



DRAFT MINUTES

**Ordinary Council meeting
Wednesday, 29 October 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
LEVEL 1 - 90 DEVONPORT ROAD, MAREANUI, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hēmi Rolleston

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Community), Reneke van Soest (General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure), Jeremy Boase, (Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience) Vicky Grant-Ussher, (Policy Analyst) Nigel McGlone, (Manager: Compliance Services) Oscar Glossop, (Team Leader: Animal Services) Emma Joyce (Open Space & Community Facilities Planner), Kathryn Sharplin (Acting COFO – Finance & Digital), Sheree Covell, (Manager: Treasury & Financial Processes), Marin Gabric (Team Leader: Financial Accounting and Compliance), Rachel Burt (Corporate Planner), Jane Barnett, (Policy Analyst) Shawn Geard, (Manager: Transport System Operations), Gregg Steele (Head of City Operations), Hope Lawsen (Team Leader: Waste Operations & Compliance), Clare Sullivan (Senior Governance Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor)

EXTERNAL: Leon Pieterse and Darryl Knoesen, Audit New Zealand

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 29 October on the [Council's YouTube channel Part 1](#) and [Council's YouTube channel Part 2](#)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/1

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the apology for absence received from Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp – 4 minutes

3.1 John Heaphy - Department of Conservation

- Mr Heaphy made three points regarding item 11.2, the Issues and Options for Dog Management Policy and Bylaw and Keeping of Animals Bylaw.
- He wanted to see the replacement of the temporary restriction in the area known as “Shark Alley” with a permanent restriction. In his view the temporary restriction was not working as there is other wildlife in that area year-round including seals, burrow-nesting seabirds and penguins. Attacks outside the current temporary restricted period have been recorded.
- Mr Heaphy noted the arrival that High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (also known as bird flu) would have on local wildlife and encouraged Council to be ready.
- Mr Heaphy sought a clarification of the Waikareao Estuary – its status as a Wildlife Refuge had been in place for 96 years and in his view was a historic anomaly that needed correcting.

3.2 Anna Wentsch - Western Bay Wildlife Trust

- Anna Wentsch supported the points made by John Heaphy. She sought the extension of the current temporary restrictions to prohibit dogs in Shark Alley (the beach area between Moturiki and Mussell Rock), to a year-round permanent restriction in this area and to include a buffer area around the location. This would support Kororā (little blue penguins), the Grey-faced Petrel, and Northern New Zealand Dotterel’s nesting sites. This would remove confusion about when the restriction was in place for.
- Anna noted that bylaws were only good as long as there was enforcement in place. She thanked the public for their help in reporting nesting sites and other conservation efforts.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

The Mayor noted some attachments to Item 11.3, Adoption of the Annual Report 2024-25, were circulated on Tuesday 28 October 2025.

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

11 BUSINESS

Prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting Mayor Mahé Drysdale congratulated all those who were elected to Councils across the country, and acknowledged those who have served their communities, and were not re-elected or chose not to stand, particularly those in the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

Councillor Crowther then acknowledged members of neighbouring Councils including the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, former Chairperson Doug Leeder, Jane Nees, Paula Thompson, Andrew von Dadelszen, Ron Scott, Te Taru White, Lyall Thurston, Kevin Winters, and Toi Iti, Andy Wichers, Anne Henry, Don Thwaites from Western Bay of Plenty District Council and John Scrimgeour (who is now a member of the Regional Council). He also congratulated Nándor Tānczos the new mayor of Whakatāne District Council and recognised Victor Luca, former Mayor of Whakatāne District Council.

Timestamp – 33 minutes

11.1 Confirmation of Updated Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2025

Staff Jeremy Boase, Head of Strategy, Governance & Climate Resilience

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/2

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Confirmation of updated minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2025".
- (b) Confirms the updated minutes (provided as Attachment 1 to the report) as the true and correct record of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2025.

CARRIED

Timestamp – 39 minutes

11.2 Issues and Options for Dog Management Policy and Bylaw and Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review

Staff Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory and Community
Vicky Grant-Ussher, Policy Analyst
Oscar Glossop, Team Leader Animal Control
Emma Joyce, Open Space & Community Facilities Planner

