



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 4 September 2024 commencing at 09:30am.

## **1. Present**

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland, S A Wallace and S M Wards

### **In Attendance**

Ms R Bell	- RFB Consulting
Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Ms S Lowe	- Group Manager – People, Capability and Customer Experience
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager – Infrastructure
Ms J Neilson	- Solid Waste Manager
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

## **2. Acknowledgement**

The Council acknowledged the sad passing of Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII with a minutes silence.

## **3. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

## **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## **5. Public Excluded Items of Business**

*That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this*

*meeting, namely:*

***Rates Rebate Direct Debit Error***

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.*

<b><i>General subject matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<b><i>Rates Rebate Direct Debit Error</i></b>	<b><i>To maintain legal professional privilege</i></b>	<b><i>&lt;Section (1)(a)(i)</i></b>

*This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:*

***s7(2)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege***

***Also, that Rebecca Bell be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.***

***Crs Johns/Wards***

***Carried***

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 9:35am and resumed open meeting at 11:05am.*

## **6. Reports**

### **6.1 Hearing of Submissions - draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan**

**Submission 001 – Ernie Christison** – Mr Christison spoke about his passion for waste management and the potential to add value to the district. He explained to Council the equipment he had that is used for crushing waste concrete and glass to turn it into useful products such as fill for building sites and roading aggregate. He talked about the potential for recycling these products within the district, which would save the costs of transporting the waste out of the district for disposal. He showed a sample of his crushed concrete to the meeting and invited members to visit his yard to see the equipment demonstrated and also offered to do a free demonstration at the transfer station. In response to a question about the noise level of the equipment, he advised that people can stand within a close distance to the equipment and still talk to each other.

- 6.2 **Submission 004 - Christopher Cape** – Mr Cape spoke to his submission, noting his longstanding interest in recycling since the 1970s. He noted the Council’s plans to manage waste, but felt there was a lot more that could be done to reduce waste. He spoke about a booklet published many years ago in Wellington which was a register of waste products being produced by industries in the area, which encouraged people to contact those industries if they had a use for the waste product, and then access those products free of charge. He suggested that the Council consider creating such a listing, either online or in a booklet form, a register available to the public as a channel for getting rid of waste. He noted the recent media coverage about the organisation taking tyres to chip and reconstitute and was pleased to see a cost effective method for people to dispose of used tyres. With regard to used batteries, he felt it would be helpful if there was a depository system such as at the library and Council offices to drop batteries off to, instead of people needing to take them to the transfer station office. With regard to recycling soft plastics, he asked that Council encourage soft plastic recycling collection stations at the local supermarkets. With regard to whiteware and electronic waste he asked whether there was any ability for Council to encourage community groups to collect and recycle componentry, or for Council to subsidise disposal costs.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 August 2024 concerning the Hearing of Submissions - draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan be received.***

***Crs Long/Franklin***

***Carried***

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*Crs Wards/Gilmore*

*Carried*

*The meeting returned to public excluded session at 11:33am and resumed at 4:10pm.*

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 4:10pm.

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Mayor