



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON:

Monday, 14 June 2021, 9am	Te Whetu O Te Rangi Marae, 612 Welcome Bay Road, Tauranga
Tuesday, 15 June 2021, 9.30am	Tauranga City Council, Council Chambers, 91 Willow Street, Tauranga
Wednesday, 16 June 2021, 9.30am	Club Mount Maunganui, 45 Kawaka Street, Mt Maunganui
Thursday, 16 June 2021, 8am	Tauranga City Council, Council Chambers, 91 Willow Street, Tauranga
Friday, 18 June 2021, 8am	Tauranga City Council, Council Chambers, 91 Willow Street, Tauranga

PRESENT: Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Stephen Selwood and Commissioner Bill Wasley

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (General Manager: Corporate Services), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Susan Jamieson (General Manager: People & Engagement), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: Community Services), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Cynthia Hamel (Kaiarahi Māori), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Mererina Murray (Pae Arahi), Joel Peters (Team Leader: Engagement), Brooke Lavery (Team Leader: Communications), Harry Mayer-Singh (Team Leader: Creative & Digital), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Committee Support), Raj Naidu (Committee Advisor) and Jenny Teeuwen (Committee Advisor)

Monday, 14 June 2021 at 9am

At 9.00am Commission Chair Anne Tolley opened the meeting at the gate of the Te Whetu o te Rangi Marae.

At 9.01am, the meeting was adjourned for the powhiri to take place.

Ms Rahera Ohia, Ms Matire Duncan and other iwi/hapu speakers addressed the Commissioners regarding the Long-term Plan and other issues.

At 10.50am, the meeting resumed.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

The 14 June 2021 session was opened with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 BUSINESS

4.1 2021-2031 Long-term Plan - Hearings 14-18 June 2021

RESOLUTION CO10/21/1

Moved: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the written submissions to the draft 2021-2031 Long-term Plan.
- (b) Receives and accepts submission numbers 1789-1814 that were received after submissions closed at 4pm on 7 June 2021.

CARRIED

The following members of the public spoke to their submission to the draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).

A copy of all presentations and documents tabled at the 2021-2031 LTP submission hearings can be viewed on Tauranga City Council's (TCC) website at the below link:

<https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/council/council-documents/long-term-plans/long-term-plan-2021-31/long-term-plan-2021-2031-tabled-documents-and-presentations>

(1) **Submission 375 – Rolph Hediger – Incubator**

Mr Hediger was a young artist and spoke in support of the Incubator. He had been involved with the Incubator for several years as a volunteer and as part of an art group. The Incubator had encouraged and enabled Mr Hediger to do things he had thought he would be unable to do. The Incubator offered a feeling of belonging and offered a way to help young people experiencing social problems.

(2) **Submission 49 – Stephen Lasslett**

Mr Lasslett spoke to his submission regarding Taumata School in Pyes Pa and the lack of sporting and recreational facilities for the school. The school had one playground for 500 plus children. He suggested the adjacent neighbourhood reserve be split up; one share for reserve and one share for school recreational facilities. The community was in support of the proposal. The school was able to provide for parking and would be able to provide funding to set up the recreational facilities. Access to the reserve would be through the school; however, the school had security monitoring and CCTV cameras and Mr Lasslett believed public access through the school grounds would not be an issue.

Submission 49 - Presentation and tabled document.

(3) **Submission 1818 - Chris Nepia - Te Reti B & C Residue Trust**

Mr Nepia spoke to the Te Reti B & C Residue Trust submission regarding the Trust land being developed as papakainga. 17 houses were currently on the land but providing additional housing was restricted by the access on to Cambridge Road. The Trust could provide a further 24 houses if the entrance was widened and was seeking support from Council to construct the widening of the entrance. There was no timeframe to get the work done but demand for housing was there. The Trust's income from rent effectively only covered the rates.

(4) **Puhirake Ihaka - Ngāti Tapu – late submission**

Mr Ihaka spoke about the 2009 Matapihi Land Use Plan. The plan was to enable the whenua to be developed as papakainga. The plan was for 10 years and Mr Ihaka requested that a review be undertaken of the Plan because the original concept did not meet the papakainga requirements of today. The review would take into account issues

experienced over the past 10 years with water, wastewater and roading to bring them up to today's standards. Access to the papakainga areas would also need to be addressed. Reviewed plans were presented to the TCC/Tangata Whenua joint standing committee, and then to council for approval.

(5) Submission 128 – Sally Quaddel

Ms Quaddel spoke to her suggestion for a movable platform/stage in the CBD, possibly in Red Square, where school students could perform. Ms Quaddel believed this would bring people into the city to see performances, start conversations and get people interested. It was envisioned that the acts would continually change as different schools became involved. In terms of transport, faster, speedier transport was required; smaller buses, going to more places, and a bus service that did a continual circuit around the city centre.

(6) Submission 155 – Jodie Robertson - Kāinga Tupu Taskforce

Representatives from Wise Property Solutions, Bay Trust, Te Puni Kokiri and Corrections spoke to the Kāinga Tupu Taskforce submission. The vision of the Taskforce was that homelessness in the Western Bay of Plenty was prevented where possible or was rare, brief and non-reoccurring. The Taskforce supported the proposed change to the Development Contributions (DCs) policy but believed that amount proposed to be set aside for social housing would not be enough. The Taskforce would like to see continued support from TCC for the coordination function.

(7) Submission 415 – Gillian Cook - Society for Co-operative Housing New Zealand (SCoopNZ)

Ms Cook spoke to the lack of social/community housing in Tauranga. SCoopNZ represented people who were between those that could afford to buy a house and those who couldn't or were homeless, and wanted people to be more resilient in their homes. SCoopNZ did not want to see Tauranga City Council (TCC) opt out of elder housing and suggested TCC employ community liaison staff specifically for housing.

At 12.30pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 1.10pm, the meeting resumed.

(8) Submission 1294 – Janet Freeman - Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Tauranga

Ms Freeman took the submission as read and asked if the Commissioners had any questions.

In response to questions

- CAB wanted to be part of the civic centre redevelopment.
- The satellite office in Papamoa would be open once a week, starting in July.
- CAB provided Justice of the Peace (JP) clinics.
- Additional funding had been requested to replace outdated equipment.

(9) Submission 1508 – David Riley and Dr Lesley Lyons-McAdam - Child Poverty Action Group Western Bay of Plenty

Mr Riley and Dr Lyons-McAdam spoke to the Child Poverty Action Group Western Bay of Plenty submission. The Child Poverty Action Group wanted to see a greater emphasis on children and young people, particularly those living in material hardship. They encouraged TCC to look at an approach taken by Porirua City (Porirua City report provided with submission).

(10) Submission 1444 – John Wood

Mr Wood spoke to his submission about Council's history of spending and wasting public money. He used the removal of the Maleme Street slip line in to Cameron Road and the black plastic rubbish bags printed with the council logo and rubbish information as examples. Mr Wood believed an audit was needed on everything that was being proposed

to determine whether expenditure was warranted.

(11) Submission 1374 – Ian Skelton

Mr Skelton spoke to the traffic and housing issues Tauranga was facing. He believed TCC needed to be more creative with transport planning e.g. use light rail. He suggested alternative options for housing e.g. the racecourse and the airport and requested that the waterfront be revitalised and inner city parks and green spaces be protected.

Submission 1374 - Tabled document.

(12) Submission 1565 – Joel Ngātuere - Whareroa Marae and Community

Mr Ngātuere spoke to the Whareroa Marae and Community submission. Capital expenditure over the past 60 years for the port, airport, harbour bridge and heavy industry had been to the cost of the Whareroa Marae and community, who were suffering from air pollution. The Whareroa Marae and Community would like to see the removal of all heavy industry in the area and requested that Council take action and make deliberate decisions to change the outlook of the heavy industrial zone. The footprint could be better utilised for all people, not just Māori, and could provide more green space and better access to the water.

In response to questions

- The Whareroa Marae and Community wanted Totara Street, south of Hewletts Road, rezoned to residential so that no more heavy industry could push into the area.
- A large portion of the airport land was taken under the Public Works Act and any change to the use of the land would need to be unpacked with mana whenua.

(13) Submission 1514 – Andrew Thorpe - Bike Tauranga

Mr Thorpe spoke to the Bike Tauranga submission that was in support of the \$185 million provision in the LTP for the accessible streets programme for walking and cycling; it was necessary and appropriate. Traffic volumes were increasing and cycling was a big part of the solution. Safe cycle infrastructure was less than 20% of the cost of roading infrastructure per kilometre, and the carbon emission per kilometre of travel on a bicycle was less than one tenth of the equivalent person travelling in car.

Submission 1514 – Presentation.

(14) Submission 1580 – Danielle Fong

Ms Fong spoke to her submission which was in opposition to the Forrester Drive walkway, stating that the sea walls were not fit for purpose and in need of repair. She suggested Tye Park or the Rangataua Street entry to the estuary be developed as alternative water access points. She also noted that not much had been allocated to Welcome Bay in the LTP and suggested including an upgrade of Waipuna Park to include a mountain bike track, a skatepark and pump track, a multi-aged outdoor gym, and picnic tables and barbeques.

Submission 1580 – Presentation.

(15) Submission 1660 – Russell Langton

Mr Langton spoke to his submission which was in support of a 50 metre swimming pool complex in Tauranga suitable for hosting and running national and international events; either the expansion of an existing facility or a new facility. He preferred the expansion of the Baywave facility as this was centrally located and it was probably a more cost effective option.

(16) Submission 1635 – Chris McClimans - ii.coop

Mr McClimans spoke about his Software Blueprint programme and the benefits it could provide to TCC. He would like to be involved in TCC software discussions.

Submission 1635 - Presentation.

(17) Submission 1282 – Raukura Muller

Ms Muller spoke to her submission that requested Council consider providing a Youth Centre in Arataki; a place for young people to hang out and where food, events, counselling, and health checks were provided. The Arataki area was chosen as it was central to Tauranga. Ms Muller requested that young people be included to help design the Youth Centre if it was to go ahead.

(18) Submission 382 – Marie Petersen – Incubator

Ms Petersen spoke in support of the Incubator and arts and culture in Tauranga. The community's cultural needs needed to be included in city planning. Tauranga needed to accept all of its history. Ms Petersen requested that Council thought bi-culturally when looking at the cultural needs of the city.

(19) Submission 1392 – Raymond Lowe

Mr Lowe spoke to his submission regarding the roading and transport issues Tauranga was facing. Roads were already cluttered and building more houses would only add to this. He suggested that the port needed to be encouraged to consider alternatives e.g. inland ports, and use of electric trains to mitigate noise pollution. He also suggested that Welcome Bay could support more subdivisions if the road out to the east was significantly improved. Mr Lowe would like to see a supermarket in Welcome Bay.

At 3.15pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 3.45pm, the meeting resumed.

(20) Submission 1407 – Mary Dillon and Laura Wragg - Envirohub BOP

Ms Dillon and Ms Wragg spoke to the Envirohub BOP submission. Envirohub was a small not-for-profit organisation based at the Historic Village and one of 18 independent environment centres around New Zealand. Envirohub supported over 80 conservation green hands and sustainable living groups throughout the Bay of Plenty through facilitation of training opportunities, promotion of activities and networking opportunities. Envirohub's message was well-received by the community.

Submission 1407 - Video presentation. A copy of the video presentation can be obtained directly from Envirohub.

(21) Submission 1408 – Laura Wragg - Predator Free BOP

Ms Wragg spoke to the Predator Free BOP submission. Predator Free BOP was a backyard rat and stoat trapping group whose aim was to bring back native birds to Tauranga and the Western Bay. Rats were widespread across Tauranga and there was currently a wait list for 200 trapping tunnels. Predator BOP currently had over 1,800 volunteers; 25,000 volunteer hours per year. The funding requested would enable expansion of the Matua programme to include monitoring and data collection as well as the establishment of a trap library to be rolled out across the city.

Submission 1408 - Video presentation. A copy of the video presentation can be obtained directly from Predator Free BOP.

(22) Submission 1319 – Karla Akuhata - Waiariki Park Region

Ms Akuhata spoke to the Waiariki Park Region submission. Waiariki Park Region was a new environmental initiative whose goal was to create a greener, healthier, wilder, more resilient region. They were developing a regional toolkit to help accelerate environmental action and requested funding from TCC to help establish an eight person team as part of the toolkit. What work was undertaken and what could be implemented would be dependent on what funding was received overall for the initiative. The initiative was essentially supersizing what Envirohub and Predator Free were doing while centralising resources to get more efficiency and effectiveness.

Submission 1319 – Presentation.

(23) Submission 1783 – Chris Ingram

Mr Ingram spoke to his submission which was in support of improving safety for recreational cyclists in Tauranga. There were currently no up-to-date cycleway maps for Tauranga. Mr Ingram had created 10 maps for the city which included distance, time and amenities. He was seeking cooperation and assistance from TCC to put these onto a city-wide map to be made available in i-Sites, and on devices etc.

(24) Submission 1601 – Tanya Horo - TM Horo Management and BOPAS LTD

Ms Horo spoke to the TM Horo Management and BOPAS LTD submission which was about the film industry in Tauranga. BOPAS Ltd was a community endeavour that taught actors in film and TV work, and had also brought TV commercials to Tauranga. There was overseas interest in what was being done in Tauranga but there was no infrastructure. Ms Horo requested more inclusion with Council to see what could be achieved together and, in particular, how Council might assist with getting people together to consider the next steps to build the industry in Tauranga.

(25) Submission 1682 – Tauriko Playcentre

Representatives of the Tauriko Playcentre, who were accompanied by many children who attended the Playcentre, spoke to their submission. The land where the playcentre was currently situated was being redeveloped as part of the Tauriko West development and new premises were needed. Their current lease ended in 2024. The Playcentre wanted to work with TCC, Waka Kotahi and the Ministry of Education to find bigger premises in the same community.

Submission 1682 - Tabled documents.

(26) Submission 1629 – Terry Molloy

Mr Molloy spoke to his submission. A vision and a plan was needed for the CBD. If the community had confidence in the plan they would support it. The waterfront was the jewel in Tauranga's crown and needed to be revitalised and better utilised. The walkway from Memorial Park to the CBD was a must and needed to happen. Mr Molloy supported what was being done with transport but considered more buses, bus lanes, cycleways, and a bus interchange were needed.

