

Minutes of the Kaipara District Council Briefing

Date: Wednesday, 3 February 2021
Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Location: Lighthouse Function Centre
32 Mount Wesley Coast Road
Dargaville

Members Present: Councillor Peter Wethey (**Chair**)
Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock
Councillor Mark Vincent
Councillor David Wills
Councillor Eryn Wilson-Collins

Apologies: Mayor Jason Smith
Deputy Mayor Anna Curnow
Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki
Councillor Jonathan Larsen

Councillor del la Varis-Woodcock opened the Briefing with a Karakia.

1. Dargaville Racecourse presentation

Representatives of the Dargaville Racecourse project made a presentation in relation to the development of the Dargaville Racecourse.

The presenters raised the following matters:

- Discussed the history of the project, governance organisation, and discussions with previous and current government to date
- Explained the challenges and dynamics of the ownership and legislative matters connected to the land
- Emphasised that the racecourse provides many opportunities for community development for the Dargaville area
- Outlined the project concept and goals.

Elected Members raised the following matters:

- Discussed the relationship between the project and the spatial plan
- Emphasised that the Council must ensure that any process it is part of, must be transparent and accountable.

2. **Water Services Bill**

Donnick Mugusto (Project Manager) presented this item. There was no PowerPoint for this item.

The following matters were raised:

- Background to the reform process and content was described
- Impacts on local government of the reforms was discussed. It was noted that there are several Bills currently going through the Parliament with clear timeframes on reform implementation and structures.

Council direction:

- Suggests the following inclusions:
- Impacts on local business
- Address the question of who a supplier is
- Who pays for the impacts of the reform
- Continue as presented.

3. **Kaipara District Drought Management Plans**

Donnick Mugusto (Project Manager) presented this item. PowerPoint attached.

The following matters were raised:

- Discussed how the Plan connected with Three Waters Reform
- Noted that the funding for projects have come from Three Waters tranche 1 payments
- Described and discussed the sources of water in the district and challenges that the sources present
- Discussed the issues that result from a lack of clarity around the various restriction levels and water allocations.

Council direction:

- Provide more clarity on what is defined as essential use
- Continue as presented.

4. Submission on Climate Change Commission Emissions Budget and Reduction Plan

Katy Simon (Policy Analyst) presented this item. PowerPoint attached.

The following matters were raised:

- Noted the process and background to the submission
- Explained and discussed the development, drafting, layout, and content of the draft submission
- Described and discussed climate change regulation and proposed ongoing changes on communities and council operations.

Council direction:

- Provide feedback to Katy via email by Fri 5 Feb 2021
- Continue as presented.

5. Customer Experience update

Nadine Spring (Customer Support Manager) and Darlene Lang (General Manager, Customer Experience) presented this item. PowerPoint attached.

The following matters were raised:

- Discussed the role of EMs in developing the organisational culture of the Council
- Emphasised the need for accountability at all levels and layers of the Council
- Noted that it is an ongoing process of continual improvement with council staff through ongoing training and making any changes as a result of the external resident's survey

Council direction:

- Include accountability of all decision makers where possible
- Continue as presented.

6. Petitions Policy review

Gavin Dawson (Governance Advisor) presented this item. There was no PowerPoint for this item.

The following matters were raised:

- Noted that the existing Policy was fit for purpose and reflected the current governance environment

- Noted that amendments had to be to the existing Policy to align it with Section 17 of Standing Orders.

Council direction:

- Continue as presented.

Councillor del la Varis-Woodcock opened the Briefing with a Karakia.

The Briefing closed at 12.30 pm.