou Te Tairāwhiti's submission.

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned for lunch at 2.14pm and reconvened at 2.45pm.

#### Submission 106 - Chris Emmett Surf Lifesaving NZ

Renee Wikaire and Chase Parlane tabled Chris Emmett's apologies and read out the Surf Lifesaving NZ's submission and in response to questions advised:

- Surf lifesaving sprint training had to be on sand;
- Uawa Surf Life Saving Club struggled to find enough unpaid volunteers to provide service delivery.
- Whilst rosters could be reconfigured to cater for the needs of an area, evidence identified it was better to employ local guards in home areas.
- Historical data identified the demand for the extra week requested.
- The extra \$8k needed for the extra week for Waikanae, Midway and Wainui was not in the budget.



- Ngati Porou Surf Club was still building capacity to deliver a surf lifesaving programme in Hicks Bay and Te Araroa.
- Regionally based management structure reduced burden and costs of administration and training on clubs.

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting was adjourned at 3.11pm and would reconvene at 9.00am Wednesday 16 May 2018.

### Wednesday 16 May 2018

#### 1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

Interests would be declared as submissions were heard.

#### 3. Hearing of Submissions on Council's Daft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan

#### 4. Extraordinary Business

##### 4.118-185 2018-2028 Long Term Plan Hearings and Deliberations – Transformation and Relationships

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That this late item be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff

##### 5.1 18-181 2018–2028 Long Term Plan hearings and Deliberations – Overview Report

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann provided an overview of the Long Term Plan (LTP) journey leading up to today's deliberations. She also advised that there was no officer response to the Waingake Restoration Project recommendation as it was from the Committee to Council and if accepted at Council Meeting on 17 May 2018 it would need to be modified.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Instructs staff to prepare a draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan for approval at Councils Meeting on 28 June 2018, incorporating any amendments resulting from the resolutions made during the Council hearings and deliberation process.

**CARRIED**

##### 5.2 18-184 2018–2028 Long Term Plan Hearings and Deliberations – Finance and Affordability

Deliberations included:

- The table of funding requests outlining the revenue timeframe for the Community Facilities Strategy, Waingake Restoration Project, Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Alternative Use and Disposal of Treated Water, the Willows Drainage Scheme and the Crematorium.
- The need to explore alternative revenue models to reduce pressure on rate payers as city rate payers 6.9% rate increases was not sustainable.

- The need for solution design that addressed several problems at once – such as the Wastewater Treatment Plant which addressed health, clean beaches and rivers, etc.
- Implementing a time lined alternative revenue work programme to ensure Council was in a better position by the next Long Term Plan.
- Advising the community that alternative incomes were being explored to relieve rate payer burden, as were alternative uses for treated water.
- Forging relationships with iwi, Eastland Community Trust, Gisborne Holdings Limited, seeking other opportunities for collaboration.
- Merit of projects and effect on debt.

Council was advised

- The debt cap was set taking into account known projects and costs however as were still working through modelling work with Hawkes Bay Regional Council it was unknown how much was needed to accommodate that part of the Waipaoa Flood Scheme. The budget could be reset in year three of the LTP.
- The \$30m of original costs across the Waipaoa Flood Scheme infrastructure had been taken into account in the total debt cap.
- The build time would be reduced from 25 years but there will be costs associated with this in addition to construction costs.
- Staff were working with Mr Howatson on background costs(which are believed to be more than \$200k and details for the Willows Drainage Scheme which needs to be resolved quickly in accordance with direction from Council

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Fenn

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the officer responses in Appendix 1 as amended.
3. Approves the following changes to the draft Financial Strategy:
  - a) Increase the debt ceiling to \$85m (from \$80m) in years 1–3.
  - b) Increase the debt ceiling to \$105m (from \$100m) from years 4–10.
4. Approves the Revenue and Financing Policy with no amendments.
5. Approves the following changes to Council's fees and charges for Regional Monitoring and Science (Resource Management Act s36 charges):
  - a) Amend the Annual Monitoring Fee for Forestry Harvest greater than 100 hectares to 200 hectares from \$876 per annum to \$584 per annum for a total annual fee when combined with science charges of \$684 per annum.
  - b) Amend the Annual Monitoring Fee for Forestry Harvest greater than 200 hectares from \$1,168 per annum to \$740 per annum for a total annual fee when combined with science charges of \$940 per annum reference appendix 1.
  - c) Add an additional provision that where actual costs for monitoring of forestry consents greater than 100 hectares significantly exceed the average that Actual and Reasonable Costs can be charged for the monitoring.
6. Approves the Development Contributions Policy with no amendments.
7. Agrees to review the principles of its Development Contributions Policy for the 2021–2031 Long Term Plan.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 18-183 2018–2028 Long Term Plan hearings and Deliberations – Environmental Services and Protection

Deliberations included the strategic objectives, the Waingake Restoration Project, water catchment, resource consents, portals, relationships, external funding, customer focus and responding to submitters.

