



MINUTES

**City Future Committee meeting
Tuesday, 25 November 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
CITY FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1 - 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Marten Rozeboom (Chair), Cr Rod Taylor, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scouler, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Cr Kevin Schuler, Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Sarah Holmes (Team Leader: Governance Services), Clare Sullivan (Governance Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor),

EXTERNAL: Dr Jessica Walker, Ms Frankie Hutchings and Mr Michael Wenzel.

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the meeting held on 25 November 2025 on [Tauranga City Council YouTube Channel](#).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/1

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the apology for lateness received from Cr Hautapu Baker be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: 2 minutes

3.1 Fireworks in the City

External Dr Jessica Walker and Ms Frankie Hutchings

Key Points

- Shared that fireworks had caused severe harm to animals, including the death of a horse and injuries to others, and noted the financial burden of removing hazardous materials from property to prevent further incidents.
- Explained that ongoing fireworks use near a Sikh temple had resulted in nightly disturbances, negatively affecting local wildlife, with multiple dead birds found and other animals impacted.
- Reported that fireworks had also disturbed dementia patients at a nearby rest home, leading to increased disorientation and falls, and highlighted broader community impacts.
- Stated support for regulated public fireworks displays, provided advance notice and location details were given to allow for management of animals and vulnerable people.
- Requested that the Council consider bylaws to prohibit fireworks in public places, roads, and parks to protect native birds and animals.
- Suggested that new subdivisions include covenants to make them fireworks-free zones, expressing willingness to relocate to such an area.
- Mentioned research on air pollution from fireworks, citing a study that found eight minutes with a sparkler equated to a day's worth of air pollution, and offered to share further data and incident reports.

In response to questions

- Noted that local government had limited pathways to restrict private fireworks use and sale, and that national government had not prioritized the issue, though a bill had recently been introduced.
- Pointed out that the Council's current bylaw consultation on street use and public places could provide an opportunity to restrict fireworks in public areas, and committed to submitting feedback.
- Discussed whether fireworks problems stemmed more from public or private spaces, and confirmed that public space use was a significant issue.

Timestamp: 11 minutes

3.2 Michael Wenzel speaking to Chipsealing Phillips Drive, Oropi

External Michael Wenzel

Key Points

- Raised concerns about the sudden decision to chip seal Ashfield Road, which had been asphalted for over 20 years, and noted that the community had not been properly consulted or informed.
- Reported that after engaging with neighbours, the vast majority opposed the chip seal plan, with 95% against it and over 80 signatures collected in support of retaining asphalt.
- Described confusion among residents about the differences between chip seal and asphalt, and highlighted that the notification letter was unclear.
- Shared feedback from other suburbs experiencing similar dissatisfaction with chip seal, including ongoing issues with loose stones and increased maintenance requests.

- Requested that the Council pause the chip seal project to allow more time for community input and consideration of alternative solutions.
- Suggested that if financial contributions from residents were required for asphalt, a longer payment period and clear communication would be necessary for community acceptance.
- Emphasized the importance of maintaining safe walking paths, especially for children, elderly, and families, noting the lack of footpaths and the challenges posed by steep hills and chip seal surfaces.
- Expressed willingness to trial new surface options on Phillips Drive and monitor their effectiveness, proposing that unique roads could serve as test cases for future decisions.
- Stressed the need for clear communication, community involvement, and consideration of financial impacts in future road surface decisions.
- Thanked the Council for their time and respectful engagement, and reiterated the community's desire to keep their suburb attractive and safe.

At 9:45am Cr Hautapu Baker entered the meeting.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

That the City Future Committee meeting

Accepts the following late item for consideration at the meeting:

- Chipsealing vs Asphalt in 2025/26 reseal programme.

The above item was not included in the original agenda because it was not available at the time the agenda was issued, and discussion cannot be delayed until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee because a decision is required in regard to this item.

