

Council meeting 24th September 2025 – Summary News:

Below is a brief summary of the some key decisions from the Council meeting held on the 24th of September 2025. You can read the full reports online in our agenda:

<https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/council/meetings-calendar-agendas-minutes>

Animals Bylaw and Dog Control Policy:

Council advertised the Animals Bylaw and the Dog Control Policy to the public for consultation on 1 August 2025; the consultation closed at 4pm on 1 September 2025. In total, 56 submissions were received from the community on the draft Animals Bylaw and Dog Control Policy, and 7 people submitted in person. The Animals Bylaw now includes sections about cat management and also protection of nesting birds.

Outcome:

The Animals Bylaw and Dog Control Policy were today adopted by Council.

Adoption of and approval to release the Walking and Riding Strategy:

Council advertised the Walking and Riding Strategy to the public for consultation on 1 August 2025; the consultation closed at 4pm on 1 September 2025. In total, 38 submissions were received from the community on the draft Walking and Riding Strategy, and 4 people submitted in person. The strategy includes some very cool projects to be implemented over the next 20 years but the work will start now.

Outcome:

Today, Council unanimously adopted the Walking and Riding Strategy to come into effect from 1 October 2025.

Commemorative Policy:

A new Commemorative Policy was discussed with Council at the 13 August 2025 workshop. Outlined was how the Commemorative Policy would provide KDC the ability to celebrate people or events with a strong connection to the district whilst also contributing to wider initiatives. It enables people to donate park furniture/equipment (benches, picnic tables and BBQs, and youth play and outdoor exercise equipment), trees and art, property or structures, or the money to produce and install/plant/build such commemoratives.

Outcome:

The Commemorative Policy was today adopted by Council.

Adoption of Waste Assessment and Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) sets out the objectives, policies and methods for achieving effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within the District, based upon an assessment of associated factors set out in a Waste Assessment document which meets the requirement of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (the Act).

The WMMP is also important because it is key to enabling use of funding collected from central government's Waste Disposal Levies. Such funding may only be used to support approved waste minimisation activities that are included in the current WMMP.

Outcome:

Today Council adopted and approved the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

Council Guarantor Status:

It is proposed that Council becomes a guaranteeing member of the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) to primarily support cabinets decisions that Local Government Funding Association (LGFA) will extend lending to Water Entities only if they are council controlled and financially backed by their parent councils. Being an LGFA guarantor also enables the borrowing capacity and agility to secure long term, low cost, loan funding in excess of \$20M for any large projects that may eventuate (although this is not the primary driver for this paper). Standards and Poor's have assessed the chances of the guarantee being called as "extremely low", with multiple forms of funding available to LGFA before the guarantee is used.

Outcome:

This was unanimously carried as per the recommendations in the report.

Valedictories

Three Councillors are standing down at the end of this triennium after 27 years' service between them. They each provided an overview of some of their highlights in office over that time.