

# MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 9.00 AM, TOTARA, 96 WEST END, KAIKŌURA

**PRESENT:** Mayor C Mackle (Chair), Deputy Mayor J Howden, Councillor N Pablecheque  
Councillor R Roche, Councillor T Blunt, Councillor D Millton, Councillor L Bond

Councillor V Gulleford (present via Teams)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** W Doughty (Chief Executive Officer), M Dickson (Senior Manager Corporate Services), D Clibbery (Senior Manager Operations), Sheryl Poulsen (Finance Manager), Becky Makin (Executive Officer - minutes)

**1. KARAKIA**

**2. APOLOGIES**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil**

**4. MATTERS FOR URGENT BUSINESS Nil**

**5. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**5.1 Report to Approve the Updated Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (LTP) and Supporting Information for Audit New Zealand**

Good comments were provided around the updated section of the draft LTP that related specifically to the outcomes from submissions, hearings and deliberations in part one. It was noted that it was good to see the environmental commentary included in that section.

No specific comments on the updated draft LTP were raised by Mayor C Mackle, Cr V Gulleford, Cr N Pablecheque, Cr L Bond, Deputy Mayor J Howden and Cr R Roche.

Cr T Blunt queried if the sewer loan had been fully repaid and what the annual interest cost was for the loan. Council staff confirmed that the loan has been fully repaid. The principal and interest costs were not readily available to provide an answer and council staff would confirm these costs to Cr T Blunt. The impact on the commercial rate payers from removing that loan was highlighted.

Council staff advised that the urban residential rubbish collection only impacted urban property rates and did not affect the rural property rates. The reduction in costs for waste and recycling came from the final tender price, which benefited all ratepayers. It also had the effect of reducing the UAGC which allowed more general rates to be incorporated into the UAGC without breaching the 30% cap.

Cr T Blunt and Cr D Millton expressed their concerns around the rural differentials and the impacts to rural ratepayers. Cr T Blunt was unable to be present for the full the Deliberations on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 and would have liked to have seen more examples from year-two of any changes in the differentials.

A discussion was held on the UACG percentage and it was noted that the Council has maintained it at approximately 29.5% each year for ten year to provide a small margin of error for any changes. The Finance Manager does not recommend increasing the UACG percentage and stressed that there are penalties for going over the 30% threshold.

A query was raised if Audit New Zealand needed be notified of the change to the capital roading programme. Council staff advised that the summary report and supporting information on the changes to the model since consultation will be provided to Audit NZ.

Cr D Millton noted his issues previously raised around sustainability and overheads. He found it disappointing that the Churchill Park toilet had been previously discussed by the Council and no commitment was being included in the updated draft LTP, whereas a 20% co-funding contribution for the Link Pathway had been. Cr D Millton commented that any income from Wakatu Quay would reduce the commercial sector rates, and he felt this should be evenly spread across all sectors. A request was made for more information from the Works & Services Council Team to provide roading physical works metrics their monthly reporting.

The Council acknowledged and thanked the council staff for their work to deliver the updated draft LTP and comprehensive Infrastructure Strategy. They were impressed with the community engagement and communications. Mayor C Mackle expressed his comfort with the updated draft LTP and thanked the staff for their long hours worked. He further thanked the councillors for their time and input.

It was noted that any changes identified by Audit New Zealand will be highlighted to the Council at the next meeting on 28 July 2021 were the final plan will be adopted.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*THAT the Council:*

- 1. Receives this report with regard to the updates made to the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 since public consultation.*
- 2. Approves the updated draft LTP documents Parts one to four to provide to Audit NZ.*
- 3. Notes that adoption of the final Long Term Plan 2021-31 is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 following feedback from Audit NZ.*

Moved: Cr N Pablecheque

Seconded: Cr R Roche

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

*THAT the Council:*

- 1. Approve funding support of \$5,000 to the Kekerengu community facility for renovations from unallocated grants and subsidies.*
- 2. Approve funding support of \$2,500 to Vetcare Kaikōura in terms of responsible pet ownership with a special focus on desexing and microchipping domestic cats.*

3. *Supports the communications around responsible pet ownership.*

Moved: Mayor C Mackle  
Seconded: Cr R Roche


**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. CLOSE MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.58 am

Moved: Cr D Millton  
Seconded: Cr R Roche

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CONFIRMED  Chairperson  
11/08/2021 Date