



Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 16 April 2025 commencing at 2:00pm.

1. Welcome and Meeting Opening

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

In Attendance

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive (via Teams)
Mrs K Tani	- Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Ms S Lowe	- Group Manager – People and Capability
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Mr D Watson	- Manager – Special Projects
Mr M Dunn	- Three Waters Manager
Mr D Erard	- Tararua Alliance Manager
Mr A Desmond	- Network Manager
Mrs A Howell	- External Communications and Intelligence Lead
Mr M Guile	- Procurement Specialist
Ms S Fountaine	- Local Recovery Community Hub Coordinator
Mr P Sinclair	- Emergency Management Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 *That the minutes of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 19 March 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Wallace/Johns

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Infrastructure Management Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 10 April 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 8 March 2025 to 4 April 2025.

Councillors A K Franklin and S M Wards joined the meeting via Teams at 2:04pm.

Her Worship the Mayor joined the meeting via Teams at 2:06pm.

It was noted that an application for additional funding from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi for projects to improve the roading network had been successful. It was noted that a meeting with NZ Transport Agency officials had been arranged where such matters as the revocation of part of state highway 3 (Manawatu Gorge) would be discussed.

Assurance was sought from a health and safety perspective regarding the construction of the new chemical storage area at the Pahiatua Water Treatment Plant that measures were in place to reduce risk.

With regards to the works to fix the erosion at the outfall at the Pongaroa site, that local people were informed about this.

With regard to the recent visit by the Waste Ed team, it was advised that a formal report would be provided for discussion at the next meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee.

Concern was expressed about the break ins and damage at the transfer stations,

and it was asked whether it was possible to provide information at a future stage that quantified the cost of the damage and what this added to the cost of providing the service.

It was also asked whether it was possible to provide data on the level of contamination in recycling that showed data on each town's amount of contaminated recycling.

That the report from the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 04 April 2025 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.

Peeti-Webber/Long

Carried

7.2 Review of Hawkes Bay Cyclone Gabrielle Review

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Emergency Management Advisor dated 10 April 2025 that provided key insights and learnings from the Hawkes Bay Cyclone Gabrielle Review.

It was noted that emergency management training with elected members would be planned for the future, and at that time it would be a good opportunity to review our emergency preparedness and resilience for future events again.

The lack of real time river level data was highlighted, noting that this needed to be addressed with the regional council.

In summary it was noted that there had been a number of reviews, there was a need to look at whether we are adequately resourced, have sufficient training in place, and ensuring relationships are in place. Especially with surge resourcing with our neighbouring councils.

With regard to the problem of slash causing damage to our district's bridges and roading network it was asked whether the Council would have any involvement in deciding tree planting set backs, or whether this would be decided on a national basis.

That the report from the Emergency Management Advisor dated 07 April 2025 concerning the Review of Hawkes Bay Cyclone Gabrielle Review be received.

Chase/Johns

Carried

7.3 Portfolio Programme Project Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Three Waters Manager dated 11 April 2025 that provided an update on the key portfolios, programmes and project statuses.

That the report from the Three Waters Manager dated 11 April 2025 concerning

the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.

Gilmore/Peeti-Webber

Carried

8. Items not on the Agenda

8.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3:16pm.

Chairperson