Council were advised:

- Stakeholders were a fundamental part of Council work and staff had considered all submissions.
- Money for the Waingake Restoration Project could be included in the LTP following deliberations, should Council direct staff.
- Work had already been done on the Waingake Restoration Project costing pest control requirements and money could be used for pest control as part of a biodiversity approach at a minimum of \$100k in the first or second year for the initial knock down. It would be better to spend the money in year two to leverage further funding.

Council supported:

- Staff recommendation for \$4500 per annum for Surf Life Saving New Zealand summer contract as Surf Life Saving could apply for funding from other organisations.
- Recommendation 3 being amended by adding 3c to include the Waingake Restoration Project as outlined below.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the officer responses in Appendix 1.
3. Approves the inclusion of the following items in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan:
  - a) The inclusion of an additional \$4500/annum in funding for the Surf Life Saving New Zealand summer contract.
  - b) Undertaking a water quality monitoring investigation of the Hanamatua Stream, funded from the existing water quality monitoring budget
  - c) Approves \$100k in year 1 and \$50k for each years 2-10 for the Waingake Restoration Project.

**CARRIED**

### 5.4 18-188 2018–2028 Long Term Plan hearings and Deliberations – Lifelines – Utilities

Deliberations included water quality improvement, alternate use and disposal of treated water, compliance, Waiapu River, doloses, and the Willows Drainage Scheme.

Council was advised:

- As Council had no control of the Wastewater consent process it was anticipated it would be 2020-21 before Phase One could be implemented.
- An extra \$500k spent on DrainWise in first three years of the LTP would realistically accelerate “private property” progress during the next construction season given the work needed with owners and consents.

- Payment and interest free loans for private property fixes had yet to be discussed by Council.
- A report was being prepared regarding Waiapu River and doloses.
- \$100k set aside in year one of the Long Term Plan for the Willows Drainage Scheme would bring the review forward to allow consents, design, etc to be completed at year's end.
- The Willows Drainage Scheme could be managed within the capital budget, and as it was a council asset, Council would attend to the build and decide who should pay for it.
- Salt water intrusion in the Willows Drainage Scheme would necessitate detailed work to obtain best solution to obtain consent.

Council agreed that the recommendations be amended to include the Willows Drainage Scheme by adding Recommendation 7 as outlined below.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report - and in particular:
  - a) The implementation of the Water and Sanitary Assessment in years 5 & 6 of the Long Term Plan.
  - b) The additional budget detailed in item 13 to continue Alternate Use and Disposal investigations.
2. Approves the officer responses in Appendix 1.
3. Adopts the Council's preferred option for Wastewater Treatment, being: 'Do Phase One in ten years'.
4. Approves the wastewater annual budget being increased to allow for further investigations on Alternate Use and Disposal options.
5. Adopts the Council's preferred option for DrainWise, being: 'Focus on public, enforce private'.
6. Approves a project in year one of the Long Term Plan to investigate the feasibility of water tanks being provided to private property owners by the Council, including options to pay back costs through targeted rates.
7. Council approves \$100k in year one of the Long Term Plan to progress the resource consent for the proposed stop bank and associated stop bank pumping works for the Willows Drainage Scheme, subject to final Council approval to proceed with the project in 2019/2020 (with recommendations around the funding of the construction to be determined through the annual plan process).

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.37am and  
Reconvened at 10.47am.

## **5.5 18-189 2018-2028 Long Term Plan hearings and Deliberations – Lifelines – Land Transport**

Deliberations included subdivisions, roundabout at Lytton Road/Ormond Road intersection, safety improvements, rail and freight viability, inner harbour access, community

communication, effective and efficient transport, the option of higher investment in the short term, deficit spending, use of additional funding and transport modes.

