

# 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

**Held in the upstairs Restaurant, Gisborne Cosmopolitan Club, 190 Derby Street, Gisborne on 23 February 2017 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, and Brian Wilson.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Acting Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Acting Group Manager Planning & Development David Wilson, Acting Group Manager Environment & Regulatory Lois Easton, Acting Operations Group Manager Herman Koenders, HR Director Karen Aspey, Acting Democracy & Support Services Manager Jill Simpson and Committee Secretary Coral Dunn.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cr Wharehinga.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Dowsing

That the apologies from Cr Wharehinga be sustained.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** Items were heard out of the order described in the Agenda. For ease of reference the Minutes have been recorded in Agenda order.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

There were no interests declared.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

Council – Ordinary Meeting 1 December 2016

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Thomson

That the Minutes of 1 December be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Leave of Absence

There were no leave of absences.

## 5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

## 6. Public input and petitions

- a) Heather Marion-Smith presented regarding Funding Repairs of the Gisborne-Napier Rail Track.
- b) Ross Jensen presented regarding a resource consent for Kaiti Beach Road Reserve and responded to comments and questions as follows:
  - The road reserve occurred by special policy after the house was built in 1914.
  - In 1995 it was intended to be gifted back to residents, however in accordance with road reserve agreements it must first be offered back to the original owner who has since died.
- c) Sharon from Fullerton Ads PVT Ltd presented and in response to a question advised their solar equipment had been proved to withstand New Zealand weather.

## 7. Extraordinary business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## 9. Adjourned business

There was no adjourned business.

## 10. Committee Recommendations to Council

### 10.1 17-052 Committee Recommendations to Council January and February 2017

His Worship the Mayor advised concern expressed about the current formatting of committee recommendations to Council; would be discussed at a later stage.

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Adopts the recommendation from the Future Tairāwhiti Committee that Council
  - a) Approves the assessment of significance or materiality of the identified changes to the Long Term Plan for year 3 and the proposed consultation levels (Appendix 1).
  - b) Approves the proposed Long Term Plan programme set out in this report (subject to any changes)
  - c)
    - i. Agrees that the interim boat trailer parking options do not proceed as they are generally unsupported.
    - ii. Agrees to further work being carried out with relevant stakeholders on the permanent solution which will come back to Council as part of the wider Inner Harbour Redevelopment concept for approval.
3. Adopts the recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee that Council
  - a) Adopts the 2017 Treasury Management Policy.

**CARRIED**

## 1. Reports of the Chief Executive and staff

### DECISION REPORTS

#### 11.1 17-069 Waikanae Surf Life Saving Club – Norfolk Pines

Discussion concerned the importance of following the Tree Removal Policy versus accepting the report recommendations; retaining the existing treescape; the health of the trees; surrounding pavements; receipt of formal written request; cost of consultation; beach patrol site; pre-empting consultation; not setting precedence and not consulting every time.

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Agrees to defer any decision to remove these trees until community feedback is sought via the Waikanae to Waipaoa (W2W) Project.

**LOST**

Further discussion resulted in a new resolution as outlined below.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report and
2. Approves Option 2 – Do not remove the trees.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.2 17-087 Gisborne Holdings Limited Consolidation Process – Annual Financial Statements

It was agreed there was a need for further discussion with Gisborne Holdings Limited (GHL) at a management and governance level to develop reporting standards for easier consolidation of GHL financial reports into Council financial reports.

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Instructs staff to work with Gisborne Holdings Limited to develop reporting standards to allow easier consolidation of their financial reports into Council financial reports.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.3 17-058 Urban Design Plan Guidelines

In response to a question Council was advised staff worked with developers to ensure they were aware of the guidelines.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Adopts Plan change 50 to become an operative part of the Gisborne Combined Regional Land and District Plan.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.4 17-018 Gasworks Site Options

In response to a question Council was advised that the gasworks site was not required for the Taruheru Walkway as council-owned land was available and a report was being prepared for Council.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Takes no further action with regard to the former Gasworks site.