(27) Submission 1733 – Jo Allum - Venture Centre

Ms Allum spoke to the Venture Centre submission. Venture Centre represented the entrepreneurs of Tauranga Moana. Ms Allum encouraged the Commissioners and TCC executives to see the people of the Venture Centre community as a resource to create great things. Investors interested in investing for outcomes as well as returns were ready to invest in Tauranga and the people here, attracted by the city environment, and the city's wealth of entrepreneurial human capital.

(28) Submissions 1401, 1403 and 1405 - Jeff Fletcher

Mr Fletcher spoke to submissions 1401, 1403 and 1405. The submissions supported the investment in the LTP for Papamoa East and Te Tumu, in particular, the Papamoa East Interchange (PEI). The future Kaituna link was critical for the future and planning and the required future land designations should be included in this LTP. The Tumu Kaituna 14 Trust wanted to work with council for a rates remission under the recently announced Rating of Whenua Maori Amendment Act 2021. The Te Atea reserve was a proposed multi use reserve, complemented by a small neighbourhood centre and childcare centre, to be developed by Nga Potiki. It was consented and ready to go. The submission requested capital investment funding for an increased level of service that the neighbourhood reserve would provide. If capital investment funding was not provided, the level of amenities provided would have to be revisited.

(29) Submission 1610 – Te Pio Kawe - Reweti & Te Pere Whanau Trust

Mr Kawe spoke to the Reweti & Te Pere Whanau Trust submission regarding the need for more papakainga housing in Tauranga. The provision for social and affordable housing through the development contributions policy provided great opportunities for Māori land trusts and Community Housing Providers (CHPs) to provide affordable housing options and address an increasing waiting list. Mr Kawe wanted to highlight that there were Māori Land Trusts that had an income source and those that did not. All had papakainga housing aspirations, and requested that council take this into consideration when administering the fund.

(30) Submission 1752 – Don Rodee – MARS Matahui Avocado Resort Spa

Mr Rodee spoke to the MARS Matahui Avocado Resort Spa submission regarding the need for an attraction for the city. He suggested a lighting project for the harbour and rail bridges with instantaneously changing lights in all kinds of colours. The lights would reflect on the water and would be visual from not only the waterfront but further away. The project could be community funded by businesses advertising their business through the scheme.

Submission 1752 - Tabled document.

(31) Submission 1609 – Katrina Ramage - The Eye of the Storm

Ms Ramage spoke to her submission about how to make the best of investors coming into Tauranga and making it home, as opposed to investors that did not live here. She tabled a paper that defined and talked about hard to reach communities; people who were not engaged. Investment in vision was key and the way forward. It required a region-wide governance structure with Tauranga as its heart.

Submission 1609 - Tabled document.

Te Pio Kawe closed the 14 June 2021 session with a karakia.

At 6.25pm, the meeting adjourned. The meeting would resume at 9.30am on Tuesday 15 June 2021.

Continuation of meeting – Tuesday, 15 June 2021 at 9.30am

At 9.30am, the meeting resumed.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston opened the session with a karakia.

(32) Submission 71 – John O'Neill

Mr O'Neill spoke to his submission. He accepted that rates had to go up but this should not happen because of mistakes made and mismanagement by the previous council. He requested changing facilities on the Strand for harbour swimmers. Such a facility would encourage others to come down and swim.

(33) Submission 1436 – Larry Baldock

Mr Baldock spoke to his submission, in particular that more reserves were needed in Pyes Pa. He strongly supported the Memorial Park/Strand walkway and strongly recommended that Council take a fresh look at an international hotel/conference centre in the CBD/Durham Street. Mr Baldock believed the general community feeling on the proposed rates increase was positive but ratepayers wanted to get value for money.

(34) Submission 340 – Kenneth White – Incubator

Mr White spoke in support of the Incubator. He had been a volunteer at the Incubator since its inception. The Incubator had thrived in a somewhat challenging environment and had invigorated the arts community and the Historic Village. The Village was now more vibrant and had more visitors.

(35) Submission 55 – Heidi Hughes - Wednesday Challenge Team

Ms Hughes spoke to the Wednesday Challenge Team submission. The Wednesday Challenge project promoted alternative ways to travel on Wednesdays. The project aimed to get 20% mode share shift one day a week within a year. Carbon emissions could be reduced by 1% if the 20% mode share shift for one day a week was achieved. An App would be developed to help people choose options, how to car pool, how to get points and rewards. The Wednesday Challenge Team already had collaborations throughout the city.

In response to questions

- There was also the opportunity to achieve organisational shift with the increasing significance of working from home.
- The funding request was for one year only. Indicative funding from BOPRC was dependent on whether TCC and Waka Kotahi came on board. The project would not run if funding was not available.

Submission 55 – Presentation.

(36) Submission 70 – Greg Bold - Juted Holdings Ltd. T/as Tauranga Mitre 10 Mega.

Mr Bold spoke to the Juted Holdings Ltd submission regarding the transport and congestion issues facing the city. He challenged the Commissioners to drive and travel the city at all times of the day to fully understand the transportation crisis. Mr Bold was disappointed that he had not been consulted on the Cameron Rd Stage One project because his business was not on that part of Cameron Road. He did not believe that mode shift would give the predicted results and he was not confident that Tauranga was moving in the right direction.

(37) Submission 141 – Hester Sutherland-Stacey

Ms Sutherland-Stacey spoke to her submission. She did not support the proposed commercial rates differential, but supported the decision to sell off elder housing; however, it was important that they were not sold at a discounted rate but for their best value.

(38) Submission 1625 - Angelina Cooke

Ms Cooke spoke to her submission regarding the footpath on Harbour Drive. She believed the footpath should be for walkers, not cyclists; and the shared pathway did not work as cyclists very rarely gave way to pedestrians. Requested that Council separate the walkway and cycleway.

Submission 1625 - Tabled document.

(39) Submission 195 – Noeline Cresswell

Ms Cresswell spoke to her submission regarding the Golden Sands village where she lived. She could not understand why the rates were so different when all the houses, land and gardens were the same.

(40) Submission 453 – Abhishek Mukherjee

Mr Mukherjee spoke in opposition to the increase in city-wide development contributions (DCs). He was in the process of having a house built. The section had already been purchased and he was awaiting building consent. The increase in DCs would extend his budget by \$16,000. He had already borrowed the maximum from the bank and if the increase in DCs went through, he would not be able to afford the house and would have to go back to renting. Mr Abhishek requested that Council extend the 1 August deadline for those already halfway through the process.

(41) Submission 456 – Dave White - Water Safety Bay of Plenty

Catherine McCulloch, Community Manager at Sport Bay of Plenty, spoke in place of Dave White who was unable to attend. Ms McCulloch took the Commissioners through the presentation.

In response to questions

- Water Safety Bay of Plenty worked with schools on water safety and survival skills.
- Funding from Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) was expected but not yet confirmed. Funding from BOPRC had been confirmed.
- Evidence of the programme working would be the decrease in drownings over time.

Submission 456 – Presentation.

At 11.19am, the meeting adjourned.

At 12.00pm, the meeting resumed.

(42) Submission 426 – Teresa Pettigrew – Incubator

Ms Pettigrew spoke in support of ongoing funding of the Incubator. The funding they received today would go to the arts for the future.

(43) Submission 463 – John Paine - The ReMaker Space

Mr Paine spoke to the ReMaker Space submission. The ReMaker Space had been set up a year ago. The year of experimentation was appreciated and they were now ready to move on to the next steps. They were working with Priority One for funding and had received Creative NZ funding. The ReMaker Space needed to find a permanent space and were requesting support from Council to continue. A new space needed to be secured for at least a year after October.

Submission 463 – Presentation.

(44) Submission 1264 – Pauline Bennett/Lois King - National Council of Women Tauranga

Ms Bennett and Ms King spoke to the National Council of Women Tauranga submission which centred on factors that influenced optimal community and affordable housing. They would like an increase to the threshold for rates relief, and sought reassurance about the relocation of the elderly from Pitau Road and other elder housing sites.

(45) Submission 1628 – Sonya Korohina

Ms Korohina spoke to her submission and played a brief video. The project shown in the video was called Echoes Tauranga Moana and was part of the Tauranga Arts Festival. The project had been in partnership with the Tauranga Library's digital archive and heritage collection. It was a fresh way to document our history, places, people and taonga. Ms Korohina requested that the Commissioners be bold in leadership and decision making for the arts sector and re-consider a museum.

In response to questions

- A gap for the Toi Moana work in 2017 was a governance/steering group for the implementation of the strategy.
- Creative Bay of Plenty had been chosen as the agency to deliver the strategy. In hindsight, if TCC had retained ownership for the strategy delivery, there may have been a better chance to drive the outcomes of the strategy.

Submission 1628 - Presentation.

(46) Submission 355 – Adrian Blake-Palmer

Mr Palmer spoke to his submission and represented skateboard riders of the Bay of Plenty. Skateboarding was a popular pastime, easy and affordable, and had a loyal following. It was great for fitness, coordination, friendship, and overall it was fun. The atmosphere at

skate parks was encouraging, supportive and beneficial for youth. Mr Palmer would like to see a new, larger skatepark build in Tauranga similar to the Victoria Skatepark in Auckland.

Submission 355 – Presentation and tabled document.

(47) Submission 379 – Ayesha Kee/Craig Jamieson – Incubator

Ms Kee and Mr Jamieson spoke in support of the Incubator. There was no need to re-invent the wheel; the Incubator was already there.

(48) Submissions 395 and 556 – Jannine Spiers

Ms Spiers spoke to two submissions; in support of the community cinema at the Incubator, and Tauranga Independent Film which had recently been set up to support grassroots content creators in the Bay of Plenty, concentrating on Tauranga. Tauranga Independent Film were looking for support from Council to go to next level.

Submissions 395 and 556 - Tabled document.

(49) Submission 1099 – Anne Pankhurst - Tarnished Frocks and Divas, Chamber of Commerce

Ms Pankhurst spoke to her submission. She welcomed the review of Bay Venues Limited (BVL). BVL offered the only venue in Tauranga that could take events of size and scale so users tended to be captive customers. Ms Pankhurst requested consideration be given to an additional pricing structure to BVL's current pricing structures; one for community sport, one for community activities and events, and the third for commercial activities.

In response to questions

Baycourt was acknowledged as a community facility and seemed to have more discretion.

(50) Submission 401 – Graeme Purches

Mr Purches spoke to his submission in opposition to the increase in the city-wide DCs. This would increase the cost to build a house by an approximate \$20,000 and could negatively impact on housing supply..

At 1.43pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 2.15pm, the meeting resumed.

(51) Submission 477 – Kelvin Clout

Mr Clout spoke to his submission and commented on the proposed commercial differential. This should increase from 1.6% by 0.05% every year up to 2%. The maximum value needed to be extracted for the ratepayer from the sale of the elder housing sites at Pitau and Hinau Streets. Community funding needed to be de-politicised and allocation determined by a neutral group. Mr Clout believed that the new civic administration building at 90 Devonport Rd would result in a concentration of workers at the north end of the city centre and this should be spread more evenly throughout the CBD.

In response to questions

The commercial differential could go beyond 2% after 10 years. This would need to be signalled to the commercial sector now.

(52) Submissions 1646 and 1812 - Joseph (Jos) Nagels

Mr Nagels spoke to his submission, in particular to his 'omni solution' included in the submission, which was in response to the proposed capital expenditure in six priority areas.

(53) Submission 201 – Nick Newman - Incubator (Satellite Sessions)

Mr Newman spoke in support of the Incubator and hoped that TCC would continue to fund and support the Incubator.

- (54) **Submission 1665 – Max Hales - CCS Disability Action**
Mr Hales spoke to the CCS Disability Action submission. CCS Disability Action requested that Baywave be upgraded with accessible changing facilities and a portable hoist. CCS also requested that the issue of bar and cafe chairs and tables on the footpath beyond what was compliant, particularly on the Mount main street, be addressed. They suggested that developers be incentivised to build more accessible housing and requested an accessibility infrastructure audit of footpaths, bus stops etc, and better monitoring of the abuse of accessibility car parks.
- (55) **Submission 601 – Brian Hodge - Sydenham Botanic Park Advisory Group**
Mr Hodge provided an update to the Commissioners on what had been happening at the Sydenham Botanic Park over the past year and concluded by inviting the Commissioners to visit, which they would do, post LTP.
Submission 601 - Tabled document.
- (56) **Submission 118 – Neil McInnes - Water Safety New Zealand**
Mr McInnes spoke in support of the submission from Water Safety Bay of Plenty and looked for further support from TCC to help raise awareness of water safety and drowning prevention in the city.
- (57) **Submission 1785 – Phil Green - Grace Road & Neighbourhood Residents Association**
Mr Green read through his submission which was on behalf of the Grace Road and Neighbourhood Residents Association.
In response to questions
- It was understood that different modes of transport would have to be the norm in the next 20 years or so but the right incentives were not being used e.g. park and rides.
 - People were generally aware of plan change 26 and the proposed intensification but had not really grasped what intensification would look like.
 - It was suggested that maybe white sand could be imported for along the waterfront from Memorial Park to the Strand, rather than an expensive walkway.
 - New bottle stores were not being adequately or noticeably advertised.
 - For a city of Tauranga's size, there should be one well planned heritage centre.
- (58) **Submission 1688 – Phil Green**
Mr Green read through his personal submission.
- (59) **Submission 262 – Jeremy Levy**
Mr Levy spoke to his submission. Tauranga city was sprawling and needed to go up instead e.g. go up 10 to 15 stories in downtown Tauranga but only for 20-25% of the land area, and provide green spaces in between. Close roads in the space and turn the area in to a hub with all facilities and amenities. This could be replicated for other areas in the city. Mr Levy suggested that Council did not build more roads but provide more public transport and use of mass transit options.
- (60) **Submission 225 and 354 – Max and Otto Blake-Palmer**
Messrs Blake-Palmer spoke to their submission. Tauranga needed a new skatepark, similar to the one at Victoria Park in Auckland or the one in Hamilton. Skateboarding was one of the fastest growing participation sports and was now an Olympic sport. With a world class skatepark, Tauranga could hold national and international competitions and produce world class athletes. Waipa District Council had committed \$1.7 million to new skateparks. Hamilton had committed to upgrading two of its skateparks. Thames/Coromandel District Council had committed to skateparks in Tairua and Pauanui. Wellington City Council had committed to a \$1.5 million investment for skateparks in its 2021-2022 Annual Plan. The current Arataki skatepark was old, small and busy, and water pooled in the bowl when it rained.