Council was advised:

- Whilst there was no suggestion of a connection between Ruth Street and Gwyneth Place in the LTP there would eventually be a connection but whether it would be a road, a path or a walkway had not been decided. Public will be informed when specifics known as still working through with developers.
- Council had not considered a roundabout at the Lytton Road/Ormond Road intersection.
  - The issues appeared to be with driver behaviour rather than the intersection and as such Transport Safety Engineers would need to look into the matter.
  - This matter sat with the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) to attract New Zealand Transport Agency (Transport Agency) subsidy.
  - Should Council want to prioritise this roundabout somethings would have to be deleted from the plans.
  - Cars failing to stop was a police issue.
  - Staff advice would not change regarding the RLTP.
- Some safety improvements have been considered within the Minor Improvements Budget and some have been referred to the Transport Agency because they concern state highways.
- Safety improvements around the Jolly Stockman corner were in the budget.
- The Transport Agency funding has been sought for other areas requiring safety improvements.
- Council supported the opening of the line which is a government asset and therefore Council did not recommend rate payers funding it.
- Council has made no clear statement on the rail position as the priority was roads. This needed to be done but that would not mean it would make it into the LTP as there were other activities that might be impacted.
- Council could amend the RLTP at any point to include other modes of transport, however, feasibility investigations in partnership with other parties would need to occur and this would require at least 12 months.
- Recommended the RLTP supported further investigation and collaboration with the Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan steering group regarding integrated transport modes for this region going forward.
- In accordance with the Public Works Act and the taking of land, Council was required to identify all alternatives for the correct route and it would take 12-18 months to follow this process.
- Funding for the Taruheru Block had been included in both plans to attract New Zealand Transport Agency funding and had been included in the budget to keep pace with development and respond to the work required.
- Rymans consent may not have required them to provide parking. Council would be advised of whether there was an intention to discuss a solution to this issue with Rymans.
- The process for selling the playground would be progressed by the Chief Executive.
- The option of a higher investment in the short term ie doing the work now to lower risk of roads failing meant future investment needs would be reduced.

- The roading programme allowed for sustainable level of resourcing to deliver.
- Putting additional funding back into roading would not attract necessary funding from the Transport Agency
- The increase in funding for walking and cycling activity had to be in both the LTP and RLTP so that Council can unlock what is in the budget for other things. The Transport Agency would decline funding if not included in the plans and would take a dim view if there was no intention by Council to follow through.
- If there was a desire from Council to append Active Transport Priorities for future proofing that was their decision.
- Roads, cycleways, rubbish, etc would be consulted with the public in the first year of the LTP.
- Submitters would be responded to and Council would receive a copy.
- Access way on Rakaitane Road required the taking of land under the Public Works Act, therefore needed to identify all other options had been exhausted.
- It was Council's decision whether to include rail in the RLTP at the risk of jeopardising current funding applications.
- The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) supported working collaboratively with Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan to look at the feasibility of the best transport modes for the region.
- The \$2.85m for Taruheru Walk and Cycleway from the Transport Agency was required to be put in the RLTP for them to pay the funds.
- The \$1.85m mentioned by a submitter had been set aside for the component of cycle ways currently underway.
- The government's RLTP direction was silent on coastal shipping however the RTC resolved to set Council to consider strategic options.
- At a previous Asset and Infrastructure meeting staff were tasked with reporting back on school road safety and signage priorities and timeframes as there were funds in the Minor Improvements Budget to consider rolling it out.

Council agreed the Ministry of Education should be lobbied to pay for school buses.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Dowsing

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report - and in particular the decision matters for Council.
2. Approves the officer responses in Appendix 1.
3. Instructs the Chief Executive to re-model the rates implications of recently announced changes to the government subsidy levels for roads (to 68% as of year 1 of the Long Term Plan) to inform a future Council decision about Long Term Plan expenditure.
4. Agrees to establish a group including key industry representatives to review how the costs of roading are allocated between sectors.

**CARRIED**

## 5.6 18-186 2018-2028 Long Term Plan Hearings and Deliberations – Liveable Communities – Recreation and Amenities

**Secretarial Note:** Cr Burdett declared an interest as a Board Member of the Whakarua Park Trust.

Discussion concerned external funding, Whakarua Park, the funding of the Community Facilities position, Olympic Pool, hubbing, the crematorium, changing rooms at Waikanae Surf Life Saving Club and the Awapuni Stadium

Council was advised:

- External funders typically required Council to contribute one third of project amount.
- Eastland Community Trust and Sport NZ said they would match Council's contribution of \$33k for feasibility study and business case plus \$25k to resource role to undertake the work and assist with partnering.
- Reporting lines for above role would need to be discussed given the key focus was sport and recreation.
- As the Olympic Pool development was a two phased approach (indoor and outdoor) Council should be more confident that it would be able to meet their contribution required by external funders.
- The 30 year Community Facilities Strategy allowed time for strong sporting cultures to adopt the hubbing concept.
- Whakarua Park was one of 14 priorities within the Community Facilities Strategy.
- Whakarua Park Trust development could advance township development monies to complete \$30k business case needed to leverage external funding.
- There was a cost to Council to ensure crematorium services were affordable and other businesses had access to the facilities.

