

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. SPC25-5
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025 AT 9.30AM**

1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro
Whakarite mai te tinana
Kia ea ai ngā mahi

Āe

Settle the spirit
Clear the mind
Prepare the body
To achieve what needs to be
achieved.
Yes

2 PRESENT

Mayor J Denyer, Cr M Grainger, Cr T Coxhead, Cr G Dally, Cr A Henry, Cr R Joyce, Cr L Rae, Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, Cr A Sole, Cr D Thwaites and Cr A Wichers

3 STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

M Taris (Interim Chief Executive Officer), R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community), L Balvert (Communications Manager), E Watton (Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), S Parker (Cycleways Manager), R Gallagher (Acting Policy and Planning Manager), A King (Legislative Reform and Special Projects Strategic Advisor), V Dekkerova (Systems Advisor), C McGirr (Policy Analyst), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor), R Garrett (Governance Manager) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor)

VIA ZOOM

J Crummer (Senior Recreation Planner)

4 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION SPC25-5.1

Moved: Cr A Sole
Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the apology for absence from Cr Murray-Benge be accepted.

CARRIED

5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

8 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS**10.1 SUBMISSION ON THE LAND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT (TIME OF USE CHARGING) AMENDMENT BILL**

The Committee considered a report from the Policy Analyst dated 20 May 2025. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION SPC25-5.2

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Policy Analyst's report dated 20 May 2025 titled 'Submission on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill' be received
2. That the following submission, shown as Attachment 1 to this report, be received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information noted.
 - a. Submission on the Land Transport Management (Time of Use Charging) Amendment Bill, dated 27 April 2025.

CARRIED

10.2 SUBMISSION ON THE WATER SERVICE AUTHORITY WASTEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects dated 20 May 2025. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION SPC25-5.3

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects report dated 20 May 2025 titled 'Submission on the Water Service Authority - Taumata Arowai's proposed wastewater environmental standards' be received.
2. That the submission, shown as **Attachment 1** to this report, is received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information is noted.

CARRIED

10.3 UPDATE ON THE TE PUKE SPATIAL PLAN

The Committee considered a report from Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects. The report was taken as read.

Staff responded to pātai as below:

- A workshop was planned to work through the issues and options which would set out ideas for the draft Spatial Plan. Endorsement on the draft Spatial Plan would then be sought by the subcommittee.
 - Staff were working on options for congestion through the town centre. There were some short-term solutions that were being investigated. The Spatial Plan was looking at the future of Te Puke in 30-50 years time. Different modes of transport was one aspect that needed to be considered in the Spatial Plan, noting that the Spatial Plan was not just about solving present congestion issues.
 - Staff were working on a location for where a public pool could be placed. The options being considered were Jubilee Park, Donovan Park and the Domain.
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RESOLUTION SPC25-5.4

Moved: Cr L Rae

Seconded: Cr A Wichers

That the Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects report dated 20 May 2025 titled 'Update on the Te Puke Spatial Plan', be received.

CARRIED

9.40am The hui adjourned.

10.30am The hui reconvened.

10.4 KAIMAI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW HEARINGS

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Recreation Planner dated 20 May 2025. The report was taken as read.

Submitters were in attendance to give their verbal submission to the Committee as below.

10.4.1 SUBMITTER ID 23 – BARRY ROBERTS

Mr Roberts was in attendance to speak to his submission. He provided a brief overview of his background and a history of the Lower Kaimai Hall site and the Lower Kaimai Reserve. In addition to his submission he noted the below points:

- Pest management needed to be undertaken in Ongaonga Scenic Reserve.
- The metal dump should be shifted and a carpark installed where the metal dump was currently located.
- A swing bridge should be provided across the river to Ongaonga Scenic Reserve to enable volunteers to start a trapping programme. If a swing bridge was not possible then a walkway from the Lower Kaimai Reserve up along the river with a small bridge underneath the Soldiers Road bridge would suffice.

