

**MINUTES OF KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE WHAKAMINENGA O KAPITI
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, 175 RIMU ROAD, PARAPARAUMU
ON TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2025 AT 9.32AM**

PRESENT: Ms Kim Tahiwī – Heamana | Chair (Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki), Mr Richard Evans (Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai), Cr Martin Halliday, Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby (representing Mayor Janet Holborow)

Via Zoom: Ms Denise Hapeta (Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki), Mr Huriwai Paki (Ngāti Toa Rangatira)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Rob Kofoed, Mr Cam Butler, Ms Hara Adams, Ms Kris Pervan, Ms Anna Smith, Ms Maria Cameron, Mr Evan Dubisky, Ms Oriwia Mason, Ms Karly Richardson, Ms Pania Rei

Via Zoom: Cr Sophie Handford

WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES: Mayor Janet Holborow, Ms Kirsten Hapeta (Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki), Mr Rawiri Tawhai-Bodsworth (Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: None

1 KARAKIA

He Heamana | Chair Kim Tahiwī, welcomed everyone to the hui and invited Hara Adams, Kaihautū - Hononga ā-Iwi | Group Manager Iwi Partnerships, to open the hui with karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

He Heamana Kim Tahiwī noted that apologies had been received from Mayor Janet Holborow, Ms Kirsten Hapeta, Mr Rawiri Tawhai-Bodsworth and Chief Executive Darren Edwards.

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWOK2025/11

Moved: Cr Martin Halliday
Seconder: Chair Kim Tahiwī

That the apologies received from Mayor Janet Holborow, Ms Kirsten Hapeta (Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki), and Mr Rawiri Tawhai-Bodsworth (Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai) be accepted.

CARRIED

3 HE WĀ KŌRERO KI TE MAREA | PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

4 HE TĀPIRITANGA KI TE RĀRANGI TAKE | ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

He Heamana Kim Tahiwī invited members to raise additional agenda items for consideration.

Mr Richard Evans, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, spoke regarding the status of the Kawakahia/Te Harakeke wetlands. Mr Evans advised that the Kawakahia/Te Harakeke wetlands, a native habitat for many species, is in danger from pollution and climate change, and requires enduring protection.

Hara Adams noted she would begin discussions with Brendan Owens, Group Manager Customer and Community, regarding the matter.

He Heamana Kim Tahiwī noted that the committee would consider making a recommendation to Council regarding this matter and would return to the item at a later point in the hui.

Item 4 He Tāpiritanga ki te Rārangi take | Additional Agenda Items was continued at a later point in the hui.

5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ ĀMIKI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWOK2025/12

Moved: Chair Kim Tahiwī

Seconder: Cr Martin Halliday

That the minutes of the hui of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti of 13 Haratua 2025 (13 May 2025) be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 PŪRONGO | REPORTS

6.1 CO-DESIGN OF THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

Kris Pervan, Group Manager Strategy and Growth and Gina Anderson-Lister, Manager Strategy, introduced the report, took it as read and answered questions from members.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWOK2025/13

Moved: Cr Martin Halliday

Seconder: Chair Kim Tahiwī

That Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti:

- A. Note** the scope and development approach, agreed by the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee on 15 May 2025, with an aim of finalising the Environment Strategy in September 2025 (at this stage).
- B. Provide feedback and direction** on a preferred approach for co-design of the draft strategy including potential priorities for inclusion and the relevance of existing documentation or material for inclusion.

CARRIED

6.2 MĀORI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND 2024-25

Karly Richardson, Advisor Iwi Projects, and Hara Adams, Kaihautū - Hononga ā-Iwi | Group Manager Iwi Partnerships, introduced the report and took it as read. Ms Richardson, along with Hara Adams, discussed the latest round of grant applications and answered questions from members.

Ms Adams acknowledged and thanked Karly Richardson for her mahi on the report and during the process, noting that this year was the fund's most well subscribed.

Ms Adams also noted that the Iwi Partnerships team would work on bringing a report to a future meeting of Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti containing recommendations on how to progress point 14 in the report, specifically in regards to revisiting the Terms of Reference.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWOK2025/14

Moved: Cr Lawrence Kirby

Seconder: Chair Kim Tahiwī

That Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti

- A. Receive** this report.
- B. Acknowledge and thank** the members of the subcommittee for making themselves available to assess and allocate funds.
- C. Invite** the Economic Development Kotahitanga Board members to a Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti meeting to discuss the review of the Strategy for Māori Economic Development and Wellbeing in Kapiti 2013.

CARRIED

6.3 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Oriwia Mason, Kaitohutohu Matua Hononga ā-Iwi | Principal Advisor and Hara Adams, Kaihautū - Hononga ā-Iwi | Group Manager Iwi Partnerships, provided an update on the final version of the partnership agreement.

