



## **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 21 May 2025 commencing at 1:00 pm.

### **1. Welcome and Meeting Opening**

Cr K A Sutherland (Chairperson), 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, S A Wallace and S M Wards

#### **In Attendance**

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mrs K Tani	- Group Manager – Strategy and Information
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Operations
Mr D Watson	- Manager – Special Projects
Mr M Dunn	- Manager – Programmes and Projects
Mr D Erard	- Tararua Alliance Manager
Mr A Desmond	- Network Manager – Tararua Alliance
Ms M Watson	- Stakeholder & Communications Manager – Tararua Alliance
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Public Forum**

#### **3.1 Celebration of Winning of Apopo Award by the Tararua Alliance Team**

The Apopo Award, “Kōmata o Te Rangi” was formerly brought into the Council Chamber with karanga, accompanied by honoured guests. The Chairperson passed the meeting over to Her Worship the Mayor to welcome everyone to the

meeting. Her Worship the Mayor spoke about the Award ceremony, and the history of the project, expressing gratitude for the Provincial Growth Fund that allowed the project to be funded. She spoke about the creation of the Award Kaupopo o te Rangi which represents the pinnacle of achievement.

Andrew Desmond, Tararua Alliance Network Manager, showed the presentation that they gave on the project at the Awards, which covered the following:

- The funding of the project through \$14.6 million of Provincial Growth funding, with an additional \$2 million of funding added post Cyclone Gabrielle;
- The Community Partnerships;
- The improvements needed to the road ;
- The upgrade's purpose to lift the economy and community, improve safety and create a resilient connection;
- Created the equivalent of full time work for 230 people with 91% local, as well as locally sourced materials;
- Dealing with historic infrastructure, finding root causes of problems being experienced;
- Safety improvements they made;
- Addressed slope stability and upgraded the pavement;
- Upskilled people through the project;
- How they dealt with three cyclones and ten storms through the project.

Representatives from Kanoa (Provincial Growth Fund), Contractors HES and Alabaster Contracting, and Apopo, the association of infrastructure asset management professionals, also spoke about the award, with the contractors thanking the Tararua Alliance and Tararua District Council for the opportunity to work on the project. Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged and thanked Council's iwi partners for their partnership through the project.

*The meeting adjourned at 1:49pm and resumed at 2:05pm*

#### **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 16 April 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Wallace/Johns*

*Carried*

**7. Reports**

**7.1 Portfolio Programme Project Report**

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Three Waters Manager dated 16 May 2025 that provided an update on the key portfolios, programmes and project statuses.

With regard to the Carnegie building in Dannevirke, and a request for a timeframe for reporting back to the Council, it was noted that officers were looking to present at the earliest possible opportunity.

*That the report from the Three Waters Manager dated 30 April 2025 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.*

*Wallace/Chase*

*Carried*

**7.2 Infrastructure Management Report**

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 16 May 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 12 April 2025 to 10 May 2025.

With regard to the visit signalled in the report to Roadscience, an organisation who do innovative work around preventative treatments to roads, and provide advice on how to carry out resealing work in different weather conditions, officers reported that they would be trialling some of their products in pavement works.

Officers noted that the Gorge Road and detour routes (Saddle Road and Pahiatua Track) hand-back conversations were underway with NZTA. Work was needed on funding for these, and will be proposing that the road speed limits revert to the previous 80km speed limit. With regard to the State

Highway 3 revocation, they noted that NZTA were keen to transfer the Manawatu Gorge bridge to Council and this was under negotiation.

Clarification was sought on whether an audit had been undertaken to ensure properties in Akitio had water tanks installed as per the requirements of the bylaw. In response it was noted that a letter had been sent to residents reminding them of the requirement and thanking those that were already compliant.

Concern was expressed on the impact on Council's operations from boil water notices being imposed when water testing showed there was no contamination. It was suggested that these should be a subject of a case study that could be passed up to central government to highlight the impacts of these notices.

With regard to the Norsewood recycling drop off centre, officers provided a verbal update that some alternative locations were being investigated. A paper would be brought to this committee and the community would be consulted.

***That the report from the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 05 May 2025 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.***

***Peeti-Webber/Franklin***

***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 3:38pm

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Chairperson