In response to questions

The suggested site in 17th Ave would have the same water level issues as Arataki. Suggested the small skatepark at Memorial Park could be added to. The skatepark needed to be central, have no water drainage problems, and be close to food.

(61) Submission 915 – Debz Turner

Ms Turner spoke to her submission and highlighted a number of issues. She would like to see more artwork displayed in the CBD; people would come in to the city to see it. The bus service needed a full review to fix it. Ms Turner was opposed to selling elder housing. There was need for a community centre in town, giving people a safe place to go during the day.

At 4.07pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 4.50pm, the meeting resumed.

(62) Submissions 42 and 368 – Buddy Mikaere

Mr Mikaere spoke to his submission 368 in support of the Incubator. It was important to retain those areas of community life that contributed to health and well-being. Mr Mikaere also spoke to submission 42 on behalf of Ngai Tamarawaho hapu of Ngāti Ranginui regarding the development of the Te Ranga Reserve as a Historic Park and Native Forest Reserve. The site was the second most historical site in Tauranga and was of great significance to Tauranga Moana iwi and hapu. The proposal to establish the reserve to reflect its significance was being progressed by the Pukehinahina Charitable Trust in association with Ngai Tamarawaho and TCC. The amount of funding requested was set out in the submission. The site was being commemorated on the following Monday.

In response to questions

- If popularity of the reserve increased, consideration would be given to providing other facilities.
- Funding priorities were for basic infrastructure - insert bund (filled by stormwater project fill), and then to install a more imposing memorial which echoed the significance of the site. Planting would be an ongoing programme.

(63) Submission 371 and 614 – Deb Fleming and Tony Pill – Incubator

Ms Fleming and Mr Pill spoke in support of the Incubator, and the Historic Village. Most people in the community did not appreciate what the Village had achieved; a more family friendly environment where things were always happening. Both Ms Fleming and Mr Pill wanted to see the Village and the Incubator grow.

(64) Submission 1262 – Mary Capamagian

Ms Capamagian took her submission as read but wanted to highlight one issue, the need for separate pathways for pedestrians and cyclists/e-scooters. Some cyclists travelled too fast and without consideration for pedestrians e.g. Harbour Drive. Footpaths should only be for pedestrians. Believed e-cycles should be on the road, not on a shared pathway. There were cycle paths on both sides of Carmichael Road but some cyclists still used the footpaths and at some speed.

(65) Submission 1170 – Sally Cooke/Brian Berry - Mainstreet Tauranga

Ms Cooke and Mr Berry spoke to Mainstreet Tauranga's Activate Vacant Spaces proposal. The programme contributed to the revitalisation of the CBD and amplified cultural and creative expression across the CBD. It was unique to Tauranga. Mainstreet Tauranga was seeking funding to deliver the programme over the next three years; without funding, the programme could not continue.

In response to questions

- Mainstreet had funded the pilot, and Priority One were funding the programme in the

interim period. The funding from the rating levy was already fully utilised. It was suggested that Devonport Rd businesses should also be contributing to the costs as they would benefit more from the programme than the general ratepayer. Clear and consistent data was fundamental to justify any contribution.

- The carparking issue had been consistently raised by retailers in Devonport Rd. One suggestion had been a one way corridor up Devonport Road to Elizabeth Street with angle parking installed. Mainstreet Tauranga considered that this was probably the best option. It would provide more parks and could be delivered quickly and at a low cost.

(66) Submission 903 – Liz Cooper

Ms Cooper spoke to her submission and highlighted two points; support for the arts and public transport. She noted that culture was not in its own right in the well-beings and urged commissioners look at long-term support for the Incubator as well as continued support for the Art Gallery. Ms Cooper would like to see more incentives for using public transport.

(67) Submission 472 – Heinz Diener

Mr Diener spoke in opposition to the proposed rate increase. He also suggested that sorting out Fifteenth Avenue was more important than Cameron Road and that rubbish be burned in large incinerators and power be made from this.

(68) Submission 1640 – Noel Peterson

Mr Peterson took his submission as read and spoke to the national significance of the Elms, the Sydenham Botanic Park, the Strand gardens, and the Historic Village Museum. He suggested that the Village arts and community groups be moved to the CBD, where the Art Gallery was, to create an arts hub.

Submission 1640 – Presentation.

(69) Submission 1249 – Richard Coles and Greg Prescott - Tauranga Marina Society Inc

Mr Coles and Mr Prescott spoke to the Tauranga Marina Society Inc submission regarding where the next marina should be situated. Tauranga Harbour was a difficult harbour in which to place infrastructure like recreational marinas, and environment and planning legislation made it difficult to obtain the necessary consents for a marina. The only option was to extend to the south of the existing Tauranga Marina. The Marina Society suggested working closely with TCC and iwi on a masterplan for a Sulphur Point marine park. There would be no ongoing costs for the ratepayer once the marina was developed. The proposal had strong iwi support as they would like to see the seabed re-instated.

Submission 1249 – Presentation.

(70) Submission 919 – Graham Holloway

Mr Holloway spoke to the issues facing Tauranga. He suggested only spending on infrastructure and to stop social spending. He was in favour of user-pays and suggested that the roads around and in to the city were tolled. Many people lived outside of the city and did not contribute to the city's rates but travelled these roads. They should have to pay to come into the city.

(71) Submission 1277 - Richard Coles - Lighthouse Group

Mr Coles spoke to the Lighthouse Group submission. The Lighthouse Group had purchased land at the top of Waitaha Road, Welcome Bay, which was zoned residential and could yield approximately 50 homes. The target date for required road upgrades and the extension of wastewater to the area was 2027. The Lighthouse Group was looking to begin earthworks in 2022 with sections available for purchase in 2023 and requested that the budget for the upgrades in 2027 be brought forward to align with this development.

In response to questions

There was potential for more dwellings. A second phase zoned rural/residential could provide up to 30 lifestyle lots.

(72) Submission 995 – Jo Wills - Sustainability Options

Ms Wills spoke to her submission and was focussed on equity and measurement. It was concerning that equity was essentially missing from the LTP. There needed to be equitable access to housing, affordable housing, transport, amenity, and a sustainable environment. The only measurements of success was more housing and more roads. There was no focus on measurements for reducing emissions, reducing living costs, or environmental outcomes. The rates increases would only increase the inequity. There needed to be more coming out of business and out of central government.

In response to questions

- Poor housing was the result of building to the minimum of, or down to, the building code, and was based on profit margins rather than efficiencies.
- Existing homes could be retrofitted and perform quite well. Kāinga Ora was doing some good work in this space.

At 7.09pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 7.40pm, the meeting resumed.

(73) Submission 849 – Maaka Nelson - Papamoa Football Club

Mr Nelson spoke to the Papamoa Football Club submission which was in support of capital investment for Gordon Spratt Reserve. There had already been significant investment in the reserve but more was needed to cater for the rapidly growing community. Supported all capital investment projects for the reserve and asked that these be prioritised. The whole community would benefit.

(74) Submission 605 – Marcel Hediger – Incubator

Mr Hediger spoke in support of the Incubator. The arts community was accepting of all peoples and encouraged differences. He would like to see the Incubator acknowledged for what it provided and encouraged council to continue to support the activity.

(75) Submission 1199 – Peter McKinlay

Mr McKinlay spoke to his submission that focussed on rates postponement. Councils could grant rates postponements at the wish of ratepayers without any particular formality; this could be done with no damage to revenue and council debt ratios, and offered no risk. Council's current policy should be replaced with a more simple one. Mr McKinlay then spoke to his tabled document which provided more detail.

In response to questions

- From the Audit Office perspective, postponed rates still counted as revenue. The Local Government Funding Agency's (LGFA) interest was in net debt, not gross debt. Rates were the first charge against a property, ahead of any mortgage.
- Rates postponement schemes had been done at other councils but generally not well.
- The Act allowed the cost of borrowing to make up cashflow to be passed on, but no profit could be made from this.

Submission 1199 - Tabled document.

(76) Submission 1247 – Gordon Spratt and Alice Johnson Facility Group

Representatives of the Gordon Spratt and Alice Johnson Facility Group spoke in support of their collective submission in relation to the Gordon Spratt shared club facility, the court shelter and the multi-sport cricket pavilion. The group represented the Papamoa Cricket Club, Papamoa Football Club, Papamoa Rugby Club, Papamoa Rugby League Club,

Tauranga City Baseball Club, Papamoa Touch, and Papamoa Beach Sports Club. Collectively they had around 3,740 affiliated members and over 300 coaches and volunteers. The Group requested that TCC reconsider a third facility to service the needs of rugby and rugby league, move forward the investment in the Gordon Spratt multi-sport and cricket pavilion project (number 456) by one year, and review the sports field layout.

(77) Submission 1347 – Des Heke

Mr Heke spoke to his submission relating to the approach to Māori land, particularly by local government, and how they engaged with Māori land owners. Mr Heke believed that TCC had failed to implement fair policies and practices for the retention of Māori land, and failed to recognise the contribution of Māori land and Māori land owners to municipal infrastructure, community institutions, and the national transportation network.

In response to questions

Mr Heke's submission was extremely detailed and the Commissioners suggested that they, along with staff, meet with Mr Heke to discuss the detail of his submission.

Submission 1347 - Tabled document.

(78) Submission 1680 – Dan du Bern - Sumer Contemporary Art & ARC Fine Art Services

Mr du Bern spoke to his submission, in particular to the vital role arts and culture played in the city's expression of self and understanding of its leisure and wellbeing. There was not enough emphasis placed on the strategic revitalisation of downtown Tauranga and believed Mainstreet Tauranga did not have a good grasp of what was strategically required of them. The key was that council be aware of the need to make investment in downtown. A greater emphasis on arts and culture in the city centre would attract more people.

(79) Submission 1200 – Alan Sciascia - Hospitality NZ (BOP Branch)

Mr Sciascia spoke in support of the increase to the rating differential but requested that Council also took into account the large number of businesses that were operating from residential properties, specifically the increasing number of houses being rented for short-term accommodation i.e. Airbnb, Bookabach. He urged Council to address the issue by creating a policy which ensured this burgeoning section of the accommodation market contributed in the same way that competing businesses were required to do.

In response to questions

A policy would deal with where properties could operate and be based on a criteria of how many nights the property was available, not occupancy. 56 nights was recommended as fair and reasonable. It was suggested that the Christchurch City Council policy be used as a starting point.

Submission 1200 - Tabled document.

(80) Submission 1310 – Paula Gaelic/Michelle Crook - Western Bay Museum and Western Bay Heritage Trust

Ms Gaelic and Ms Crook spoke to their submission which offered TCC the opportunity to display some of Tauranga's heritage collection at the Western Bay Museum in Katikati. The museum had the requirements to display taonga in a world class environment. A fee would be charged to TCC but entry would be free to Tauranga residents.

Submission 1310 – Presentation.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston closed the 15 June 2021 session with a karakia.

At 9.25pm, the meeting adjourned. The meeting would resume at 9.30am on Wednesday 16 June 2021.

Continuation of meeting – Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 9.30am

At 9.30am, the meeting resumed.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston opened the session with a karakia.

(81) Submission 392 – David Holland

Mr Holland took his submission as read and read through items one to four, and items 13 to 15 of the submission. Mr Holland tabled an amendment to item 10 which had been amended to “Abide by NZ’s National and international obligations regarding the environment, including “Climate Change””. His submission was backed by some well-known and respected persons and bodies as well as other submissions received. TCC must get back to basics and its core responsibilities.

Submission 392 - Tabled document.

(82) Submission 422 – Mark Divehall and Paul Dunn - Papamoa Cricket Club Incorporated

Mr Divehall and Mr Dunn spoke to the Papamoa Cricket Club Incorporated submission regarding the Gordon Spratt Sport and Cricket Pavilion project (project number 456). The Club would like to see the project renamed to the Alice Johnson Cricket Pavilion to reflect the gift of the land. The tabled document showed concept images of what the facility could look like. The project was supported by the community and was ready to go. Better and more facilities were needed on the western end of the park. The Club would like to see funding for the whole project brought forward.

In response to questions

- The Johnson family lived out of Tauranga but came to Tauranga frequently. The cricket club were fully engaged with the family.
- The overall cost of the facility would not be known until the design had been confirmed.
- Additional funding could come from the community once the project was underway.
- The toilet facilities in the centre of the park were not always open and available.

Submission 422 - Tabled document.

(83) Submission 551 – Brian Cavit - Wairakei Community Centre Trust

Mr Cavit spoke to the Wairakei Community Centre Trust submission regarding the need for a community centre at Papamoa Beach. The closest community centre was at least 15km away. It was noted that the LTP did not make provision for this within the next 10 years.

In response to questions

\$100 million had been set out in the LTP for the Papamoa East Interchange (PEI) which would give access into the Wairakei town centre, and it was expected that a community facility would be included in the plan for the town centre. The frustration was the time it would take.

(84) Submission 198 – Alexandra Mostyn, and submission 378 – Sam Allen – Incubator

Ms Mostyn and Mr Allen spoke in support of the Incubator. It was an integral part of the Tauranga city community and, with continued support, could become the cultural hub of the central North Island. Previously, young people moved away from Tauranga to pursue their careers in the arts and the Incubator was changing this.

In response to questions

A youth based arts centre could be part of the Incubator/Historic Village but with a separate building of its own.

(85) Submission 597 – John Douglas

Mr Douglas spoke to his submission, in particular the need to revitalise the CBD, starting with a new civic centre incorporating Baycourt, a library and a museum on the Willow St

site; the removal of the carparks on the Strand to make better use of the waterfront; and encourage growth of the university campus with halls of residence. Consider park and ride facilities at Barkes Corner, Baypark, and Sulphur Point, and a high speed ferry from Omokoroa and between the CBD and the Mount, as well as the use of light rail commuter trains. Make it easy for people to get around the city, particularly on cycles.