Mr Roberts responded to pātai as below:

- The Lower Kaimai Hall site should be sold to upgrade the Ongaonga Scenic Reserve or Lower Kaimai Reserve.
 - There were traffic risks with turning right into the area of the metal dump, however, this was already occurring with trucks. The other option would be to turn into Ngamuwahine Road and develop a carpark and walking access under the State Highway bridge.
 - It was a priority for access to be established into Ongaonga Scenic Reserve.
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10.4.2 SUBMITTER ID 69 – MENZSHED ŌMOKOROA

David Whitehead was in attendance on behalf of MenzShed Ōmokoroa to speak to their submission.

Mr Whitehead responded to pātai as below:

- The MenzShed Ōmokoroa had a preference to remain on the Ōmokoroa peninsular, however, there were areas towards State Highway 29 that may be suitable. It was noted that the group did not have a particular preferred location in mind.
 - It was possible for MenzShed Ōmokoroa to open more hours if a new location/building was provided.
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- The MenzShed that was being built in Whanganui was 600 square metres. MenzShed Ōmokoroa currently had three large buildings and 170 square metres of gardens.
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10.4.3 SUBMITTER ID 23 – PIRIRĀKAU TRIBAL AUTHORITY INCORPORATED

Julie Shepherd was in attendance to speak to Pirirākau Tribunal Authority Incorporated's submission and Tabled Item 1.

Ms Shepherd responded to pātai as below:

- If a memorial wall were to be established in Ōmokoroa, then Pirirākau would want it to reflect the history of the area from both a settler and Pirirākau perspective.

It was clarified that the intention of the memorial wall was to provide a place for people to put a plaque for their loved ones who were unable to be buried in Ōmokoroa as there was no cemetery there.

Staff responded to pātai as below:

- There were no specific Financial Contributions (FinCos) ringfenced for cultural heritage however, there were FinCos for reserves and an ecological impact fee. It was noted that Council could consider the Independent Commissioners' recommendation as part of Plan Change 92 to establish FinCos for historic cultural heritage.

Tabled Item 1 – Pirirākau Tribal Authority Incorporated – Oral Submission: Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan Review

10.4.4 SUBMITTER ID 21 – TE PUNA QUARRY PARK SOCIETY

Rosalie Orr was in attendance to speak to the Te Puna Quarry Park's submission, and provide a history of the site and Te Puna Quarry Park Society. In addition to the submission she noted the below points:

- The park covered difficult terrain and maintaining safe and secure access was a priority. There was scope to expand the access throughout the park, noting that the pine and gum trees that had been planted were now mature and potentially dangerous.
 - The Society had identified over 45 different tasks that were undertaken by volunteers. Some of the work required was beyond the availability and capability of the volunteers and the Society would like to see a higher level of track maintenance to improve the amenity.
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- The Society was open to exploring long-term governance and management approaches and noted the ability to harness the goodwill of volunteers would be an important consideration.

Ms Orr responded to pātai as below:

- There were no particular plans for an accessway to the Park from the Minden area. However, the Society would happily work with Council on a concept plan for this as it was steep terrain.
 - The Society did not support a name change, however they would be open to discussions on a dual name for the Park. They saw 'Te Puna Quarry Park' was a recognised brand name for the Park.
 - They were of the understanding that the Park had been classified as a reserve since the 1900s.
 - In the past, the Society had paid substantial costs for various consents required within the Park.
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10.4.5 SUBMITTER ID 34 – ŌMOKOROA RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC

Bruce McCabe was in attendance to speak to the Ōmokoroa Residents and Ratepayer Association's submission. In addition to the submission he noted the below points:

- There was an issue with rust on the parts of the new playground at the Ōmokoroa Domain.