Ms Mason advised Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti that the partnership agreement was scheduled on the Council hui agenda this Thursday, 19 June 2025, for endorsement and the final design would be finished ahead of the official signing on Friday 27 June 2025 at Raukawa marae.

Denise Hapeta, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, advised that she intended to provide feedback from Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki to the Iwi Partnership team following Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki's meeting later on that day.

Huriwai Paki, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, advised that he would confirm Ngāti Toa Rangatira's agreement and provide the feedback as soon as possible.

Richard Evans, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, noted the request at the previous Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti hui for kaumatua engagement and feedback. Mr Evans advised that this has since been provided to the Iwi Partnerships team.

Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby acknowledged how exciting it was to be able to celebrate 30 years of the partnership agreement between Kāpiti Coast District Council and the mana whenua of the District. Deputy Mayor Kirby noted the importance to elected members of having confirmation from Council's mana whenua partners (the A.R.T. Confederation of Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, Ngāti Toa Rangatira) prior to Council's endorsement that each iwi were fully in agreement.

Cr Martin Halliday agreed with Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby and advised that he would not be comfortable signing off the partnership agreement prior to the acknowledgement and agreement from iwi partners.

He Heamana Kim Tahiwi acknowledged the sentiments from councillors regarding receiving confirmation from mana whenua prior to endorsing the partnership agreement. He Heamana noted that this showed the level of progress in the relationship between mana whenua and Council. He Heamana committed to providing written confirmation on behalf of Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti, to the Council prior to the hui on Thursday 19 June.

7 NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA TIRITI - HE TIROHANGA WHĀNUI NŌ IA IWI | TREATY SETTLEMENTS – OVERVIEW FROM EACH IWI

Denise Hapeta (Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki) advised that there was a good level of interest in the upcoming local elections - particularly around Māori Ward Representatives, with kōrero amongst the community regarding potential candidates. Ms Hapeta also advised that participating in Crown hearings involves consistent, substantial work and research which has served to limit participants appetite for involvement in other kaupapa.

Mr Huriwai Paki (Ngāti Toa Rangatira) had no further updates at this point in time.

Mr Richard Evans (Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai), spoke regarding the upcoming elections and expressed an interest in running a wananga following on from one in Ōtaki. Mr Evans provided an update regarding last week's High Court ruling which awarded Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai marine customary title in their rohe, one nautical mile out from high tide mark. Mr Evans advised of the significance of this moment for Ātiawa, acknowledging all the mahi that has gone on during the lengthy process.

8 HE KŌRERO HOU MŌ TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL UPDATES

Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby advised that Council was looking forward to the continuing conversations in regards to how Council can provide continuing support around the referendum and the Māori Ward process, both now and beyond the election.

Cr Martin Halliday highlighted the importance of candidates standing for the Māori Ward to be supported and have the space to speak to the Māori community and of iwi ability to facilitate some of those spaces.

9 TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO | CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10 HE TONO ANAMATA MŌ TE RĀRANGI TAKE | FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were no requests for future agenda items received.

He Heamana | Chair Kim Tahiwi asked for any emails regarding future agenda requests to be sent to herself and Hara Adams, Kaihautū - Hononga ā-Iwi | Group Manager Iwi Partnerships.

Discussion resumed on Item 4. He tāpiritanga ki te rārangi take | Additional agenda items.

4 HE TĀPIRITANGA KI TE RĀRANGI TAKE | ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 am and resumed at 11:18 am.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWOK2025/15

Moved: Mr Richard Evans

Seconder: Cr Martin Halliday

That Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti:

- A. **Recommends** to Council that they request staff work with Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai to continue the investigation into the status of the Kawakahia/Te Harakeke wetlands, reviewing the existing protections and applicable management plans.
- B. **Notes** that this has been brought to Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti as a matter of priority for Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai due to the recent deterioration of the wetlands.

CARRIED

11 PŪRONGO KĀORE E WĀTEA KI TE MAREA | PUBLIC EXCLUDED REPORTS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTION TWOK2025/16

Moved: Cr Martin Halliday

Seconder: Chair Kim Tahiwī

That, pursuant to Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public now be excluded from the meeting (with the exception of Community Board representatives) for the reasons given below, while the following matters are considered.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
11.1 - Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes	Section 7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege	Section 48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
12.1 - Draft Plan Change 1E	Section 7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege	Section 48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWOK2025/18

Moved: Cr Martin Halliday

Seconder: Cr Lawrence Kirby

That Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti moves out of a public excluded meeting.

CARRIED

Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti went into public excluded session at 11.22am

Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti came out of public excluded session at 11.31am

13 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

At the request of He Heamana, Hara Adams closed the hui with karakia.

Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti closed at 11.32am

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HEAMANA | CHAIRPERSON