(86) Submission 600 – Isaac Loye, with friends Zac and Curtis

Isaac and his friends were students of Otumoetai College. They would like to see the Carlton Street park updated to be more of a community base where people of all ages could meet up. In particular, they wanted to see an upgrade and extension of the skatepark. The current skatepark was small with only three to four people being able to use it at one time. The park already had a toilet block plus a small playground for children and plenty of parking.

In response to questions

- There would often be around seven skaters waiting while three to four were using the skatepark. There was a skate school every Thursday afternoon that around 40 children attended.
- The children would like to have a say in any upgrade design.
- There were eight schools in the Otumoetai area and the Carlton Street park would be quite central.

(87) Submission 1366 – Margaret Murray-Benge

Ms Murray-Benge spoke to her submission regarding Bethlehem Road. Half of the road had been developed with a median strip and kerb and channel, and the half that led on to the Māori Catholic church and Māori land had not. The development had been held up for stormwater which had now been resolved. Ms Murray-Benge also spoke to the need for controlled light signals at the SH29/Cambridge Road intersection and requested that Gargan Road be opened up for cars to ease congestion on the state highway.

(88) Submission 1805 – Sue Hodkinson

Ms Hodkinson spoke to her submission regarding the Mount being neglected in terms of litter in general, but particularly, litter left at the parks over weekends, and by Airbnb and holiday lets. Ms Hodkinson also spoke about rates sharing fatigue i.e. sharing her rates with newcomers. She would prefer to have a targeted rates system so her rates went to the area she lived in. Ms Hodkinson was opposed to the sale of the elder housing properties at Hinau and Pitau Streets.

(89) Submission 1787 – Davina Plummer – Tauranga Community Ministries

Ms Plummer spoke to the submission from the Salvation Army that focussed on the vulnerable in the community and those least able to choose what was available to them. The Salvation Army supported the initiatives in the LTP in general but wanted more equity. They thanked TCC for the assistance and resources received via Council's Community Development team and requested that the Commissioners continue to remember the vulnerable.

(90) Submission 1004 – Bryce McFall - Disability Advisory Group

Mr McFall spoke to the submission from the Disability Advisory Group. The Disability Advisory Group requested that universal design was embedded totally in all Council's planning and decision making. If included in conversations from the start, there would be no barriers. Mr McFall took the Commissioners through a brief presentation that highlighted areas in the city where universal design had not been considered and the resulting challenges for the disabled.

Submission 1004 – Presentation.

(91) Submission 5 - Betty J Kurzfeld

Ms Kurzfeld spoke to her submission with a focus on housing for the elderly and parking at the Mount. Ms Kurtzfeld believed it was the job of central government to house the elderly and wanted her rates to go towards more facilities for everyone and not towards housing others. Ms Kurtzfeld also commented on the lack of parking at the Mount; all the berms were full with parked cars which made negotiating the streets difficult.

(92) Submission 344 – Annatjie Venter

Ms Venter spoke to her submission that focussed on housing for the elderly. Ms Venter was opposed to the sale of the elder housing properties and was concerned about what would happen with elderly people who did not have money and were moved on from their homes.

(93) Submission 1212 – Allan Goodhall

Mr Goodhall spoke to his submission and was generally in support of the LTP and the \$4.5 billion investment but believed assurance was needed that there was going to be competent delivery. Residents did not want to see ratepayer money wasted. Mr Goodhall was in support of the increase to the commercial differential but suggested that this could be increased, to further ease residential rates. He would like to see innovative payment options e.g. rates payment deferment linked to property title.

At 11.40am, the meeting adjourned.

At 12.09am, the meeting resumed.

(94) Submission 1798 – Peri Kohu

Mr Kohu spoke to his submission regarding the wharewaka on Tauranga Waterfront. Originally the wharewaka had been proposed to be sited on the carpark on the Strand and be both a place to store waka and a cultural workspace. Mr Kohu presented an image of the original concept. He wanted to bring this project to the attention of the Commissioners as the project had been sitting on the back burner for quite some time now.

In response to questions

- The project had been in the LTP at one point but had disappeared over time.
- The existing shelter was not fit for purpose as it was too far away from the foreshore. What would happen to it if the project was progressed would need to be discussed.

Submission 1798 – Presentation.

(95) Submission 1101 – John Gordon

Mr Gordon spoke to his submission. He supported the proposed expenditure, especially on the CBD and amenities, the commercial rate differential, and the development of a civic administration building. Mr Gordon believed an unitary authority was the best method of governance for the region.

Submission 1101 – Tabled document.

(96) Submission 1094 – Sally Benning - Greerton Village Community Assn. (Main Street)

Ms Benning spoke to the submission from Greerton Village Mainstreet. She was disappointed that an upgrade or replacement of Greerton Hall was not included under the spaces and places projects as it was the only facility in Greerton. Ms Benning believed most businesses had become accustomed to the new road layout but was concerned about the general cleanliness of the area.

(97) Submission 637 – Jenny Hedge

Ms Hedge spoke to her submission and, in particular, the development of the current elder housing site on Pitau Road. The location was currently low density suburban residential and Ms Hedge was concerned that medium density or more would be the objective of any

developer, and affordable housing options would not be included. Ms Hedge urged the Council to engage with the surrounding population by ensuring that any consent application was notified.

(98) Submission 191 – Joel Coppins - Mount Mustangs Inline Hockey Club

Mr Coppins spoke to the Mount Mustangs Inline Hockey Club submission. While the Club were in general support of what was in the LTP, they were disappointed that the shortfall in individual sport facilities had not been addressed, in particular, there was nothing in the plan for inline skating. He suggested that an inline skating park could be included in the Memorial Park upgrade. Mr Coppins had already started conversations with Sport Bay of Plenty to get key stakeholders together.

In response to questions

- The Mount Mustangs was a small club with around 300 roller sports members.
- Inline skating could be included in a multi-purpose venue with other sports.

(99) Submission 1790 – Emma Jones - Clear the Air - Mt Maunganui

Ms Jones spoke to her submission regarding the heavy industry next to residential housing at the Mount and the need to address the historical issues of zoning and planning as people's health was being affected. Ms Jones took the Commissioners through her presentation showing how heavy industry was affecting the area. She suggested that funding to redress the disproportionate environmental costs borne by the Mount community should come from the economic benefits realised from the Port of Tauranga and Mount industries.

Submission 1790 – Presentation.

(100) Submission 1202 – Crs Paula Thompson, Stacey Rose, Stuart Crosby, Andrew von Dadelzsen; and CE Fiona McTavish – Bay of Plenty Regional Council(BOPRC)

The above representatives from the BOPRC spoke to their submission. It was acknowledged that it was important that the BOPRC and TCC work constructively and collaboratively together on shared responsibilities. TCC was urged to recommence the strategic planning process for the city and greater Tauranga sub-region. Concern was expressed about the connection between the capital programme and operational costs, especially in light of the significant shortage of capacity currently in the country. BOPRC was committed to an efficient and effective public transport system and were keen to initiate more bus prioritisation methodologies and suggested TCC look at Christchurch City's bus prioritisation initiative as an example of what could easily be achieved. BOPRC supported TCCs focus on resilience but noted it lacked a climate change focus.

Submission 1202 – Presentation.

At 1.26pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 2.07pm, the meeting resumed.

(101) Submission 407 – Graeme Horsley

Mr Horsley took his submission as read. He agreed with the overall context of the LTP. Sound decision making, planning, design, and procurement processes were needed going forward to allow Council to deliver on this ambitious 10 year plan. Continuation of the previous flip flopping and procrastination would not make this plan possible. Mr Horsley suggested that TCC make more use of targeted rates e.g. a Tauranga fuel tax targeting users to fund transportation projects. Ratepayers needed to be assured all funding opportunities were optimised.

(102) Submission 1697 – Brian Berry and Sally Cooke - Mainstreet Tauranga Incorporated

Mr Berry and Ms Cooke spoke to their Mainstreet Tauranga submission. They encouraged Council to continue to make clear and decisive decisions around the future of Tauranga.

They would like to see the free carparking in the CBD continue with the free time period extended from two hours to three hours. They would also like to see electronic signage for where carparks were available which included the car park buildings. Suggested installing a one way system on Devonport Road with angled carparks. Would like Council to commit to a park and ride shuttle service for access to the CBD that was separate from the public transport system. Requested an exemption from further rate increases for the next three years for businesses in the CBD.

In response to questions

- A transport hub needed to be central and close to the cultural hub. A subterranean hub in the Willow Street to Durham Street area was suggested.
- A CBD shuttle service could be a good alternative for commuters/workers who were currently parking in the CBD.
- Carparking was not the only constraint to bringing people in to the CBD. More vibrancy was also needed e.g. main street at the Mount.

(103) Submission 1808 – Michele Bishop

Ms Bishop read through her submission. She was in opposition to the proposed rates increase as it was unaffordable and unjustifiable. She believed the increase in rates would destroy the city, forcing many to move out and preventing others from coming to settle here.

(104) Submission 639 – Kathrina Hagler

Ms Hagler spoke in support of Council support for the arts in Tauranga.

(105) Submission 1231 - (Peter) Ian Willis

Mr Willis spoke to his submission which focussed on cycling. Tauranga city was overwhelmingly car dominated. If more people cycled, there would be benefits across the board. TCC needed to get beyond the paralysis of the past two years and think about a vision for a cycling city and how to make that happen.

Submission 1231 – Presentation.

(106) Submission 376 – Valerie Steel – Incubator

Ms Steel spoke in support of the Incubator, in particular, the Jam Factory which was a valuable asset for the city.

(107) Submission 1260 – Paul Hickson - Marmatsar Trust and Kiwifruit Coast Property (Mount property owners)

Mr Hickson spoke to his submission. He was concerned that sale of the elder housing portfolio was for easy money and would set a precedent. Mr Hickson would like to see the footpaths on Marine Parade upgraded and he was concerned about the continual sand dredging. He believed Tauranga needed a museum. There needed to be more equity between WBOPDC and TCC e.g. people who chose to live at Omokoroa (WBOPDC) but worked in the city (TCC) should share the cost of transportation links.

(108) Submission 1222 – Dan Kneebone - Port of Tauranga

Mr Kneebone spoke to the submission from the Port of Tauranga. He emphasised that the growth volumes of the Port over the last five years did not directly correlate to truck movements on the local road network in and out of the port; a lot of the growth had been through rail and trans-shipment. Also emphasised the need to continue to invest more in the local road network and the Port welcomed the prioritisation given to the Hewletts Road/Totara Street sub-area in the Transport System Plan (TSP), not just for the benefit of the Port but also for residents of Tauranga.

In response to questions

- Truck movements data for 2020 data had been skewed by COVID.

- The Port would like to see more emphasis on rail. There was an opportunity to increase rail usage when the Ruakura land port came on stream at the end of 2022.
- There was likely to be a lot more trans-shipment from Tauranga to smaller ports e.g. Timaru.

(109) Submission 1250 – Delwyn Cooper - BOP Badminton Assn

Ms Cooper spoke to the submission from BOP Badminton Association regarding a badminton facility on Tatua Reserve. 5,000 square metres had been put aside on the reserve for this. A feasibility study had been completed in March at the cost of the Badminton Association which showed that the facility would only be able to house badminton and table tennis. To accommodate car parking within the 5,000 square metres, the carparking would have to be underneath the facility and this would be cost prohibitive. It was proposed that as the Playcentre currently located on the reserve was looking to move on to another site, that the full Tatua site be assigned to BOP Badminton.

Submission 1250 - Tabled document.

(110) Submission 1175 – Bruce Farthing, Leanne Hall and Buddy Mikaere - Heritage Bay of Plenty Trust

Mr Farthing spoke to the Heritage Bay of Plenty Trust submission regarding a proposed heritage centre in Tauranga. There were around 480 museums in Aotearoa, many run by independent trusts. Independent trusts took the politics out of the museum arena. The Trust was proposing a heritage centre that was stand-alone but complementary to the proposed civic centre, and was requesting a minimum of \$100,000 over the next year towards a feasibility study/business case.

Submission 1175 – Presentation and tabled document.

(111) Submission 1278 – Amorangi Webster and friends

The group were year 10 students in a design learning class at Mount Maunganui College. They were proposing a rehabilitation centre for post war veterans. The proposal had been prompted by a project the students had undertaken on mental health of post war veterans. The group had spoken with the RSA but this project would provide a more meaningful space for war veterans.

At 4.13pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 4.46pm, the meeting resumed.

(112) Submission 1303 - Dr Terence Jones

Dr Jones read through his submission regarding motor vehicles and roading congestion and ways to mitigate the cost of future expensive road development.

(113) Submission 1672 - Clinton Butler - Tauranga Hockey Association

Mr Butler spoke to the Tauranga Hockey Association submission. Hockey was a growing sport with 4,256 players in 2020. The sport was gender and age neutral with ages ranging from five to 65 plus. Tauranga Hockey Association had a co-funding agreement in place with TCC for a turf renewal programme. This would expire in 2022 and the Association would like to see this extended. Future projects for the Association included water sustainability (bore water), development of a half turf, and redevelopment of the pavilion.

Submission 1672 – Presentation.

(114) Submission 1694 - Philip Brown - Papamoa Residents & Ratepayers Association

Mr Brown read through the Papamoa Residents & Ratepayers Association's submission. The Association would like to see the Papamoa East Interchange (PEI) built now before development work began in Te Tumu, and Papamoa arterial roads brought up to modern standards. The proposed rate increase was too high and would be unaffordable for many.

There was concern that the LTP was all about growth and urban sprawl with no real benefits to existing community and residents.

(115) Submission 1379 – Michael Pugh - Evolution Aquatics Tauranga

Mr Pugh spoke to his submission which supported the development of a 50 metre pool facility and the preference was that this be at Memorial Park. Swimmers were currently going to Rotorua to be able to train in a 50 metre pool. Without a 50 metre pool Tauranga would struggle to host events, including the AIMS Games.

(116) Submission 1275 – Michael Roper

Mr Roper spoke to his submission regarding housing in Tauranga. Mr Roper was currently struggling to buy his first home due to the lack of new sub-divisions. He would like Council to streamline the consents process to enable more housing ranging from new developments to intensification of existing areas.