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/2

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That City Future Committee accepts the late report 'Chipsealing vs asphalt in 2025/26 reseal programme' to be discussed at the meeting.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 14 October 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/3

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 14 October 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular noted a potential conflict of interest in relation to item 9.4 – in relation to Fast Track Amendments Bill as she is a Board Member of the Environmental Protection Agency, noting that their role was limited to secretariat duties and did not involve decision-making. The Deputy Mayor requested this be recorded in the minutes.

Cr Steve Morris declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 9.2 and took no part in voting on the matter.

9 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 24 minutes

9.1 Level of Service Policy Review - Open Space, Active Reserves and Public Toilets

Staff Ross Hudson, Manager: Strategic Planning and Partnerships, Spaces and Places
Vicky Grant-Ussher, Policy Analyst

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/4

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Level of Service Policy Review - Open Space, Active Reserves and Public Toilets".
- (b) Notes that further targeted engagement will inform the development of recommended policy options to be provided to the Committee in early/mid 2026.

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular – noted she abstained due to no discussion/debate.

CARRIED 10/0

Timestamp: 49 minutes

9.2 Use of Council Land Policy Review - Issues and Options

Staff Sandy Lee, Policy Analyst
Ross Hudson, Manager: Strategic Planning and Partnerships, Spaces and Places
Alison Law, Head of Spaces and Places

At 11:00am the meeting adjourned.

At 11:08am the meeting resumed in open.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/5

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Use of Council Land Policy Review - Issues and Options".
- (b) Agrees to:
 - (i) Remove the specific requirement in the policy for a permit or licence to operate and indicate instead that 'approval' is required to operate commercial activities on council land. See recommendation 1a.
 - (ii) Amend the definition of commercial activity to the proposed definition in the updated draft Street Use and Public Places Bylaw. See recommendation 1b.
 - (iii) Amend the policy to allow council land to be provided for new not-for-profit kohanga reo centres (as for playcentres). See recommendation 2a.
 - (iv) Clarify that scheduled maintenance and repair will be prioritised over bookings and include a statement about regular maintenance of sports fields being for 4-6 weeks over both the autumn and spring periods. See recommendation 3a.
 - (v) Include a statement that booking prioritisation will also be informed by any relevant site-specific masterplans and reserve management plans. See recommendation 3b.
 - (vi) Amend the termination clause to a standard of **3 to 6 years maximum** for community leases on reserves so that it aligns with the Long Term Plan.
 - (vii) Amend the policy to require community gardens to obtain written approval rather than a Licence to Occupy from the council. See recommendation 5b.
 - (viii) Exclude the airport land from the scope of the policy. See recommendation 6a.
 - (ix) Exclude TECT Park and Huharua Park from the scope of the policy. See recommendation 6b.
 - (x) Exclude Bay Venues Limited from the scope of the policy. See recommendation 6c.
 - (xi) Use the existing policy principle of vibrancy, inclusivity and diversity when allowing commercial activities but consideration is to be made for existing 'rate paying' businesses in the area.
- (c) Approves the draft Use of Council Land Policy for public consultation.
- (d) Authorises the General Manager: Operations and Infrastructure to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation changes to the draft Use of Council Land Policy before consultation.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Marten Rozeboom, Rod Taylor, Hautapu Baker, Glen Crowther, Rick Curach, Hēmi Rolleston, Kevin Schuler and Tangata Whenua Representative Arthur Flintoff

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Steve Morris

CARRIED 10/0

Attachments

- 1 Tabled Document - Draft revised Use of Council Land Policy 2025 - with tracked changes
- 2 Tabled Document - SFR20221205 - Use of Council Land Policy Deliberations Report
- 3 Tabled Document - Minutes of SFRC 051222 and resolutions

Timestamp: 1 hour 45 minutes

9.3 Policy Review Schedule

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Governance

Action Requested

- That staff provide the City Future Committee with the policy review work programme, including the list of policies for review, every 6 months.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/6

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Policy Review Schedule".

CARRIED

Timestamp: 1 hour 51 minutes

9.4 Quarterly Update - Growth, Land Use Planning & Transport Strategy Projects - November 2025

Staff Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning and Growth

Action Requested

- That staff circulate to the Members the land use trends for Te Papa.