MOVED: Cr Marten Rozeboom

SECONDED: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Issues and Options for Dog Management Policy and Bylaw and Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review".
- (b) Provides direction on the following issues for the purpose of developing draft policy and bylaws:
 - (i) retain existing approach to dog management in public places but review the resourcing of education and enforcement through the LTP (**Issue 1: Option C**)
 - (ii) make targeted changes to dog restrictions at public places containing or adjacent to special ecological areas identified as high priority (for example, coastal dunes, and Shark Alley) (**Issue 2: Option B**)
 - (iii) require dogs to be on leash in urban city centre spaces (including Red Square, Masonic Park, the waterfront) (**Issue 3: Option B**)
 - (iv) require dogs to be on leash on selected shared paths (for example Marine Parade Coastal Pathway, the Beach Road walkway and the Papamoa Shared Path) (**Issue 3: Option F**)
 - (v) clarify the definition of play spaces and exercise equipment to include active recreation equipment (for example, skate parks and basketball courts) (**Issue 3: Option H**)
 - (vi) prohibit dogs from parks that are fenced for accessibility and inclusion purposes (**Issue 3: Option I**)
 - (vii) prohibit dogs in all cemeteries and burial grounds (unless permitted by the cemetery manager) and require dogs to be on leash in heritage reserves where dogs are not otherwise prohibited (**Issue 3: Option L**)
 - (viii) does not include bylaw provisions to address issues with cats (**Issue 4: Option B**)
 - (ix) add a maximum number of dogs per property (in addition to the current per person limit) (**Issue 4: Option C**)
 - (x) add an ability for dog walkers with relevant training to request a licence from Tauranga City Council to walk more than four dogs at a time (**Issue 4: Option D**)
 - (xi) reduce the number of poultry that can be kept in the residential zone without a licence to 6. (**Issue 4: Option F**)
 - (xii) require a licence to keep poultry other than chickens in the residential zone. (**Issue 4: Option G**)
 - (xiii) add a general requirement for those keeping animals in Tauranga to abide by the direction of an authorised officer (**Issue 4: Option H**)
- (c) Notes that draft policy and bylaws will be prepared based on the direction provided and then provided to Council for consideration prior to adoption for consultation early next year.

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED

MOVED: Cr Rick Curach

SECONDED: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

Amend recommendation (vii) by adding with an option to consult on adding the words "other than visiting gravesites" after the words "cemetery manager".

For: Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris and Cr Kevin Schuler
Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Marten Rozeboom and Cr Rod Taylor

LOST 4/5

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/3

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

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 - (vi) prohibit dogs from parks that are fenced for accessibility and inclusion purposes (**Issue 3: Option I**)
 - (vii) prohibit dogs in all cemeteries and burial grounds (unless permitted by the cemetery manager) and require dogs to be on leash in heritage reserves where dogs are not otherwise prohibited (**Issue 3: Option L**)
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- (c) Notes that draft policy and bylaws will be prepared based on the direction provided and then provided to Council for consideration prior to adoption for consultation early next year.

CARRIED

At 11.00am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.09am the meeting resumed.

Timestamp – 1 hour 41 minutes

11.4 Street Use and Public Places Bylaw Review - draft bylaw

Staff Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory & Community
Shawn Geard, Manager: Transport System Operations
Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/4

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Street Use and Public Places Bylaw Review - draft bylaw".
- (b) Adopts the draft Street Use and Public Places Bylaw (**Attachment 1**) and Statement of Proposal (**Attachment 2**) for community consultation.
- (c) Resolves, in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 that the Street Use and Public Places Bylaw (**Attachment 3**):
 - (i) is the most appropriate way to help protect the community from public nuisance and offensive behaviour, protect public health and safety, and protect council-controlled public places and the environment from misuse
 - (ii) is the most appropriate form of the bylaw
 - (iii) is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, noting that any implications are considered reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society as they are necessary to protect public safety, amenity and the rights of others using public places.
- (d) Authorises the General Manager: Regulatory and Community Services to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation changes to the draft Street Use and Public Places bylaw, statement of proposal and related consultation material before consultation.

CARRIED

Timestamp – 1 hour 50 minutes

11.5 Event Temporary Alcohol-free Areas 2025/2026

Staff Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory & Community
Nigel McGlone, Manager: Compliance Services

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/5

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Event temporary alcohol-free areas 2025/2026".
- (b) Agrees the proposed temporary alcohol-free areas are appropriate and proportionate, and justified as a reasonable limitation on people's rights and freedoms.
- (c) Resolves under clause 9 of the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018 to implement temporary alcohol-free areas to support events across Tauranga for the 2025/2026 summer as follows:

Tauranga City Council New Year's Eve community events and Soper Reserve events as per below table:

Fergusson Park	Fergusson Park including Tilby Drive from the intersection of Tainui Street and Waratah Street (all inclusive) from 10am, 31 December 2025 to 6am, 1 January 2026.
Gordon Spratt Reserve	Gordon Spratt Reserve and Alice Way (all inclusive) and Parton Road (between Tara Road and Papamoa Beach Road) from 10am, 31 December 2025 to 6am, 1 January 2026.
Tauranga Racecourse Reserve	Tauranga Racecourse Reserve from 10am, 31 December 2025 to 6am, 1 January 2026.
Soper Reserve	Soper Reserve and Newton Street (all inclusive) as follows from 6am to midnight on the following dates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 February 2026, postponement date 14 February 2026 (Rockstock Tauranga) • 28 February 2026 (Beast of a Feast) • 21 March 2026 (Tauranga Moana Irish Festival)

Mercury Baypark New Year's Eve event, covering the streets identified in the table below from 10am, 31 December 2025 to 3am, 1 January 2026.