(117) Submission 1353 – Nathan York – Bluehaven, and submission 1355 - Jade Murphy – Group Best Land LP

Mr York and Mr Murphy spoke to their submissions which fully supported the investment in Wairakei and Te Tumu. They spoke about the potential return on investment in infrastructure which included a potential housing supply of 11,000, a retail and commercial hub and community facilities including a 50 metre pool facility which was already designed and consented. Bluehaven were already consented for 232,000 square metres of space. Suggested that WBOPDC and TCC also consider Bell Road (in the Western Bay but would ultimately be serviced by TCC) as it was currently under single ownership and could potentially provide a further 2,000 houses. Requested that Council bring investment in the Papamoa East Interchange (PEI) forward two years to 2024.

In response to questions

Development of Bell Road was currently being held back largely due to the lack of stormwater infrastructure.

Submission 1353 – Presentation.

(118) Submission 1355 – Bryan Perring - Kaitiaki Property

Mr Perring spoke to his submission. It was important to have accurate population growth data to guide investment. It was also important to consider where growth was coming from and why. Short to medium term growth for Tauranga was going to happen in the eastern corridor. The PEI was the most efficient spend in the LTP and Mr Perring supported bringing this forward.

Submission 1355 - Presentation

(119) Submission 1738 – Nikki Hansen – Tauranga Arts Festival

Ms Hansen spoke to her submission in support of arts and culture in Tauranga. Investment in arts and culture needed to start now and TCC's appointment of an Arts and Culture Manager was a good start. Supported the civic precinct redevelopment with indoor and outdoor spaces, and a museum to tell our stories.

(120) Submission 1361 – Craig Batchelar and Levin Da Costa - Ultimate Developments

Mr Batchelar and Mr Da Costa spoke to their submission regarding the proposed increase to city-wide development contributions (DCs) which impacted a project to build 34 townhouses that they had been working on for several years. The development was almost completed and the house prices had been fixed and could not be changed. 29 out of 34 houses had been sold. The impact of the increase in city-wide DCs placed the project in jeopardy. There had also been significant impact on other housing developments already underway across the city and it was unfair to make developers pay for the Waiāri Water Scheme through increased DCs. They requested that TCC consider options in terms of relief that were outlined in the submission and included some kind of transitional policy.

Submission 1361 - Tabled document.

(121) Submission 1511 – Jeff Peet

Mr Peet spoke to his submission which was in opposition to the proposed rates increase. Mr Peet's property sat on the southern side of Pyes Pa Road where there was no stormwater and wastewater infrastructure. The area was zoned residential and although the property had been drawn up for two subdivisions, he was unable to develop the property. Mr Peet had spoken with staff who had informed him that the water/stormwater infrastructure would be completed once the stormwater ponds were done, which was not scheduled to be completed for some time.

(122) Submission 1519 – Harry Oram - Apex Academy

Mr Oram spoke about the film industry in Tauranga. He had started the Apex Academy after returning from overseas. The academy was a method acting school with an internationally recognised syllabus. Mr Oram was currently looking to partner with the University of Waikato to provide a degree around the film industry. He was looking for help from TCC to find a venue within the city centre, and sought endorsement from TCC to facilitate funding applications for expansion.

(123) Submission 1521 – Mark Allen for Elizabeth Oram - MHO Endeavours Limited

Mr Allen spoke on behalf of Elizabeth Oram who was unable to attend. MHO Endeavours Ltd were looking for an all-round venue for theatre and film development projects. They wanted to bring vibrancy back to the city centre and would ideally like to see Tauranga branded as the film industry capital of New Zealand.

At 7.10pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 7.45pm, the meeting resumed.

(124) Submission 1723 – Scott Adams - Urban Taskforce for Tauranga Ltd (UTF)

Mr Adams spoke to the Urban Taskforce for Tauranga Ltd submission. The submission catered for a range of UTF members' views which were not necessarily shared unanimously. In general, the submission was in support of the LTP's \$4.6 billion capital investment programme. Mr Adams read through the submission.

In response to questions

- The Property Council had estimated that approximately 200 new builds were affected by the increase in city-wide DCs.
- Landlords would pass the commercial rates differential increase on to tenants and this might be the nail in the coffin for some CBD tenants. In comparison with other councils, Tauranga's proposed commercial rate differential was still very low.

(125) Submission 1566 – Kim Renshaw - Mount Business Association

Ms Renshaw spoke to the Mount Business Association submission. The Mount Business Association had restructured and had moved to an executive chair model. The organisation proposed a co-design approach with TCC for all things that affected the targeted rate zone that the Mount Business Association represented. Ms Renshaw outlined the organisation's vision for the Mount over the next 10 years.

(126) Submission 1470 – Keith Johnston

Mr Johnston spoke to his submission. He was concerned as a resident and ratepayer about the immediate substantial rate increases. Options for when democracy returned were important as there was a real possibility that future councillors may, at the next LTP review in three years' time, change what was being proposed today. Mr Johnston believed community boards that were given the legal mandate to make decisions were much more efficient in getting things done within their own community.

(127) Submission 1561 – Derek Couvee

Mr Couvee spoke to his submission. He believed TCC had no interest in democracy and people had had enough of the arrogance and undemocratic elitism of a council that used ratepayers like its own ATM e.g. recycle bins, Māori wards, introduction of the living wage. It was unfair to charge different rates for the same service. Council debt was rising every year, and developers were not paying their fair share and were being subsidised by rate payers.

(128) Submission 1572 – Diane Stewart

Ms Stewart spoke to her submission regarding Lees Park. Lees Park was a beautiful open park but the playground equipment badly needed updating. The Brookfield playcentre, primary school and residents would like to see the park upgraded with more play options; however, the park was not due for an upgrade for five years. Ms Stewart would like Council to bring the upgrade forward and get the community involved in the design.

Submission 1572 – Presentation and tabled document.

(129) Submissions 1568 and 1575 – Stephen Bird - Arataki Community Liaison Group

The Arataki Community Liaison Group spoke to their submission. The group had been going for six months and was comprised of a diverse group of people. The group had linked their values to the LTP priorities. The group felt that the LTP focussed on growth, and the existing parts of the city had been overlooked while still being asked to contribute. They were looking for a more balanced approach to investment and more community involvement in decisions. The group's main local focus was pedestrian road safety, not just from an engineering point of view but from a holistic urban design place-making view point e.g. colourful pedestrian crossing. The submission outlined the group's short and medium term aspirations.

Submissions 1568 and 1575 – Presentation.

(130) Submission 1781 – Andrea Howden – Shaker 2007 Ltd (GJ Gardner Homes)

Ms Howden spoke to the submission from GJ Gardner Homes regarding the increase in city-wide DCs. GJ Gardner Homes spoke on behalf of their clients who would be significantly affected by the fee increase, some to the point of losing homes that had not yet been built. There were a number of titles that would not be issued before the fee increase come into effect and those clients had not ever expected to have to pay a further \$16,000. Some would be unable to borrow more money from the bank as they would now fall outside the lending criteria. They would have to walk away from their contracts if they could not afford the increase. GJ Gardner Homes would like an exception granted for the group of people who had experienced significant delay to titles being issued.

(131) Submission 1648 – Keegan Millar

Mr Millar spoke to his submission. Mr Millar believed the Council's current position was due to a lack of government funding and developers who had not paid their fair share in the past. The real challenge of this LTP was whether it would survive the next LTP with the return of an elected council. Mr Millar would like Council to investigate community boards and take a more dynamic approach to communications. Tauranga was quickly becoming the most expensive place to live and Mr Millar proposed an Unoccupied Homes Levy (UHL); a charge that would apply to empty homes that did not meet proposed exemptions e.g. holiday homes. The intention was to encourage those with homes sitting empty to let the homes out, and the money raised from these rated properties to be ring-fenced for social housing and social development in the area. Mr Millar would like TCC to engage in a feasibility study to ascertain whether this proposal could be effective.

Submission 1648 – Presentation.

(132) Submission 1782 – Shane Death and Rob Moore – Bay of Plenty Sport Climbing Association (BOPSCA)

Mr Death spoke to the submission from the BOPSCA. The club was very active and had been growing by about 50% for the last four years. Sport climbing was now an Olympic sport, was colourful and dynamic, and was attracting athletes from other sports e.g. gymnastics and dancing. Clubs in New Zealand had been limited by being associated with a commercial facility. Tauranga was the first city in New Zealand to build a speed wall and the club was now trying to find a facility that was up to standard for world cups and championships. The club would like to be part of the process and feasibility for upgrading of other council sporting facilities.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston closed the 16 June 2021 session with a karakia.

At 9.45pm, the meeting adjourned. The meeting would resume at 8am on Thursday 17 June 2021.

Continuation of meeting – Thursday, 17 June 2021 at 9am

At 8.00am, the meeting resumed.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston opened the session with a karakia.

(133) Submission 1779 – Grant Downing – Element IMF

Mr Downing spoke to the submission from Element IMF which broadly supported the plan and proposed outcomes. Growth infrastructure was vital for the city to maintain the supply of land to facilitate economic development in the city. Element IMF's main focus was on the provision of infrastructure at Tauriko. They encouraged Council to continue to pursue off balance sheet funding options and suggested that the proposed city-wide DC and commercial rate increases be transitioned over a period of time. Element IMF also wanted the SH29 connection at Redwood Lane to be separated from the main road at Tauriko intersection.

(134) Submission 1652 – Michael O'Brien

Mr O'Brien spoke in opposition to the increase in city-wide DCs. He believed the proposed increase was fundamentally flawed and considered the proposal would affect first home buyers and renters and would have devastating consequences for those already in the process. Mr O'Brien proposed a significant reduction in citywide DCs for those who were borrowing more than 70% of the house value. Any increases needed to be introduced more gradually and be more widely spread.

Commission response

The increase in DCs had been signalled for some time, although the amount of increase was not anticipated, partly due to the Waiāri Water Scheme and partly because growth had to be managed. It was noted that the Waiāri Water Scheme needed to be paid for partly by existing residents and partly by residents of the future.

(135) Submission 1758 – Brian Askin

Mr Askin spoke about climate change. He believed that climate change was politically driven and based on limited fact, and was becoming a consideration in roading design. In Mr Askin's opinion, roading was there to accommodate the efficient transportation of vehicles. Cameron Road was a main arterial road and should be focussed on accommodating and facilitating all sorts of vehicles. Considered Council should stop pandering to minority groups of cyclists and pedestrians.

Commission response

The transport changes in Cameron Road underpinned the increase of people living in the area due to intensification. Te Papa peninsula was Tauranga's best opportunity for intensification of housing.

(136) Submission 1342 – Peter Cooney – Classic Developments NZ Ltd

Mr Cooney spoke in opposition to the increase in DCs. Mr Cooney considered that the increased price for the Waiāri Water Scheme was due to bad practice and management and was poor business etiquette. The business community could not be expected to absorb the increase over a short two month timeframe. Council should consider that this cost needed to be intergenerational. He suggested that Council needed to get more business savvy and, if Council did not have the skills in-house, lean on the business sector who had the necessary expertise.

(137) Submission 1813 – Hylton James Rhodes

Mr Rhodes spoke to his submission which was opposed to the proposed rates increase. The Commission was able to increase rates without the fear of an electoral backlash which Mr Rhodes believed to be undemocratic. Mr Rhodes believed that very few people in Tauranga actually knew what was going on.

At 8.53am, the meeting adjourned.

At 8.56am, the meeting resumed.

(138) Submission 1406 – Theo Ursum - Blue Rovers Football Club

Mr Ursum spoke to the submission from the Blue Rovers Football Club regarding their need for more playing field space. The club was based in Greerton and serviced a large area, from the city centre down to Pyes Pa and the Lakes, and had around 500 players. The space that they used was getting crowded. The club was requesting \$50,000 for a feasibility study and business case for an artificial turf in the Te Papa area. The club's preferred location for the turf was Morland Fox Park. Suggested that Sport Bay of Plenty lead the feasibility study and, once completed, the club would then request TCC undertook to provide funding to deliver on the outcomes of the feasibility study and business case.

In response to questions

- The club's focus was on Morland Fox Park which they were already using. If the feasibility study showed that this did not stack up, other options would be considered.
- TCC's Reserves Management Plan did not currently indicate any significant development of Morland Fox Park.

(139) Submission 1335 – Tanya Smith - Age Concern Tauranga

Representatives from Age Concern spoke to their submission. Age Concern had received funding from Council's Community Grants Fund two years ago for their 'shopping service for the older community' initiative. The funding was only for one year and Age Concern had to close down the service when the funding was exhausted. Age Concern requested that TCC re-fund the service for the next three years. They would also like TCC to look at a rates postponement scheme that was simple, non-invasive, and easy to access for those on fixed incomes who would not be able to afford the proposed rates increase.

(140) Submission 1671 – Bryan Norton

Mr Norton spoke to his submission. He believed specific projects in the LTP lacked sufficient detail and analysis, and that outcomes would be reduced to individual or pressure groups preferences. Mr Norton would like to see a greater focus on the Welcome Bay area which contained over 18% of the city's population. Tauranga had a rapid growth problem that was not supported by central government. Private/public partnerships should be equal across the country, not disproportionately in the Tauranga area. Rates needed to be reasonable and affordable.

(141) Submission 1840 – Mark Wassung, David Ratcliffe, Shaughn Prestidge

Messrs Wassung, Ratcliffe and Prestidge spoke to their submission. Their proposed project, a gondola across the harbour, would connect the Port, Mount, Bayfair shopping centre and the Strand. The timeline for the project was around 9 months to 2 years. The gondola was a pre-fabricated system which could be quickly put together. It was futuristic and fun. They would like support from TCC of \$70,000 for a feasibility study to be undertaken to move the project forward.

In response to questions

- A 35 person gondola cabin was being promoted which could achieve 6,500 to 7,000 people movements per hour on the proposed route.
- The feasibility study would include draft design, numbers of people movements, costs and potential return of investment.

Submission 1840 – Presentation and video presentation. A copy of the video presentation can be obtained directly from Mr Wassung.