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION AT 11:49AM

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/7

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

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

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
9.4 - Quarterly Update - Growth, Land Use Planning & Transport Strategy Projects - November 2025	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

Timestamp: Part 2 of livestream – 1 minute

9.4 Quarterly Update - Growth, Land Use Planning & Transport Strategy Projects - November 2025

Staff Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning and Growth

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/9

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Quarterly Update - Growth, Land Use Planning & Transport Strategy Projects - November 2025".
- (b) Retrospectively approves TCC's submission to the Fast-track Amendment Bill.
- (c) Agrees that **Attachment 2** can be transferred into the open when information is ready to be made publicly available and is no longer commercially confidential.

CARRIED

At 12.37pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.11pm the meeting resumed in open.

At 1.11pm, Mayor Mahé Drysdale withdrew from the meeting.

Timestamp: Part 3 of livestream – 1 minute

9.5 Waste Infrastructure – Confirmation of Strategic Direction and Next Steps

Staff Cayley McLean, Principal Strategic Waste Planner
Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning & Growth

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/10

Moved: Tangata Whenua Representative Arthur Flintoff

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Waste Infrastructure – Confirmation of Strategic Direction and Next Steps".
- (b) Endorses the following **strategic objectives** that will guide future waste infrastructure investment and performance measurement, ensuring alignment with the Investment Logic Map (ILM) and Better Business Case framework:
 - (i) Objective 1: Reduce waste to landfill: Decrease the amount of waste disposed of to landfill each year (kg per capita), reflecting improved waste minimisation and system performance.
 - (ii) Objective 2: Increase resource recovery: Boost the proportion of materials captured and diverted from landfill (waste % diverted), demonstrating greater system efficiency and circular outcomes.
 - (iii) Objective 3: Maintain an affordable and accessible waste system by delivering value for money, improving cost efficiency, and staging investment to ensure long-term financial sustainability.
- (c) Endorses the **scale and scope** of the Waste Infrastructure Network as detailed in Table 1, encompassing:
 - (i) Geographic coverage
 - (ii) Access to services for both residential and commercial users;
 - (iii) Access to drop-off infrastructure that complements kerbside services;
 - (iv) Timeframe of investment;
 - (v) Partnerships and collaboration with regional, iwi, and private sector partners;
 - (vi) Non-asset solutions that optimise behaviour change and system performance;
 - (vii) Asset-based solutions that provide fit-for-purpose waste infrastructure
- (d) Endorses the **service levels** for the future waste infrastructure network as detailed in Table 2, which establish the expected level of performance across:
 - (i) **Access and convenience** – ensuring waste services and facilities are accessible and easy to use for all users;
 - (ii) **Capacity** – providing sufficient resource recovery capacity for kerbside and drop-off services;
 - (iii) Affordability (value for money) – managing costs equitably, delivering value for money, and enabling staged investment to support long-term financial sustainability;
 - (iv) **Resilience** – enhancing the system's ability to adapt and respond to disruption; and
 - (v) **Strategic influence** – enabling Council to shape and lead waste outcomes across the city and sub-region.
- (e) Endorses Option 2: Staged Multi-Purpose Network as the **preferred network configuration** for the future waste drop-off facilities.
- (f) Endorses the **site selection framework and evaluation criteria**, as detailed in Table 4, to guide the next stage of detailed site assessment and options analysis, ensuring a consistent, transparent, and evidence-based approach. The framework includes criteria relating to:
 - (i) Access and convenience;

- (ii) Land use and consenting feasibility;
- (iii) Connectivity and infrastructure
- (iv) Integration and efficiency;
- (v) Physical characteristics and layout;
- (vi) Value-for-Money and deliverability;
- (vii) Environmental effects;
- (viii) Social effects;
- (ix) Cultural sensitivities;
- (x) Resilience and redundancy; and
- (xi) Operation efficiency.

CARRIED

Timestamp: Part of Livestream - 26 minutes

9.6 Waters Planning Update

Staff Claudia Hellberg, Team Leader: City Waters Planning

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/11

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Waters Planning Update".