**CARRIED**

#### 11.5 17-071 Appointment of Inner Harbour Advisory Group

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Committee

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Appoints Councillors Akuhata-Brown, Cranston, Dowsing, Foster, MacLean and Thomson to the Inner Harbour Advisory Group.

##### **Vote By Division**

##### **FOR**

Cr Akuhata-Brown  
Cr Burdett  
Cr Cranston  
Cr Dowsing  
Cr Dunn  
Cr Fenn  
Mayor Foon  
Cr Foster  
Cr MacLean  
Cr Seymour  
Cr Stoltz  
Cr Thomson  
Cr Wilson

##### **AGAINST**

**CARRIED**

#### 11.6 17-088 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting Conference and Excellence Awards 2017

It was agreed that it would be good practice over the next three years for each of the three new councillors to attend the Local Government Conferences.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the attendance of the Mayor at the Local Government New Zealand Conference.
3. Approves the attendance of Councillor Dowsing at the Local Government New Zealand Conference.

**CARRIED**

### 11.7 17-091 Supplementary to Report 16-590 Terms of Reference – Council and Committees

Discussion concerned:

- The changing nature of Terms of Reference.
- Incorrect committee meetings quorum on the website.
- The non-elected advisory appointment to the finance committee.

Council had previously agreed that they would view all applications received for the position.

Council was advised that the advisory position would be advertised.

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the following addition to the Finance and Audit Committees Terms of Reference:
  - a) The Finance and Audit Chair (together with the non-elected Advisor) will approve and monitor the Mayor's expenditure including credit card(s).

**CARRIED**

### 11.8 17-049 Accounting Options for the Treatment of Forestry Carbon Credits

It was agreed that:

- A workshop be held with an appropriate expert to discuss carbon credits and a "safe level" to ensure everyone had a full understanding about these matters.
- The word safe to be replaced with obligation.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Instructs staff to obtain an assessment of the 'obligation' level of carbon stocks within the Council.
3. Approves an amendment to the accounting policies to revalue 'obligation' NZU's to market value.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial Note:** The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.16am and reconvened at 10.30am.

### 11.9 17-101 Name Change for Poverty Bay

Discussion concerned:

- Dual name change consisting of Poverty Bay plus original name.
- Protocol specifying Maori name first.
- Retaining Poverty Bay as it is part of local heritage, reinstatement of iwi's original name.
- Seeking support from Maori leaders.
- Council facilitating the name change into a story-telling event and history lesson that shares the rich and deep story of the name given by the star navigators, for all the people of Tairāwhiti and wide community consultation were discussed.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Council to research and consult to change the name of Poverty Bay to a dual name that includes Poverty Bay.
3. Council to facilitate the story telling event about the original name of the Poverty Bay Area for all the people of Tairāwhiti.

**Cr Akuhata-Brown asked that her vote against the motion be recorded.**

**CARRIED**

## INFORMATION REPORTS

### 11.10 17-050 Chief Executive's Activity Report February 2017

In response to questions and comments Council was advised as follows:

- MPI had reviewed the East Coast Funding Project in order to improve the scheme uptake to ensure funding was used on the project before 2021 by:
  - Enabling funding at commencement rather than upon completion.
  - Widening the eligibility to cover erosion and biodiversity benefits such as fencing off native tree areas, planting poplars and pines, etc.
  - Staging payments to ensure accountability measures were in place.
- It was unsure whether the review included river protection work but discussion had included the effects of erosion on rivers.
- The Marina Carpark morning and night checks had resulted in minor warnings issued to non self-contained vehicles and the Community and Recreation Manager would need to revisit the existing levels of services available.
- Unitary Plan and Silly Rules meetings would involve iwi and all other interested parties including Federated Farmers and landowners.
- The library expansion contract had not been signed as currently negotiating final price.
- The report on the ongoing monitoring of Paokahu would be discussed at a future Council Meeting following discussions held with the Trust.
- The Papawhariki Business Case – which would influence the next Long Term Plan – was scheduled to be presented at the May Council meeting.
- Council was meeting with the New Zealand Transport Agency to discuss the land acquisition issue in an attempt to progress Stage Two of the Wainui Walkway.
- The drilling of the Makauri Aquifer Recharge bore was on track and while the weather had not made any material difference to the Waipaoa catchment the postponement of the trial was dependent on May weather and river conditions.
- It had always been intended that on completion of the Junior Bike Park it would be handed over to Council who would be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Cr Seymour asked that Anaura Bay be considered as the fourth location for one of the modern user friendly public conveniences to be placed in key coastal sites.