Dr McCabe responded to pātai as below:

- Dr McCabe's proposed plan for additional parking at Ōmokoroa Domain had not yet been socialised with the wider members of the Ōmokoroa Residents and Ratepayers Association. He noted that in his observation people did not spend time near where the sewage pumping station was, which was nearby his proposed plan for additional parking.
 - Ōmokoroa residents who played croquet currently had to travel to Katikati, Mount Maunganui or Tauranga to play the sport.
 - If croquet lawns were to be developed at Precious Family Reserve, it would require significant public support and a club to drive funding and membership.
 - The idea of a croquet lawn at Precious Family Reserve had not yet been socialised with the neighbouring properties.
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10.4.6 SUBMITTER ID 36 – DEBBIE MARSHALL

Ms Marshall was in attendance to speak to her submission and Tabled Item 2. In addition to her submission she noted the below points:

- A plan should be developed for Ongaonga Scenic Reserve.
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- A stock proof fence should be installed at Ongaonga Scenic Reserve to allow the native bush to regenerate by itself.
- There was previously a 'Ongaonga Scenic Reserve' sign, however, the sign had since gone.
- Council's website currently listed Ongaonga Scenic Reserve as a dog walking area, however, Ms Marshall felt this was misleading as the area would be challenging to access with a dog.
- The proximity of Ongaonga Scenic Reserve to Tauranga City meant it was a valuable recreational area.

Ms Marshall responded to pātai as below:

- It was unclear what NZTA Waka Kotahi's long-term plans were for State Highway 29 adjacent to Ongaonga Scenic Reserve.
- Some of the improvements to the Ongaonga Scenic Reserve would be best be done by a care group. Ms Marshall was confident that there would be people keen to establish a care group for pest control in the area.
- It was a significant priority to put a stock proof fence around the boundary at Ongaonga Scenic Reserve to stop goats and deer from entering the reserve and eating any regenerative planting..

Tabled Item 2 – Debbie Marshall – Supplementary Photographs

10.4.7 SUBMITTER ID 63 – ROBERT MITFORD-BURGESS

Mr Mitford-Burgess was in attendance to speak to his submission and Tabled Item 3.

Mr Whitehead attended in support of Mr Mitford-Burgess and responded to pātai as below:

- Mr Whitehead was not aware of whether the Hamurana Road carpark area had been considered as a location for a toilet or not.
- The majority of the people who had signed the petition rejected the proposed location of the toilet at Precious Family Reserve and instead wanted it closer to the beach.

Tabled Item 3 – Robert Mitford-Burgess – Supplementary Map

10.4.8 SUBMITTER ID 72 – BOWENTOWN BEACH HOLIDAY PARK

Shawn Gardner was in attendance to speak on behalf of the Bowentown Beach Holiday Park's submission.

Staff responded to pātai as below:

- It was clarified that council staff were progressing a piece of work regarding commercial leases on reserve land.

10.4.9 SUBMITTER ID 16 – ŌMOKOROA BOWLING CLUB

Margie Sorensen, David Rolfe, Gary Newson and Gary Meads was in attendance to speak to the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club's submission. In addition to their submission they noted the below points:

- The site of the club was vulnerable to subsidence and coastal erosion. The rear of the clubroom was just 400mm from the cliff face.
- The Club had around 100 full playing members alongside casual members. They also held public and corporate events and regularly held mid-week tournaments.
- The Club was seeking a new site, which was flat and could facilitate the development of two new greens in a weather protected site.

The submitters responded to pātai as below:

- Their preferred site was below the tennis courts at Western Avenue Reserve as they felt that the site on Prole Road would be too exposed to the wind.
- They would like a covered green, however, their priority was to find a new site.
- They did not have substantial funding available, in the event they had to move early, then they may utilise one green whilst the new site was being developed.
- The site where the Club was currently situated may be suitable for croquet or pétanque once the Club relocated.
- A bowling green was not suitable for croquet to also be played on.

RESOLUTION SPC25-5.5

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Senior Recreation Planner's report dated 20 May 2025, titled "Kaimai Reserve Management Plan Review Hearings" be received.
2. That the written and verbal submissions to the review of the Kaimai RMP be received.

CARRIED

11 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

Nil

The Meeting closed at 12.22pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 24 July 2025.

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Mayor J Denyer
CHAIRPERSON / MAYOR

Unconfirmed