(142) Submission 1647 – Shaughn Prestidge

Mr Prestidge spoke to his submission regarding an animation software that could be used by TCC as a great way to bring people along on the city's journey. Mr Prestidge showed a short video showcasing what the animation software could provide. The software model was a work in progress and used gaming technology that could be easily accessible to the general public.

Submission 1647 – Video presentation. A copy of the video presentation can be obtained directly from Mr Prestidge.

(143) Submission 1336 – Anna Burns, Eddie Jackson, Cathy Webb - Tauranga Wellness Centre Working Group

Representatives from the Tauranga Wellness Centre Working Group spoke to their submission regarding a wellness centre for the city. Originally the centre was to be for older adults but the scope had now been extended from a centre for ageing well to a wellness centre. The centre would provide and deliver a number of social services located under one roof. An administration support service would be provided for those agencies working in the centre. A feasibility study had already been completed and the project now required a detailed business case, site identification and costings. The group were looking for funding support from Council, which could be in the form of provision of land.

(144) Submission 1338 – Heidi Lichtwark and Zane Jensen - Sport Bay of Plenty (SBoP)

Ms Lichtwark and Mr Jensen spoke to the Sport Bay of Plenty submission. SBoP saw some real tangible outcomes in the LTP. SBoP would like to see Council pause on the proposed projects for Golf Rd Reserve, Tatua Reserve and Blake Park, all located within a two kilometre area, and look to see how all of these projects might be undertaken in a better coordinated way. They would also like to see two major user groups of the Gordon Spratt Reserve - rugby and rugby league - included in development plans for the reserve. SBoP were supportive of the Memorial Park upgrade project but would like to see the staging for the indoor courts brought forward.

(145) Submission 406 – Mary Dillon

Ms Dillon spoke about the city and its future and emphasised the need for more equity in the social and environmental structure of the city. The city was for everybody and existing areas also deserved consideration, in particular Welcome Bay and Gate Pa. Supported the Wednesday Challenge project and encouraged Council to seriously look at it. There was a real opportunity for TCC to take leadership and be innovative with the development of the Pitau and Hinau elder housing sites in terms of affordable and social housing, rather than multi-million dollar apartments. Ms Dillon urged Council to progress the Memorial Park walkway which would improve people's connection with the environment.

In response to questions

TCC's previous environment strategy was excellent but had been shelved. A strategy was important but it needed to be implemented and consciously funded.

(146) Submission 1542 – Mark Allan and Harry Oram - MHO Endeavours Ltd

Mr Allan and Mr Oram spoke to their submission regarding the Third Culture Festival, a film festival which focussed on those who had grown up in an environment outside of their parents' culture, to help identify where home was. Mr Oram had successfully run the festival in Hong Kong, receiving 1,800 submissions from all around the world, and had screened 90 films in 3 days. The intention was to make the festival a destination festival e.g. what the Sundance festival was to Utah. MHO Endeavours Ltd was looking for external funding opportunities, but many of those approached would first like to see endorsement for the project from TCC before they would commit funding.

(147) Submission 1595 – Jill Brightwell

Ms Brightwell spoke to several issues of concern. In terms of staffing costs, she noted that more staff would be brought in to take on work directly; however, consulting costs were increasing significantly as well. Consultancy costs for projects work should be included as part of the capex budget not opex budget, as the consultancy costs should be capitalised at the completion of the project. Council should ensure all projects were completed within specified timeframes. Ms Brightwell was concerned about the impact the three waters reform would have on council budgets, especially if a central agency was recreated. She suggested that any upgrade to Memorial Park could be prone to flooding due to climate change.

(148) Submission 1346 – Wayne Arthur and seven students (Travel Safety Group) – Tauranga Intermediate School

The students spoke to their submission requesting a light controlled pedestrian crossing on Fraser Street between Sixteenth and Eighteenth Avenues. Current crossings were at either Fraser Cove or at the Fifteenth Avenue intersection. Fraser Street was a busy street with many speeding cars and trucks and, every day, around 170 students needed to cross Fraser Street between Fifteenth Ave and Fraser Cove. The students wanted a safe place to cross. The students would also like cycle lanes along Fraser Street that were separated from the traffic.

Submission 1346 - Tabled document.

(149) Submission 1341 – Gerald Greig - Papamoa Tennis Club

Mr Greig spoke to the submission from the Papamoa Tennis Club requesting funding towards a total replacement of the club's lighting system on Gordon Spratt Reserve. The current lights were at the end of their useful life; the poles swayed in the wind and this was a safety hazard for people playing. The club's vision was to play all year round and make the courts available to everyone. A booking system would be used that switched on the lights automatically when a court was booked. The club was in discussions with the Papamoa Netball Club with the view to possibly sharing the facility with them. The club was seeking a 25% investment from council for the new lights.

At 11.00am, the meeting adjourned.

At 11.20am, the meeting resumed.

(150) Submission 1643 – Jared Baronian – on behalf of Sanderson Group

Mr Baronian spoke on behalf of the Sanderson Group about the elder village at Pitau Street, what should happen to the land and how it could be developed. Data indicated that there would be a 70% increase in people aged over 65 years over the next 25 years. Facilities would be needed to accommodate the needs of these people; most current aged care and rest care facilities were at capacity with waiting lists. The 7,500 square metre

Pitau Street site could accommodate a care/rest facility with at least 150 plus beds. The Sanderson Group would like to see the site sold on to market but for a specific purpose; an integrated rest care facility.

In response to questions

- The Pitau site was the right size and closer to the nuclei of the Mount.
- A “neighbourhood” style four level facility was envisioned with a mixture of fully integrated rest beds and some smaller sized apartments.

(151) Submission 1107 – Darlene Dinsdale for Renee Kiriona

Ms Dinsdale spoke for Renee Kiriona who was unable to attend. Ms Dinsdale spoke as one of the 5,245 owners of ancestral Māori land at Papamoa East that council referred to as Te Tumu (the Whenua), and as a member of the Tukuahau Whānau Trust. The Trust’s interests equated to 2.84 hectares of the 240 hectare whenua. The Trust and many other owners viewed the whenua being considered by council as a strategic purchase as a modern day land grab. There was no mention of housing requirements for Māori in the plan for this whenua. The Māori representatives from local hapu and iwi on the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum for SmartGrowth did not represent the Trust which was evidenced by the litigation that had taken place in the Māori Land Court for the past two years. The Trust was not against development but against development that excluded the Trust. If plans for Te Tumu went ahead as is, it would create further inequities for the owners of this whenua.

(152) Submission 1795 – Garry Webber – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Mayor Webber spoke to the WBOPDC submission. The question had been raised why TCC had not considered intensification of the land on either side of Cambridge/Moffat Roads, which was zoned rural/residential, before Tauriko West. WBOPDC strongly supported the collaborative work between TCC and Western Bay. Mayor Webber advised that WBOPDC had taken the decision to upgrade the Te Puke pool facility, which would be heated and available all year round; and suggested that decision might be relevant if TCC was considering a pool facility at Papamoa. WBOPDC wished to make the Commission aware of a confidentiality agreement that had previously been signed by TCC, WBOPDC and BOPRC for the significant development of the Omanawa Falls and noted that this agreement was significantly different from what TCC was currently proposing.

In response to questions

- Local iwi were not in favour of a commercial operation at Omanawa Falls as it was at odds with the spiritual nature of the place and this needed to be taken into account.
- There was an opportunity for another sub-regional park on the harbour side of Matakana Island.
- WBOPDC would welcome discussions with TCC regarding opportunities for Maramatanga Park.
- There was an agreement already in place that included the review of the Wairoa River Strategy; the agreement would need to be renegotiated before any development could take place in the area.

(153) Submission 1515 – Michael Bayly

Mr Bayly spoke to his submission regarding dealing with Tauranga’s infrastructure issues. Mr Bayly proposed a rail shuttle service going from one side of the Port to the other by raising the rail above the road so it was not impacting on roading. Hydraulic lifts would be required on both sides of the harbour to shift the freight. Most of the rail traffic coming through the Kaimai Ranges could then be stopped at Dive Crescent and backed up down through the Sulphur Point area. The remaining rail line across the rail harbour bridge could then be used by a suburban light rail shuttle service.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston closed the Thursday 17 June 2021 session with a karakia.

At 12.11pm, the meeting adjourned. The meeting would resume at 8am on Friday 18 June 2021.

Continuation of meeting – Friday, 17 June 2021 at 9am

At 8.00am, the meeting resumed.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston opened the session with a karakia.

(154) Submission 1764 – Josia Vickers and Meg Downing – Instep Young Leaders Programme

Mr Vickers and Ms Downing spoke to the submission from the Instep Young Leaders Programme. The submission was focussed on the first consultation question and supported Option One. The Instep Young Leaders would like to see a community centre and library in the Tauriko area, co-located with parks and schools, and the Kopurererua Valley developed for recreational purposes. They supported investment in Hewletts, Hull and Totara Roads and requested that TCC take every opportunity to separate cycle lanes from roads. They supported the development of the city centre and the intensification of the Te Papa peninsula. The Instep Young Leaders would like to see Our Place grow, and would like more student accommodation and facilities in the CBD.

In response to questions

- “The Flat Spot” (Te Papa o Ngā Manu Porotakataka Park) at the Mount was well used by skateboarders. A similar flat area on the Strand could be developed for skateboarding.
- The stage at the end of the Strand opposite Starbucks could be utilised for student performances.
- The Memorial Park facility was good for those who went there for swimming safety or sport. Most young people would rather go to the beach.

(155) Submission 236 – Whitiara McLeod – Ngati Kaahu a Tamapahore Trust

Mr McLeod took his submission as read and spoke to some additional issues from a climate change focus. He would like to see investment in a case study for sustainable infrastructure on Māori land and supported funding for Māori Trusts who were ready to build papakainga housing on their land. Mr McLeod highlighted that during the civil defence emergency in March, marae had been inundated with evacuees. There needed to be better support, funding and evacuation planning for those facilities that were used as evacuation areas.

(156) Submission 1819 – Buddy Mikaere – Ngai Tamarawaho and Smith’s Farm, and Pukehinahina Charitable Trust Gate Pa Cultural Centre

Mr Mikaere spoke on behalf of Ngai Tamarawaho and regarding Smith’s Farm, and a proposed cultural centre at Gate Pa. At the time of the construction of Route K, Ngai Tamarawaho had been promised land on Smiths Farm for a cultural centre. In 2015, a formal offer was made to council to purchase the land for housing. There had been no formal response from Council and it was now understood that the land had been set aside for sports fields. Ngai Tamarawaho recommended that Smith’s Farm be developed for housing rather than sports fields. The Pukehinahina Charitable Trust were seeking support for the proposed Gate Pa Cultural Centre on the former bowling club land.

Submission 1819 - Presentation and tabled document.

(157) Submission 1695 – Kelvin Jones – Bay Oval Trust

Mr Jones spoke to the Bay Oval Trust submission. The Bay Oval was recognised as a significant local, regional, national and international facility that Tauranga could be proud of. However, the Bay Oval was still not complete with the pavilion and toilet block remaining unfinished and no indoor training facility. \$8.6 million was needed to complete the Oval. \$2.4 had already been raised; however, some of this was at risk, in particular \$500,000 from Lotteries, if the Trust could not meet funding requirements. The Trust requested Council support to complete the Oval now.

In response to questions

The Trust would like to see some of the smaller infrastructure projects finished before the Women's Cricket World Cup and the Boxing Day test.

Submission 1695 – Presentation.

(158) Submission 1753 – Ian McLean

Mr McLean spoke to his submission. Considered the LTP did not address current issues and was still focussed on growth and expanding the city, and would result in an increased carbon footprint. Mr McLean did not support the selling of elder village land at the Mount, expanding the city around the fringes, and the redevelopment of Cameron Road. He supported the rates increase and proposed infrastructure upgrades, and any investment in safe cycleways and community services. Suggested new builds should all include water tanks.

Submission 1753 – Presentation.

(159) Submission 1806 – Jo Gravit – Tauranga Community Housing Trust (TCHT)

Ms Gravit spoke to the TCHT submission. TCHT would like to see people factored in to the overarching operating guidelines, along the lines of improving community wellbeing and quality of life. Suggested TCC considered a housing resource, not for policy making but to make things happen for housing and to be a go to person for housing providers. They wanted assurance that the proceeds from the sale of elder housing would be used to provide social and affordable housing. In regards to the increase in DCs, TCHT urged TCC to look at ways to incentivise CHPs to provide social housing.

Submission 1806 - Tabled document

(160) Submission 1356 – Oliver Boyd - Summerset Group Holdings Limited

Mr Boyd spoke to the submission from Summerset Group Holdings Limited. Summerset Group developed and operated comprehensive care retirement villages which provided a wide range of living options for residents. The increase in DCs was not fair and proportionate for the unique characteristics of a comprehensive care elder village. The relief sought was outlined in the submission and was largely based on the Auckland Council's Development Contribution Policy, which was the most up to date and had been robustly tested.

(161) Submission 1789 – Jan Beange

Ms Beange spoke to her submission. Noted the importance of the LTP decisions not being derailed by any democratic process in 2022. Sustainability and coherence going forward for at least the next two electoral cycles were needed. Ms Beange read from two old newspaper clippings; the first clipping from December 2001 was titled "Beange warns of rates rises"; the second clip was from 2003 and was titled "Walkout as Council flips on water use charge". Tauranga already had a history of tension, split votes and the use of casting votes. Those that failed to learn from history were condemned to repeat it.

(162) Submission 1739 – Ian Brown – Property Connection

Mr Brown spoke to his submission. Targeted rates were not used to the degree they should be and considered that these were an appropriate way to undertake developments for separate communities. The commercial differential was used nationally; 50 of 73 councils had applied a differential in 2019 with a median of 2.5. 1.6 was reasonable but there was scope for more. Emphasised the importance that those paying rates had a good understanding of what they were getting for them.

(163) Submission 1605 – Sameli Tongalea - AvaNiu Pasifika Ltd

Ms Tongalea spoke to the submission from AvaNiu Pasifika Ltd requesting TCC consider a facility specifically for the Pasifika community in Tauranga. This would enable them to maintain their cultural practices and retain their identity. AvaNiu Pasifika Ltd were currently

renting halls and churches from other fellowship groups. They would like a hall/meeting space that was central and with easy access, preferably in the Gate Pa area.

