

Kaipara District Council

Briefing Minutes

Date: 03 June 2020
Time: 9:36 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Location: Northern Wairoa War Memorial Hall, Dargaville

Members present: Mayor Jason Smith
Deputy Mayor Anna Curnow
Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki
Councillor Jonathan Larsen
Councillor Mark Vincent
Councillor Peter Wethey
Councillor David Wills
Councillor Eryn Wilson-Collins
Apology: Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock

The meeting started at 9:36 a.m.

Cr Joyce-Paki opened the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting observed a moment of silence for the Black Live Matters protest in the United States.

1. Northland Transportation Alliance benefits assessment

Calvin Thomas (NTA Manager) gave a presentationⁱ and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Mangakahia Road
- Kaipara's share of the costs and shared benefits
- Initial objectives of forming the NTA
- Maintenance priorities, budget and spend
- Capital expenditure and budget reporting (Annual Plan or Long Term Plan) across councils
- Public information, possible dashboard reporting to the community
- Employment and employee benefits
- Concerns regarding possible focus on the Whangarei District.

2. Kaipara Kai programme update

Diane Bussey (Kaipara Kickstart Programme Manager) gave a verbal update and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Budget transparency
- Ongoing maintenance costs, and how these will be reflected in Asset Management Plans and Annual / Long Term Plans
- Pros and cons of underspent budget
- Transition to implementation
- Timeframes.

Council directed staff to:

- Develop an overall timeframe / status update to be able to inform constituents.

3. Kaipara Wharves – Final Programme Business Case and Feasibility Study

Diane Miller (Kaipara Kickstart Project Manager) and Gavin Flynn (AR & Associates) gave a presentationⁱⁱ and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Status of the feasibility study
- Feedback received from iwi and the wider community
- Local transport subsidy
- Depreciation costs
- Tourism Destination Management Plan (Northland Inc.)
- Marae security and other events
- Other wharves in the district
- Sharing costs and benefits across the District
- Pahi carpark
- Environmental implications
- Reserves Act and the Reserve Management Plans.

Council directed staff to:

- Proceed developing the implementation plan.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11:22 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

4. Kaipara Sub-Regional Spatial Plan

Paul Waanders (District Planner), Joao Machado (AR & Associates) and Gary Marshall (Resilio Studio) gave a presentationⁱⁱⁱ and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- New, more laypeople-friendly name for the Sub-Regional Spatial Plan
- Land use capability and viable farmland
- Riparian planting
- Consistency with the other Spatial Plans
- Previous community and iwi engagement.

Council directed staff to:

- Engage the community with the draft Sub-Regional Spatial Plan, with minor corrections.

Elected members were invited to email the Policy Team with any minor corrections and contact details of people who may be interested in giving feedback.

5. 2022 Local Government Elections: Māori Representation

Jason Marris (General Manager Transformation and Engagement) gave a presentation^{iv} and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Demographic information on iwi affiliation and the Māori electoral roll
- Black Lives Matter movement
- Active and early engagement with the local iwi
- Role of the local iwi in the process
- Cost of poll
- Māori representation and how this differs from ward representation
- Open and transparent processes.

Council directed staff to:

- Open discussions with tangata whenua, being:
 - open and transparent about the process and the possible outcomes of the poll (if held)
 - clear that Council has not pre-determined the decision, and that no decisions have been made to date.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Cr Joyce-Paki left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

6. Introduction – Proposed Climate Change

Katy Simons (Sustainable Policy Planner Analyst) gave a presentation^v and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- National efforts, national government status and its effect on local authorities
- National coordination vs. Council mandate
- Global trends vs local mitigations
- Community interest, concern and expectations
- Impact on ratepayers, such as property values, subdivision
- Importance of public information for ratepayers
- Urgent need for Adaptive Pathways Plan
- Cost positive or cost-effective methods, such as LED lightbulbs
- Global demands for green, sustainable projects and solutions
- Kaipara-specific perspectives, problems, opportunities and solutions
- Pros and cons of monitoring carbon emissions
- Connectivity across the District – roads, electricity, broadband
- Aligning Council's vision to the strategy
- Prudent leadership
- Possible areas for regional collaboration.

Council directed staff to:

- Look at Ruawai for possible pilot study
- Review information coming out of Hawke's Bay.

Cr Joyce-Paki returned to the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

7. Risk Management Framework - Risk Appetite

Sue Davison (General Manager Sustainable Growth and Investment) gave a presentation^{vi} and answered questions from elected members. Stana Pezic (Independent Chair of the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee) joined via audio link.

Council and Ms Pezic discussed each risk category and provided feedback.

Council directed staff to draft an amended version for adoption at a council meeting, with the whole Risk Management Framework attached.

Crs Larsen and Wills left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

The meeting closed at 3:15 p.m.

ⁱ 'Northland Transportation Alliance benefits assessment' presentation

ⁱⁱ 'Kaipara Wharves – Final Programme Business Case and Feasibility Study' presentation

ⁱⁱⁱ 'Kaipara Sub-Regional Spatial Plan' presentation

^{iv} '2022 Local Government Elections: Māori Representation' presentation

^v 'Introduction – Proposed Climate Change Strategy' presentation

^{vi} 'Risk Management Framework – Risk Appetite' presentation