

Decisions made under delegation during the 2024/25 summer recess period

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 26 February 2025
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Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To provide Council with information on the decisions made under delegation by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor during the 2024/25 summer recess period.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Council delegated authority to any two of either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and one other Councillor, to make urgent decisions on behalf of Council during the recess period. Two such decisions were made under this delegation. One, regarding a temporary road closure for a rally event, was later cancelled following a petition from residents opposing the event. The decision reports are now presented to Council for formal acknowledgment and notation.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the decisions made under delegation during the recess period, including:
 - i. Judicial review – Claim for costs (**Attachment A**)
 - ii. Temporary road closure approval – Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club Event 23 February 2025 (**Attachment B**), noting that the event was later cancelled, which made the decision void.

Context | Horopaki

At the 27 November 2024 Council Meeting, it was agreed that the any two of either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and one other Councillor were able to make decisions on behalf of Council on matters that were not major.

In that resolution, it was also agreed that a report would be provided to the first Council Meeting of 2025 outlining any decisions over the summer recess period. This report provides that information, and the relevant reports that were submitted under delegation for consideration.

The decision-making delegation formally ends at the start of the first scheduled Council meeting on 26 February 2025.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

The following decisions were made under delegation:

- Judicial review – Claim for costs (**Attachment A**)
- Temporary road closure approval – Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club Event 23 February 2025 (**Attachment B**). Please note this decision was voided due to cancellation of the rally event, as explained below.

The Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club (HCMC) Rally, which was approved under urgent decision by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on 15 January 2025, was later cancelled. HCMC decided to cancel their rally event, planned for 23 February 2025, following a petition from residents received in the last week of January. The petitioners expressed concerns about potential damage to newly sealed roads, stones damaging farmland, and stress on animals. HCMC had visited the area and conducted a letter drop on 17 November, and a public notice was issued with an objection period, during which no objections were received. However, HCMC chose to cancel the rally event due to concerns about potential public issues and damage to participants' vehicles. The club is now considering an alternative route for the rally at a later date and is in ongoing discussions with residents.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

No further actions are required regarding this report. The delegation of decision-making authority formally ends at the start of the first scheduled Council meeting on 26 February 2025.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Judicial review – Claim for costs
B	Temporary road closure approval – Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club Event 23 February 2025 - Cancelled