(164) Submission 1802 – Lyndon Marshall and Kevin Atkinson – Generation Homes Tauranga

Mr Marshall and Mr Atkinson spoke to the Generation Homes submission regarding the proposed increase in city-wide DCs. Generation Homes produced 350 houses per year in Tauranga. While they accepted that the cost for development needed to be covered, the increase in city-wide DCs would have a significant impact on their business and their customers. They currently had 55 houses pre-sold awaiting titles that could not be lodged before the 1 August deadline. Contracts for these houses were unconditionally signed and the extra cost would have to be borne by the business. Ongoing, the increase would make new houses even more unaffordable and would significantly impact on house buyers. There needed to be a realistic, detailed and transparent approach to the DCs increase. Generation Homes proposed a mixture of increased DCs and targeted rates.

(165) Submission 1650 – Bridget Bailey - Mount Maunganui Playcentre

Ms Bailey spoke to the Mount Maunganui Playcentre submission. The Playcentre had long been told that it would need to relocate from its current Blake Park site; 16 years and there was still no solution. In 2017 Tātua Reserve was suggested; however, in June they had been told that this was no longer a viable option. \$2,000 of community donations and \$30,000 of donated professional services for plans for the Tātua building were wasted. Either staying at Blake Park or moving to the park on Golf Road were viable options for the Playcentre. They would be happy with either, but needed certainty.

In response to questions

It would be cheaper for the Playcentre to stay where they were but they were confident that the required money could be raised if they needed to move to Golf Road. At Blake Park, they were using space that otherwise would not be used during the day; however, Blake Park was classed as an active reserve and this was not a good fit for the Playcentre, and they were concerned that this could be reviewed in the future. The Playcentre was seeking certainty.

Submission 1650 - Tabled document.

(166) Submission 1687 – Ben Shirley - Waipuna Football Club

Mr Shirley spoke to the submission from the Waipuna Football Club regarding Welcome Bay and Waipuna Park. A 2020 planning study highlighted that the Welcome Bay and Ohauti suburbs were under-served by commercial centres and lacked amenities. Waipuna Park was a fantastic green area but only had a small pavilion and poor public toilet facilities. The vision for Waipuna Park was for a multi-purpose sport facility and destination park, including a pump track, mountain bike track, an outdoor artificial turf, and indoor facilities. Council had that same vision, as outlined in the Bay of Plenty Spaces and Places Plan, but Welcome Bay had been totally missed. It was acknowledged that there were transport and access problems and a connection between Welcome Bay and Ohauti was long past due. Considered that Welcome Bay had been ignored for too long and action was needed now.

Submission 1687 - Tabled document.

(167) Submission 1378 – Ron Melville

Mr Melville spoke to his submission regarding the quality of resurfacing of roads throughout Tauranga. Like was not being replaced with like. A targeted rate had been previously suggested by residents but had not been considered by Council. Mr Melville gave Oriental Parade as an example, where the seal on the street had been badly applied and poorly swept. He would like Council to consult with residents before any resurfacing work was done and the quality of work monitored and assessed at completion, with contractors made to re-work if the resurfacing was not up to standard.

Submission 1378 – Presentation.

(168) Submission 1581 – Greg Brownless

Mr Brownless spoke to his submission. The LTP was not sustainable and was focussed on growth. Tauranga already had as much growth as it could handle. It was a misconception that previous councils had under-invested in infrastructure and it should be recognised that major projects had been undertaken; however, it was acknowledged that infrastructure was not up to scratch for growth. Central government needed to invest more in the region. Mr Brownless believed that the rates increases over the next 10 years had been underestimated by ratepayers; they thought the rise was a one-off. Mr Brownless preferred that the elder housing sites be leased and not sold, and the council civic administration building should be built on council owned land.

(169) Submission 1397 – Tracy Hampton and Anton Steel - Film Bay of Plenty

Ms Hampton and Mr Steel spoke to the submission from Film Bay of Plenty. Post COVID, New Zealand had become more of a film destination. Film Bay of Plenty worked closely with the New Zealand Film Commission, and was the first port of call for film in Tauranga. Film Bay of Plenty currently had confirmed funding from Western Bay, Rotorua Lakes, and Taupo councils for the next three years, and were awaiting funding decisions from Whakatane, Kawerau and Opotiki councils. They also received funding from TECT and Bay Trust, and were supported by Priority One.

At 11.19am, the meeting adjourned.

At 11.30am, the meeting resumed.

(170) Submission 1367 – Nigel Tutt - Priority One

Mr Tutt spoke to the submission from Priority One. Priority One was happy with the overall plan from an economic perspective and from the perspective of the businesses they talked to. They supported the increase in the capital spend and the focus on infrastructure. Feedback from the business community regarding the proposed rates increases had been quite positive and the increases supported; however, this did not come unconditionally. TCC must deliver. There was optimism regarding the CBD and Priority One urged Council to progress investments outlined for the city centre and consider incentives to help people to do the right things in the CBD. Suggestions of what could be done were outlined in their submission.

In response to questions

A mix of commercial use and housing was needed in the CBD. While investing in student accommodation was not as attractive as investing in offices, this would help with the revitalisation of the CBD.

(171) Submission 1329 – Paul Godwin

Mr Godwin spoke to his submission. To avoid wasting ratepayer money, Council needed to decide whether projects would happen or not and then go out for public consultation on what the project might look like, not whether it should happen. Mr Godwin had no issues with the public transport, and found the frequency of buses excellent and the service reliable. He suggested that buses should run later on Fridays and Saturdays. The city centre needed to be a point of destination, which meant having first rate amenities. Current amenities were dated and not fit for purpose, with the exception of the Art Gallery, and needed revitalisation. Mr Godwin also supported the walkway from Memorial Park to the Strand.

(172) Submission 1362 – Ian Dustin

Mr Dustin spoke to his submission. TCC currently had a neutral position on the use of methyl bromide and Mr Dustin would like this to be changed. Mr Dustin suggested Council consider opening up land between the Wairoa River to Omokoroa as a residential zone in preference to Tauriko West and Te Tumu as he considered the development of those areas

may never happen. He would like to see a greater emphasis on community and papakainga housing. Mr Dustin would also like Council to consider an environmental levy on the tonnage at the Port of Tauranga as a different revenue option; but acknowledged that a change in legislation was needed to make this happen.

Submission 1362 - Tabled document.

- (173) **Submission 1582 – Chris Longman and Mark Rogers - Tauranga City Basketball**
Messrs Longman and Rogers spoke to the Tauranga City Basketball submission. The sport of basketball had grown in the last 10 years; Tauranga already had court capacity restrictions and this needed to be urgently addressed. The LTP acknowledged that there was a three court shortage in the city but had provision for only one more court. The Club was looking to work collaboratively with other stakeholders to build a multi-purpose facility at Toi Ohomai. The Club was seeking support and funding from council to progress a feasibility study for this.

In response to questions

Tauranga City Basketball had regular conversations with volleyball around needs. The sporting community as a whole had worked more collaboratively since COVID.

- (174) **Submission 1596 – Tony Gavin - The Lakes Community Association**
Mr Gavin spoke to the Lakes Community Association submission. There was a need to fast track the Tauriko roading development. SH29 had become a major route north and south and was over congested. There needed to be an alternative entry in and out to the industrial area i.e. roundabout at Redwood Lane. There also needed to be dedicated bus lanes between The Lakes, Tauriko West and Greerton. Community facilities were needed in The Lakes area; it was not just young families living there. Timing of the transportation infrastructure in terms of the phasing of Tauriko West residential development was important. A concept structure would be needed for the whole Tauriko West development that could not be deviated from by developers e.g. the latest developments at The Lakes did not include walkways and parks like the initial development had. The commercial differential needed to be increased over time. The Association was not debating that rates needed to go up, but asked that value was delivered and was transparent.

Submission 1596 – Presentation.

- (175) **Submission 1791 – Gray Southon and Ian McGrane- Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group**
Messrs Southon and McCrane spoke to the Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group submission. Climate change was widely seen as the greatest threat to civilisation so the Group was perplexed at the lack of attention to climate change in the LTP. The city had a leadership role to play in setting the local framework in which we lived and worked. Congestion produced an enormous amount of carbon and addressing this needed to be a top priority. Houses needed to be made more sustainable. There were some initiatives that could be done now at a low cost and these were outlined in the submission.

Submission 1791 – Presentation.

- (176) **Submission 1622 – Joy Moir – Sustainable Business Solutions**
Ms Moir spoke to the Sustainable Business Solutions submission. Tauranga had been in shock mode ever since the onset of the city's rapid growth. Tauranga needed a long term vision for the future that looked towards providing a new way of living and being. A city with a strong vision brought people together, not divided. The city needed a new lens to look through. There were very capable people locally that could help with this.

Submission 1622 – Presentation.

(177) Submission 1579 - Sasho Stosic - Tatai Ora Charitable Trust and the Whalers Sports Club

Mr Stosic spoke to the Tatai Ora Charitable Trust and the Whalers Sports Club submission requesting a dedicated space for rugby league. The Whalers Club was currently based at Arataki Park. They liked where they were and would like to stay there; however, the Club did not currently have fair and reasonable use of the Arataki Community Centre. There was no connection to te reo Māori and nothing that identified the Club. The Club was requesting a long term lease for 900 square metres of the park for a dedicated facility. Confirmation of Council's support was needed for the Trust to access funding for the facility. The facility would be all-encompassing, not just for sport.

Submission 1579 – Presentation.

(178) Submission 1394 - Greg Orchard and Vicki McClaren - Accessible Properties

Mr Orchard and Ms McClaren spoke to the Accessible Properties submission. It was suggested that the full proceeds from the sale of the elder housing portfolio be put aside for projects that supported or incentivised social and affordable housing in the city. Funding for the new community centre at Pukehinahina needed to be brought forward to 2021/22 year; Accessible Properties would offer a site to realise this opportunity. Accessible Properties would like Council to consider the development of a pop-up park at the vacant site at 899 Cameron Road in partnership with Sport Bay of Plenty and other stakeholders. The Te Papa Spatial Plan and the plan change for intensification needed to be given the highest priority for implementation. Accessible Properties' Pukehinahina vision was ready to realise and they were currently developing business cases with Kāinga Ora.

Submission 1394 – Presentation.

(179) Submission 1606 - Doug Barnes, Tina Salisbury and Rochelle Jensen – Gate Pa Stakeholders Group

Mr Barnes, Ms Salisbury and Ms Jensen spoke to the Gate Pa Stakeholders Group submission. The Group was in support of the Accessible Properties submission to bring forward funding for the Pukehinahina Community Centre on Accessible Properties land. Pukehinahina was a community in need with an average income of \$23,000. The proposed community centre would provide access to services and support that this community so desperately needed.

(180) Submission 1722 – Alan Dickson – Target Rifle Club

Mr Dickson spoke to the submission from the Target Rifle Club regarding issues the Club was having with the new landlord for the property that the Club operated from at 165 Elizabeth Street. Council was the landowner for this property. The Club was currently locked out of the hall and toilets. Council had promised to facilitate a meeting to progress the Club's sub-lease but to date nothing had happened.

(181) Submission 1604 – Liz Davies – SocialLink

Ms Davies spoke to the SocialLink submission which was based on the views of the social and community sectors in the Western Bay. People, whanau and communities should be first and foremost for all council activities. Council needed to actively take into account the needs of low income people and were encouraged to apply an equity lens to decisions being made and planned policies and activities. Housing was a serious social issue facing Tauranga and Council was urged to be bold, represent the people and intervene to ensure that housing was healthy, affordable and accessible at scale. It was recommended that Council ring fence the entire money from the sale of the elder housing portfolio to use for social housing. SocialLink supported community funding but would like to see this allocated more fairly across all sectors, not just to sport and recreation.

At 1.38pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 2.10pm, the meeting resumed.

(182) Submission 1541 – Sue Pharo

Ms Pharo spoke to her submission in support of the arts and culture in Tauranga. Tauranga needed leaders who were advocates for arts and culture. Ms Pharo requested that Council build a new library as a symbol of change and decisive decision making for the city. She also requested that Council continued the support for the Tauranga Art Gallery and the Incubator. Tauranga did not have a museum and Ms Pharo would like to see a museum in strategic planning.

(183) Submission 1657 – Ian Stevenson

Mr Stevenson spoke to his submission. He was concerned at the increase in capital expenditure from the previous LTP to this LTP, it was now at \$4.5 billion. The increase in the Capex budget resulted in an increase in the Opex budget which resulted in the need for a rates increase. Mr Stevenson believed that TCC had lacked accountability since 2004 onwards and the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee lacked the adequate fiscal and financial know-how and ability needed. Considered that there were longstanding fiscal issues with Bay Venues Limited. Money collected for a particular purpose was being diverted elsewhere e.g. DCs and depreciation. Considered that Council's debt levels were recklessly high already and any increase to these levels would ultimately cripple the community and city financially.

Submission 1657 - Tabled document.

(184) Submission 1814 – Rob Paterson – Citizens Advocacy Tauranga Inc (CAT)

Mr Paterson spoke on behalf of Citizens Advocacy Tauranga Inc. The proposed rates increases for the next 10 years would push many residents out. CAT believed that the proposed Memorial Park/Strand walkway should be canned. A pay as you throw (PAYT) option should be offered in the future for kerbside recycling and the Maleme Street transfer station should remain in operation. The submission outlined several solutions to transport and congestion issues. Considered that a new library and administration block were totally unnecessary. Developers of sub-divisions must pay their way at the outset.

In response to questions

CAT had approximately 20 members and was not subscription based.

(185) Submission 1348 – John Bickers

Mr Bickers spoke to his submission regarding water. He was concerned about Tauranga's water supply and suggested that it was mandatory for all new builds to have a water tank to collect rain water off the roof, with a minimum requirement of a 1000 litre tank. He suggested that Council could subsidise the cost of a new tank, for new builds as well as for existing ratepayers.

Submission 1348 - Tabled document.