The Chief Executive was complimented on the format and comprehensive content of her report.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr MacLean

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

#### **11.11 17-104 Phase 3 Proposed Transfer of Assets**

Discussion concerned:

- Whether Gisborne Holdings Ltd's role was to manage the airport or negotiate the lease.
- Sale of assets such as of carbon credits.
- Use of asset stripping to balance the books.
- GHL's core business.

Council was advised that:

- Sale of assets had to be deferred to Council.
- Council would define GHL's core business and would discuss this with them.
- No decisions had been made to hand over the airport, community housing, etc and Council would have the opportunity to debate potential long term implications.
- Due diligence would be done regarding what could be transferred and modelling would be applied to ensure robust decision-making and structure in place.
- The matter was of high significance and staff would take on board what had been said.

MOVED by Cr Dowsing, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

#### **11.12 17-064 Minimum Lot Size Assessment – Lloyd George Road**

Discussion included:

- Consultation with a wider group than Lloyd George Road residents.
- Discussions with local hapu.
- Development of stormwater overflow information.
- Environmental stewardship.
- Infrastructure needs.
- Compromising ecosystems.
- Reticulation.
- Supplementary dwellings.
- Subdividing complexity.
- Pre 1982 policy.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

### 11.13 17-025 Local Government New Zealand Excellence Programme

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

### 11.14 17-105 Smarter Services Presentation

Jenine Ritchie presented and advised that the Customer Service survey had identified types of transactions and enquiries as well as peak flows and outlined transactions that could be completed online.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

### 11.15 17-055 Council Common Seal Register: September 2016 – January 2017

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.

**CARRIED**

## 12. Mayor, deputy Mayor and elected members' reports (information)

### DECISION REPORTS

#### 12.1 17-007 Stand Alone Water Tanks for City Reticulated Properties

Discussion concerned:

- Usage and conservation of water.
- Types and sizes of sustainable and effective storage products.
- Additional costs involved for house owners.
- Subsidies versus purchasing power.
- Being smarter about rain water capture.
- Water security.
- Making it easy rather than drowning in red tape
- Policy being inclusive of all properties types not just new homes.
- Illegal piping into gully traps.
- Being more water sustainable and resilient.

**Secretarial Note:** Cr Burdett left the meeting at 11.46am.

MOVED by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Develops a policy on stand-alone water storage.

**CARRIED**



## 12.2 17-108 Proposal for Makorori Surfing Reserve

Cr Foster acknowledged Cr Dunn's input.

Discussion concerned:

- Safety of the carpark
- Tourism funding being for new toilets not upgrades.
- Lack of budget allocation.
- Referral to Activate Tairāwhiti and Eastland Community Trust for their action.
- The importance of retaining the reserve in its natural state to protect beach, dunes and water rather than putting in more infrastructure as the issue was about the environment and not just surfing.

MOVED by Cr Foster, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Council

1. Notes the contents of this report and other work will be done and brought back to Council in the Long Term Plan.

**CARRIED**

## 13. Public Excluded Business

**Secretarial Note:** These minutes included a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 13 Public Excluded Business of Council.

### RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

**MOVED by Cr Thomson, seconded by Cr Wilson**

**That the Council**

1. re-admits the public.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.07pm.

Meng Foon  
**Mayor**