**Secretarial Note:** Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.06pm and reconvened at 12.33pm. In response to further questions and comments Council was advised:

- An option could be to approach Eastland Community Trust and Gisborne Holdings Ltd (GHL) to have input and contribute to the changing rooms at Waikanae Surf Life Saving Club. GHL was upgrading the Waikanae Top Ten Holiday Park.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr MacLean

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the officer responses in Appendix 1.
3. Approves the allocation of an additional \$50,000 capital budget to support the Crematorium redevelopment project in year one of the Long Term Plan.
4. Approves a Council contribution of \$5.65m towards the 'Council Preferred' redevelopment option for the Olympic Pool Complex.
5. Approves the allocation of an additional \$58,000 annually (\$33,000 towards business case and feasibility study and \$25,000 for an implementation resource) to support community implementation of the Community Facilities Strategy, on the understanding that this figure will be matched by Eastland Community Trust and Sport New Zealand.

**CARRIED**

## 5.7 18-187 2018–2028 Long Term Plan Hearings and Deliberations – Liveable Communities – Solid Waste

Discussion concerned use of wheelie bins and associated cost savings, safety issues and landfill.

Council was advised:

- There was no budget assigned to wheelie bins.
- The East Coast Liaison Officer was included in the budget.
- Waste minimisation plan included second hand Sundays, waste recovery centres could be done in partnership as suggested by the submitter.
- Continuing to work with Wairoa District Council but the opportunities were broader than solid waste
- Farm pits were permitted under the Freshwater plan however what was put in them was the issue. Education and championship by the farming community was needed to address this issue.

Council agreed it supported in principal the use of wheelie bins and Gizzie Kai.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Akuhata-Brown

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the officer responses in Appendix 1.
3. Adopts the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018–2024 as per Appendix 2.
4. Supports prioritising considering kerbside waste and recycling options (wheelie bins) in line with the draft Waste Management Minimisation Plan.

**CARRIED**

## 5.8 18-185 2018–2028 Long Term Plan Hearings and Deliberations – Transformation & Relationships

Deliberations included township and community plans, skateboard park supervision, community consultation, tourism related matters, external relationships and co-management relationships with iwi.

Council was advised:

- Township plans have were delivered on how budget was phased. Under the previous plan it was deficit funded which provided ability to plan and deliver.
- Hicks Bay toilets would be funded in year one.
- Hicks Bay playground and park community consultation would be held next month.

Council agreed that the recommendations be amended by deleting existing Recommendation 3 and adding Recommendations 10, 11 and 12 as out lined below.



MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Fenn

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the officer responses in Appendix 1 as amended
3. Develops a Grant Funding Policy that is transparent and consistent with Council's strategic direction.
4. Provides in-kind support with preparing funding applications to restore the Tokomaru Bay and Hicks Bay wharves as follows:
  - a. Stage 1 – Applications for funding for support with conservation reports, condition assessments and business cases (2018)
  - b. Stage 2 – Applications for funding for capital works to restore the wharves (2019/20).
5. Requests Activate Tairāwhiti to work with Tourism Industry Aotearoa to continue to advocate for tourism management and development
6. Works with key stakeholders to develop and implement a smoke free public spaces policy that aligns with the work on the Public Places and Reserve Bylaw review in 2018-19.
7. Drafts a short position statement for Council consideration regarding health beverages at Council events.
8. Continues to roll out the Townships Plans programme with communities seeking opportunities to scale investment into township development.
9. Engages with Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou to identify resourcing needs and options regarding the Waiapu Koka huhua and the Joint Management Agreement.
10. Engages with Ngai Tamanahuri around a potential to develop a relationship agreement.
11. Engages with Rongowhakaata around a potential to develop a relationship agreement.
12. Request Activate Tairāwhiti to support Te Araroa Progressive Society.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3pm.

Meng Foon  
**Mayor**