

**MINUTES OF THE KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, 175 RIMU ROAD, PARAPARAUMU  
ON TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 9:31 AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Janet Holborow, Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby, Cr Martin Halliday (via Zoom), Cr Sophie Handford, Cr Liz Koh, Cr Jocelyn Prvanov, Cr Kathy Spiers, Cr Shelly Warwick, Cr Nigel Wilson, Cr Glen Cooper

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Bede Laracy, Mr Richard Mansell (via Zoom), Mr Bernie Randall, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Darren Edwards, Mr Mark de Haast, Ms Hara Adams, Ms Rach Wells (via Zoom), Ms Kris Pervan, Ms Steffi Haefeli, Ms Anna Smith, Mr Evan Dubisky

**WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES:** Cr Rob Kofoed

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Nil

### **1 NAU MAI | WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2 KARAKIA | COUNCIL BLESSING**

Cr Sophie Handford read the Council karakia.

### **3 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

#### **APOLOGY**

#### **RESOLUTION CO2024/125**

Moved: Cr Nigel Wilson  
Seconder: Cr Shelly Warwick

That the apology received from Cr Rob Kofoed be accepted.

#### **CARRIED**

### **4 TE TAUĀKĪ O TE WHAITAKE KI NGĀ MEA O TE RĀRANGI TAKE | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were raised.

### **5 NGĀ TAKE A NGĀ MEMA | MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

- (a) No leaves of absence were requested at this meeting.
- (b) No matters of an urgent nature were raised with the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **6 NGĀ WHAKAWĀ | HEARINGS**

Cr Cooper joined the meeting at 9:53am.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby left the meeting at 10:08am and returned at 10:09am.

Cr Kathy Spiers left the meeting at 10:17am and returned at 10:19am.

Cr Cooper left the meeting at 10:55am and returned at 10:57am.

**6.1 2024 REPRESENTATION REVIEW INITIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS HEARING**

Mr Pat Duignan (via Zoom) spoke to his personal submission and the submission of the Waikanae Peka Peka Residents Society Inc regarding the Ōtaki-Waikanae boundary changes in the initial proposal. In his submission, he suggests giving more weight to respondents directly affected by the boundary changes. He raised concerns that the consultation survey lacked contextual information on the Māori ward establishment and the proposed changes to the Ōtaki-Waikanae ward boundary. He tabled a document to support his submission and answered questions from elected members.

Mr Martin Whyte raised concerns regarding the implementation of the Māori wards and Māori representation in local government enacted by central government legislation. He answered questions from elected members.

Mr Richard Young queried the electorate population figures in the initial proposal and the community board representation structure for the Raumati-Paekākāriki ward. He tabled a document to support his submission and answered questions from elected members.

Mr Steve La Hood spoke to his support for the Council's proposed representation structure, including the incorporation of a Māori ward, and suggested that the Māori ward councillor's integration into Council affairs must be well considered alongside iwi and hapū representation. He further suggested that Council reject to hold the binding referendum on the Māori ward at the 2025 election. He answered questions from elected members.

Mr Chris Mitchell tabled a document and presented a submission that fair and effective representation would be better achieved without districtwide councillors and that instead a fully ward based system should be explored. He further suggested that more councillors would ensure the Council size matches the growing population of the district. He answered questions from elected members.

Mr Stephen Blyth expressed support for the Māori ward. He suggested that Council reject to hold the binding referendum on the Māori ward at the 2025 election. He answered questions from elected members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18am and resumed at 11:40am.

Cr Prvanov left the meeting during the adjournment and returned to the meeting at 11:41am.

Cr Spiers left the meeting at 11:50am and returned at 11:51am.

Mr John Andrews spoke to his views on representation, and expressed dissatisfaction with some of his interactions with Council staff. He answered questions from elected members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52am and resumed at 12:04pm.

Mr Bernie Randall left the meeting during adjournment and did not return.

Cr Spiers left the meeting at 12:32pm and returned at 12:32pm.

Cr Warwick left the meeting at 12:45pm and returned at 12:46pm.

Mr Quentin Poole raised concerns about the cost implications of proposed changes to ward boundaries since another representation review may be necessary after the Māori ward referendum at the 2025 election. He expressed opposition to the creation of a Māori ward and a preference to shift the Ōtaki-Waikanae boundary north to the Ōtaki river, should there be a need for the boundary to be shifted. He answered questions from elected members.

Mr Aaron Packard expressed support for the implementation of a Māori ward as a mechanism to honour human rights. He answered questions from elected members.

**Appendices**

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| 1 | Pat Duignan Tabled Statement    |
| 2 | Richard Young Tabled Statement  |
| 3 | Chris Mitchell Tabled Statement |

**7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA | CLOSING KARAKIA**

Mayor Janet Holborow closed the Council meeting with karakia.

**The Kaunihera | Council meeting closed at 1:01pm.**

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**HEAMANA | CHAIRPERSON**