



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 11 June 2025 commencing at 9:30 am.

1. Present

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland, 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
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager
Mr K van der Oord	- Communications Team Manager
Mrs S Walshe	- Finance Manager
Mrs B Fowler	- Senior Financial Accountant
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The meeting opened with karakia.

3. Apologies

That the apologies from Cr S M Gilmore be received and leave of absence granted for the meeting.

Mayor Collis/Wards

Carried

4. Reports

4.1 Local Water Done Well - The Future of Water Services for Tararua District

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Chief Advisor dated 24 May 2025 that concluded the consultation process on Local Water Done Well. The report recommended the preferred option, to form a joint water services organisation with the Wairarapa District Councils of Masterton, Carterton and

South Wairarapa. The report also sought delegation for the Chief Executive to progress negotiations with the three Wairarapa Councils.

The Chief Executive spoke to the report, noting that the Chief Executives of the four Councils had been working on a document to discuss with the four Councils, setting out decisions needing to be made.

In response to a question about recommendation 1.4 whether there would be sufficient time for officers to develop alternative options if any Councils exit from the group, the Chief Executive noted that Council needed to go through this process as it is, however he was confident that if there was a need to pivot officers would be ready.

The Chief Executive noted that officers had reached out to the Department of Internal Affairs for guidance on some of the more contentious points of negotiation between the Councils.

That the report from the Chief Advisor dated 24 May 2025 concerning the Local Water Done Well - The Future of Water Services for Tararua District be received.

That Tararua District Council proceeds with the proposed joint water services model by establishing a joint council-controlled organisation (joint-CCO) with the district councils of Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa, and Tararua as participating councils, the “Wairarapa – Tararua Model”.

That the Chief Executive be delegated authority to enter into a Commitment Agreement with the participating councils and commence developing the Water Services Delivery Plan and to negotiate the key principles, terms and conditions of a Joint Wairarapa-Tararua Council controlled Organisation with Masterton, Carterton and Wairarapa District Councils and report this back to a future meeting of the Tararua District Council.

That the Tararua District Council note that should any of the Wairarapa Councils subsequently decide to exit from the proposed Joint Wairarapa-Tararua Council Controlled Organisation, then a report outlining next steps would be brought to the Council for consideration at that time.

Crs Johns/Sutherland

Carried

A division was called:

Voting for the motion: Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors Johns, Chase, Franklin, Peeti-Webber, Sutherland, Wards

Voting against the motion: Cr Long

Abstaining: Cr Wallace

5. Closure

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 9:59am.

Mayor