Girven Road	From Gloucester Road to Maunganui Road
Maunganui Road	From Girven Road to State Highway 2
State Highway 2/Te Maunga Lane	From Maunganui Road to Sandhurst Drive
Te Maunga Lane	All inclusive
Truman Lane	All inclusive
Mangatawa Link Road	All inclusive
State Highway 29A	From Truman Lane to Maunganui Road/Te Maunga Lane (including the roundabouts)
Gloucester Road	From Eversham Road to Girven Road
Eversham Road	All inclusive
Tudor Place	All inclusive
Palliser Place	All inclusive
Harrow Place	All inclusive

Exeter Street	All inclusive
Lambeth Terrace	All inclusive
Dover Place	All inclusive
Weymouth Place	All inclusive
Eversham Road Reserve	All inclusive
Kingsley Place	All inclusive
Penrhyn Place	All inclusive
Ernie Way	All inclusive
Hadleigh Reserve	All inclusive

Bay Oval events, covering Blake Park and the surrounding streets identified below for the following times and dates, 10am to midnight 17 January 2026 for Black Clash, 10am, 31 January 2026 to 1am, 1 February 2026 for FISHER and 10am to midnight on 7 February 2026 for UB40.

Blake Park	All inclusive (Skate Park and overflow carpark)
Hull Road	All inclusive
Maunganui Road	From Tweed Street to Puriri Street
Hinau Street	All inclusive
Miro Street	From Kawaka Street to Puriri Street
Kawaka Street	All inclusive
Totara Street	From Hull Road to Puriri Street
Tawa Street	From Kawaka Street Puriri Street
Matai Street	All inclusive
Puriri Street	All inclusive

CARRIED

Timestamp –1 hour 52 minutes

11.6 Cambridge Road Closed Landfill Infrastructure Upgrade: Unbudgeted Expenditure

Staff Greg Steele, Head of City Operations
Hope Lawson, Team Leader: Waste Operations & Compliance

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/6

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Cambridge Road Closed Landfill Infrastructure Upgrade: Unbudgeted Expenditure".
- (b) Approves unbudgeted capital expenditure of \$1,497,085 for the completion of

compliance works at 278 Cambridge Road.

CARRIED

Timestamp – 2 hours 17 minutes

11.7 Status update on actions from prior Council meetings

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/7

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Status update on actions from prior Council meetings".
- (a) **Attachment 2** can be transferred into the open when the report that generated this action is released to open.

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolution to exclude the public

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/8

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 11.48 am.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
13.1 - Local Water Done Well - Work Programme and Due Diligence	s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and	s48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

	industrial negotiations)	
Confidential Attachment 2 - 11.7 - Status update on actions from prior Council meetings	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a) the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

At 11.48 the meeting adjourned.

At 11.50 the meeting resumed in public excluded.

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/9

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the meeting continues in the open at 12.22 pm.

CARRIED

At 12.23pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.00pm the meeting resumed in open.

Timestamp – 5 minutes (Part 2)

11.3 Adoption of 2024/25 Annual Report

Staff Kathryn Sharplin, Acting COFO – Finance & Digital
Sheree Covell, Manager: Treasury & Financial Processes
Rachel Burt, Corporate Planner
Marin Gabric, Team Leader: Financial Accounting & Compliance

External Leon Pieterse (Audit New Zealand)
Darryl Knoesen (Audit New Zealand)

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/10

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report titled "*Adoption of 2024/25 Annual Report*".

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/11

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

- (b) Receives the Audit NZ report on Tauranga City Council's 2024/25 Annual Report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CO/25/26/14

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

- (c) Adopts the audited Tauranga City Council 2024/25 Annual Report, as required under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor changes to numerical, wording or layout to the 2024/25 Annual Report before final publication.
- (e) Receives the audited 2024/25 Annual Report Summary, which uses approved content only and notes that no new content may be introduced in the Summary that is not already included in the full Annual Report.
- (f) Receives the 2024/25 Annual Report highlights, which summarises key achievements from the year.

CARRIED

14 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1.35pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 December 2025.