(186) Submission 1272 – Stephen Wright

Mr Wright spoke to his submission requesting the upgrading of the western end of Carmichael Road in Bethlehem, particularly for wastewater. All dwellings in that area were still on septic tanks that drained into soak holes. Most of the soak holes were failing and often overflowed. When this happened toilets and showers could not be used. An upgrade was meant to take place in 2012, and then again in 2018 but nothing had happened. The upgrade was now planned for 2022. Mr Wright was sceptical that this would happen and had real concerns about health issues for the residents. He was seeking the same level of service that the rest of Bethlehem and Tauranga enjoyed.

(187) Submission 1398 – Carl McComb, Michael Bayly and Douglas Owens – Tauranga Recreation Ground and Racecourse Reserve (TRGRR)

Messrs McComb, Bayly and Owens spoke to the submission regarding the Tauranga Recreation Ground and Racecourse Reserve. The submission was a collaborative effort between the Tauranga Golf Club, the Tauranga Equestrian Sports Association, Racing Tauranga Incorporated and Ngai Tamarawaho. The purpose of the submission was to ensure the crown owned recreational reserve was preserved in perpetuity. The lessees would like their leases, which expired in 18 years, to be renewed so that they could continue on with the development of their facilities and would also like to see recognition of the significant investment by stakeholders in these facilities.. They encouraged Council to remove all reference to the reserve that described the land as being anything other than a permanent and historically significant reserve from the Te Papa Spatial plan. It was noted that if the reserve status was changed, tangata whenua, Ngai Tamarawaho, would consider asking for the land back.

(188) Submission 1777 – Matt Cowley – Tauranga Chamber of Commerce

Mr Cowley spoke to his submission from the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce. Delivery of the LTP was key. There appeared to be a lack of leadership around public transport from Waka Kotahi, BOPRC and TCC. In the short term there needed to be more collaboration, and, in the long term, consideration for one entity to run the public transport service. The Chamber was working with both Hamilton and Tauranga councils as well as central government on the Hamilton/Tauranga corridor to connect the two regional economies. They would like TCC to consider options for compensation or redress for businesses that were challenged by major projects works e.g. Cameron Road. Having a stakeholder engagement person for businesses to go to for information and support would be useful.

(189) Submission 1784 – John Robson

Mr Robson spoke to his submission. When Mr Robson looked at the LTP as it was currently envisaged, he saw broken promises. It was being promoted as a promise of a better tomorrow but the conditionalities that required its delivery had not been made clear to those who were being asked to support it. Mr Robson supported the move of the commercial differential from 1.2 to 1.6 and urged TCC to go further to 2.5 like Tauranga's peers. The burden of dealing with the city's growth needed to be more equitable. Mr Robson also asked that TCC address the fact that the LTP significantly failed to address climate change.

(190) Submission 1584 – David Cosgrove - AMP Capital Bayfair PTY Ltd

Mr Cosgrove spoke to the AMP Capital Bayfair PTY Ltd submission and represented the owners of Bayfair Mall. Bayfair was a significant contributor to the local economy. The increase in the commercial differential would be passed on to the Mall's 150 or so tenants. This increase had not been foreshadowed, anticipated or forecast by these businesses and some of them would be significantly disadvantaged. He suggested the Commissioners be more business friendly and reduce the commercial rates increases by reprioritising what was in the LTP – live within your means. There were other means of income available i.e. public/private partnerships, sale of assets. Growth should be paid for by growth. AMP Capital Bayfair PTY Ltd believed the differential was not appropriate and should not be included in the LTP.

(191) Submission 1670 and 1699 – Glen Crowther – Sustainable Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust

Mr Crowther spoke to the submission from Sustainable Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust. The Trust agreed with the commercial differential and supported infrastructure and intensification of Te Papa but highlighted the need for continued good public consultation. It was not evident in the LTP and in the budget that caring for the environment was considered as important as providing for growth. Considered it unlikely this plan would deliver affordable housing. The lack of carbon targets, a climate change policy, and an environment strategy was as serious as the housing crisis. Tauranga was the only city that

did not have a sustainability strategy or an environment strategy; it had the worst urban form and transport system and was the worst performing city regarding carbon emissions.

At 4.16pm, the meeting adjourned.

At 4.30pm, the meeting resumed.

(192) Submission 1393 – Natalia Tropotova and Morgan Jones – Property Council

Mr Jones and Ms Tropotova spoke to the Property Council's commission. The Property Council supported the use of targeted rates to support transportation, stormwater and community amenities, but did not support the proposed increase in the commercial differential from 1.2 to 1.6. They also recommended that council consider taking on more debt to help deliver the capital programme to keep rates and fees and charges at a reasonable level. More funding needed to be allocated to the development and revitalisation of the city centre. Considered that payment for growth should not solely be placed in DC fees and recommended Council consider other funding models e.g. beneficiaries based model. They were concerned about the lack of funding from central government. The Property Council was concerned about the impact the increase in city-wide DCs would have on around 200 new home owners and recommended council deferred the increase to 2022.

(193) Submission 1603 – Rob Paterson

Mr Paterson spoke to his personal submission which gave his view and opinions on a number of issues and projects outlined in the LTP.

(194) Submission 1426 – Jonathan Insall-Reid

Mr Insall-Reid spoke to his submission. Mr Insall-Reid considered that investment in Tauranga and its surrounds was overdue and urged the commissioners to continue the progress made to date without delay, particularly in regards to building a cultural and artistic city. Mr Insall-Reid was also particularly interested in green transport solutions and suggested a second city rail line to Waihi, via Katikati and Omokoroa, and through to Te Puke to Whakatane. Tauranga and its surrounds urgently needed a museum and further gallery and Māori performance space, built adjacent to the city and close to the water's edge; suggested Dive Crescent as an appropriate location.

(195) Submission 1437 – Guy Hall

Mr Hall spoke to his submission regarding his home in Bethlehem, which was next to a stormwater reserve. The property was purchased in 2017 and due diligence had confirmed there were no issues with the property. However, with proposed Plan Change 27, the property was now designated as flood prone. A road that had subsequently been put in next to the property was meant to have three culverts but, mistakenly, only two had been installed. Mr Hall and a number of other property owners in the area had been unfairly impacted by the mistake and requested funding in the LTP to install the third culvert. Council staff had confirmed that his property would not be designated as flood prone if the third culvert was installed.

(196) Submission 1619 – Carole Gordon – Social Sector Forum

Ms Gordon spoke to the submission from the Social Sector Forum of SmartGrowth. The Forum was seeking a decision-making climate where the Treaty and social justice prevailed and wanted to see better integration with the Living Standards Framework. The Forum were concerned about the sale of the elder housing sites and, in particular, what would be done with the land. The Forum requested that Council did not divest the land at this time and formed a working party to look at the development of an intensification elder housing project and appoint a Housing Manager to help deliver the project in alignment with the SmartGrowth Housing Action Plan.

(197) Submission 1373 – Simone Anderson - The Incubator Creative Hub

Ms Anderson spoke to the Incubator Creative Hub submission regarding the Incubator Strategy. The document had been in planning and development for over a year and was aligned with the Historic Village Strategy. The Incubator was grateful for the support and funding received to date, which over the past three years had contributed to the delivery of exceptional outcomes for the community and the Village. The Incubator was seeking an increased level of investment that was proportionate to their growth and relative to their potential and projected expansion of essential grassroots art infrastructure and amenities for Tauranga Moana. They requested that the Council consider a fair balance of investment that compared with the funding received by Creative Bay of Plenty and the Tauranga Art Gallery. They would also like to form a strategic partnership with Council to help achieve their objectives.

(198) Submission 1330 – John Sligo – Tauranga Indoor Sport User Group

Mr Sligo spoke to the Tauranga Indoor Sport User Group submission. Those that were present with him represented approximately 23,500 active members of the community. The Group supported the upgrade to the Memorial Park facility but would like the current staged approach to be reconsidered into a concurrent approach. Current demand was such that waiting was not an option. The Group would also like to see the future planning of the eastern corridor and for Te Tumu facilities be brought forward.

(199) Submission 1333 – John Sligo – Parafed Bay of Plenty

Mr Sligo spoke to the submission from Parafed Bay of Plenty. Parafed Bay of Plenty provided opportunities for physically disabled people to be active. They currently had just over 140 active members, along with their families, volunteers and coaches, 400 people in total. Parafed Bay of Plenty relied heavily on hard floor court space for their wheelchair sports and it was difficult to find court space at the Baypark Arena at a time that was suitable. Parafed Bay of Plenty was based at Memorial Hall but the hall had no fire evacuation plan for disabled people and there were issues with access to disabled toilets and changing rooms. A speed bump obstacle had recently been installed in the hall carpark which was between the entrance to the hall and the disabled parking spaces. Wheelchair users struggled to get over the speed bump.

(200) Submission 1794 – Rebecca Ryder – Tauranga Moana Outrigger Canoe Club & Bay of Plenty Dragonboat Club

Ms Ryder spoke to the Tauranga Moana Outrigger Canoe Club & Bay of Plenty Dragonboat Club submission. Marine Park was the only all-tide deep water access recreation reserve. The boats for both sports were launched with trolleys and required several people. The clubs requested that Council invest funds towards investigating and master planning the whole of Marine Park with a recreation focus in mind. The Clubs were currently in talks with Sport Bay of Plenty regarding a feasibility study for this.

(201) Submission 1778 – Carole Gordon

Ms Gordon spoke to her submission regarding the challenges Council faced today. She spoke about making Tauranga a smart city which integrated the technology of today in to its planning processes to enable sustainable functionality. Ms Gordon suggested that it was time to frame Tauranga as a very future focussed smart city which maximised benefits for all residents and visitors.

(202) Submission 1636 – Sue MacArthur, James Hughes and Heidi Hughes – Greater Tauranga

Ms MacArthur, Mr Hughes and Ms Hughes spoke to the Greater Tauranga submission. Greater Tauranga did not believe that aspects of the current LTP were future fit, specifically the plans for more housing to be built at Tauriko West and Te Tumu. They believed land inside the city boundary could be used more effectively and efficiently to provide homes and biodiverse green space for residents. They also believed the LTP would create growth by sprawl that would further degrade Tauranga's living environment. Greater Tauranga

suggested five projects that would provide a similar amount of housing proposed at Tauriko and Te Tumu as well as a range of other benefits at a lower cost: an urban regeneration project, development of the racecourse for housing and amenities, halt the development of the Te Tumu Regional Park, relocation of the airport and specific heavy industry and use of that area for high density housing, and investment in a rail strategy for passenger and freight.

Submission 1636 – Presentation.

(203) Submission 1654 – Summer Bell – Tauranga Youth Development Team (TYDT)

Ms Bell spoke to the TYDT submissions. TYDT worked to benefit the wellbeing of young people in Tauranga Moana. All TYDT initiatives were provided free of charge to the community. The Team valued the current partnership with TCC and also worked and collaborated with the Tauranga District Health Board. Investing in the city's young people now was important so that Tauranga retained them as residents, employees, future leaders and future small business owners. Access to funding would allow TYDT to develop, deliver and maintain positive youth development initiatives across all young people and whanau.

Submission 1654 – Presentation.

(204) Submission 1741 – Janis and Phil Jameson

Mr and Mrs Jamieson spoke to their submission. They were concerned about infrastructure investment and council expenditure priorities e.g. the Memorial Park/Strand walkway would cost \$19 million for approximately 900metres at \$21,000 per metre, compared to the Tauranga Eastern Link which had the same cost per metre. They were also opposed to the proposed rates increases. Rates should be fairly shared and people needed to be assured that rates would go towards priorities. Targeted rates should only be used for essentials; what the city needed to survive.

(205) Submissions 1726, 1730 and 1731 – Rondell Reihana – Ranginui 9B Trust

Ms Reihana spoke to the Ranginui 9B Trust submission. Ranginui 9B Trust was located on Ranginui Road in Welcome Bay, had approximately 308 owners and was approximately seven hectares of usable land suitable for terraced housing. The land had no infrastructure. To establish papakainga housing on the land feasibility funding was required to get through the required city planning and design steps. The Trust fully supported DCs being rebated for Māori land.

Submissions 1726, 1730 and 1731 – Presentation.

(206) Submission 1263 – Malcom Wassung

Mr Wassung spoke to his submission. He commented on Waka Kotahi's methods for the slowing down of traffic, and used the narrowing of Fifteenth Avenue in favour of the widened footpath/cycleway, and Greerton, as examples. He would like to see the rail network used for commuter transport. An inexpensive trial could be run between Omokoroa to Te Puke through the CBD, with temporary platforms at various suburbs to determine uptake. Mr Wassung would like to see the partition of wards into geographical areas and the election of the Mayor by elected councillors.

(207) Submission 1013 – Richard Hart

Mr Hart spoke to his submission and focussed on the proposed Te Tumu Kaituna Regional Park. The park would be a large premier destination park bordering on to the coast and river. He suggested the proposal needed fresh eyes and requested that an independent study based on the natural attributes of the park be undertaken.

Submission 1013 – Presentation.

(208) Submission 1399 – Sam Newton - New Zealand Recreation

Mr Newton spoke to the New Zealand Recreation submission. Their mission was to advance wellbeing through recreation. They acknowledged and thanked TCC as the major

provider of the city's sport and recreation facilities. New Zealand Recreation supported the prioritisation of investment in walking and cycling routes. They also supported the accessibility for recreational space and the Memorial Park/CBD leisure hub.

Closing comments

Commission Chair Anne Tolley noted that the Commission had read all written submissions and had heard four and a half days of submissions from a wide variety of people. Deliberations would take place on Thursday and Friday of the following week, and the final LTP would be formally adopted by Council on 26 July 2021. Following the adoption of the LTP, everyone who had submitted to the LTP would receive a written response to their submission.

Chair Tolley thanked everyone who had made a submission and particularly those who had come along to speak to the Commission about their wants and desires for the city. The Commission had been impressed by the passion that people had shown.

Ms Tolley also thanked staff, particularly Democracy Services and the Executive Team, for their work and effort during the five days of submission hearings.

RESOLUTION CO10/21/2

Moved: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Council:

- (a) Receives and accepts submission numbers 1815 to 1819 that were received after submissions closed at 4pm on 7 June 2021.
- (b) Receives the verbal submissions to the draft 2021-2031 Long-term Plan including all supplementary presentations and tabled documents.

CARRIED

5 CLOSING KARAKIA

Commissioner Shad Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 July 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON