

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Coronation Square, Wairoa on Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 9.00am.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Mr C Little (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS

M. Bird, B Cairns, D. Eaglesome-Karekare, H Flood, M Johansen

IN ATTENDANCE:

F Power	(Chief Executive Officer)
J Baty	(Corporate Services Manager)
J Cox	(Engineering Manager)
H Montgomery	(Regulatory Manager)
A Morton	(Acting Chief Financial Officer)
P Kelly	(Maori Standing Committee)
D Steed	(Finance Manager)
D Doole	(Senior Rates Officer)
K Tipuna	(Communications Strategist)
D Tipoki	(Maori Relationships Manager)
R Matthews	(Transformation Manager)

CIVIC PRAYER

The civic prayer was given by the P Kelly

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Cairns (lateness – 9.15am) and Councillor Harker.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the apologies be received from Councillor Harker and Cairns (late). Flood/His Worship the Mayor</i>
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CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

CALLS FOR ITEMS OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA AND NOTICES:

Nil

General Items

DRAFT TREASURY POLICY

The Acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO) spoke to his report. This policy does not need to go out for consultation but satisfies the requirement for having a Treasury Policy for the Long Term Plan.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there had been any significant changes to this draft policy compared to the current policy. The Acting CFO responded by saying that policy has been shortened and made more succinct in line with current best practice.

Councillor Flood requested that all current policies should be tabled for comparison purposes so that Councillors can better understand the changes that have been made, the rationale behind those changes and the impact of those changes to the ratepayer.

The Acting CFO tabled the current policies for Councillor information.

<p><u>Resolved:</u></p>	<p><i>That:</i></p> <p><i>Council receive the report</i></p> <p><i>Council defer the decision to adopt the draft Treasury Policy until the next meeting, noting suggested amendments and Councillors better understanding the rationale behind significant changes.</i></p> <p><i>Flood/Eaglesome-Karekare</i></p>
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DRAFT REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY

The Finance Manager spoke to his report.

Councillor Flood again requested a rationale for any changes and what this draft policy looked like in comparison to the current policy.

Councillors discussed the draft policy and suggested amendments.

<p><u>Resolved:</u></p>	<p><i>That:</i></p> <p><i>Council receive the report.</i></p> <p><i>Council defer the decision to adopt the draft Revenue and Financing Policy until the next meeting, subject to Councillors better understanding compliance issues.</i></p> <p><i>His Worship the Mayor/Eaglesome-Karekare</i></p>
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DRAFT RATES REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT POLICIES

The Senior Rates Officer spoke to his report.

Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare queried why the clause referring to 'natural calamity' had been removed. The Senior Rates Officer responded by saying that this section can be easily included if Council resolves to do so.

Maori Standing Committee member P Kelly requested that the Maori Standing Committee discuss this policy at their upcoming meeting.

<p><u>Resolved:</u></p>	<p><i>That:</i></p> <p><i>Council receive this report.</i></p> <p><i>Council defer the decision to adopt the Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policies until the next meeting subject to suggested amendments being included and including feedback from the Maori Standing Committee.</i></p> <p><i>His Worship the Mayor/Eaglesome-Karekare</i></p>
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There being no General Business His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at **10.50am.**

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