CARRIED

At 1.40pm, Mayor Mahé Drysdale re-entered the meeting.

Timestamp: Part 3 of Livestream – 31 minutes

9.7 Major Events Strategy Update

Staff Gareth Wallis, Head of Community Hubs, Arts, Heritage & Events
Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory & Community Services

Action Requested

- That staff provide the Members with a break down list of the 106 events and include how iwi/hapū are providing input for these events.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/12

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Major Events Strategy Update".

CARRIED

Timestamp: Part 3 of livestream – 44 minutes

9.8 Status update on actions from prior City Future Committee meetings

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Governance

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/13

Moved: Cr Kevin Schuler

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Status update on actions from prior City Future Committee meetings".

CARRIED

Timestamp: Part 3 of livestream – 45 minutes

9.9 Chipseal over asphalt in the 2025/26 reseal programme

Staff Mike Seabourne, Head of Transport
Martin Taylor, Manager: Transport Network
Kathy Grant, Team Leader: Contract & Network Management

At 2.03pm, Mayor Mahé Drysdale withdrew from the meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report “Chipseal over asphalt in the 2025/26 reseal programme
- (b) Confirms that no change to the current policy, such as introducing a targeted rate for different road surfacing types, is required at this time, recognising the equity and debt considerations involved.
- (a) Supports the recommendation of Option 1, to continue with the reseal programme for 2025/26 as planned unless a viable, funding package external of Council is in place supported by a funding agreement.
 - (i) A viable package covers 100% of all costs over and above the TCC portion of chipseal treatment costs
- (b) That the Council includes in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) process a proposed policy enabling residents to fund the cost difference between Council’s standard chip seal contribution and asphalt resurfacing, with formal funding agreements to be finalised prior to scheduled works and contributions received in advance of commencement.
- (e) Notes that staff will add targeted communications to homeowners where their road will go from AC to CS at the beginning of the season and a review of the channels used to deliver this information.
- (f) **Attachment 2** due to commercial sensitivity will not be available for public release.

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

- (d) That the Council includes in the Annual Plan process a proposed policy enabling residents to fund the cost difference between Council’s standard chip seal contribution and asphalt resurfacing.

For: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Rod Taylor, Glen Crowther, Rick Curach and Steve Morris

Against: Crs Marten Rozeboom, Hautapu Baker, Hēmi Rolleston, Kevin Schuler and Tangata Whenua Representative Arthur Flintoff

Absent: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

EQUAL

The Chair exercised his casting vote and voted ‘Against’ the amendment

LOST

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED:

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

- (b) Endorses the current policy of fit for purpose resurfacing programme while offering ratepayers the choice to increase the level of service (for a street), provided all additional costs to TCC of that increased level of service is funded by those receiving the increased level of service.

For: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Glen Crowther, Rick Curach, Steve Morris, Hēmi Rolleston, Kevin Schuler and Tangata Whenua Representative Arthur Flintoff

Against: Crs Marten Rozeboom, Rod Taylor and Hautapu Baker

Absent: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

CARRIED 7/3

At 2.32pm, Mayor Mahé Drysdale re-entered the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/7/14

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

The motion was taken in parts.

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Chipseal over asphalt in the 2025/26 reseal programme
- (e) Notes that staff will add targeted communications to homeowners where their road will go from AC to CS at the beginning of the season and a review of the channels used to deliver this information.
- (f) **Attachment 2** due to commercial sensitivity will not be available for public release.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) Endorses the current policy of fit for purpose resurfacing programme while offering ratepayers the choice to increase the level of service (for a street), provided all additional costs to TCC of that increased level of service is funded by those receiving the increased level of service.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Marten Rozeboom, Rod Taylor, Glen Crowther, Rick Curach, Steve Morris and Kevin Schuler

Against: Crs Hautapu Baker, Hēmi Rolleston and Tangata Whenua Representative Arthur Flintoff

CARRIED 8/3

- (c) Supports the recommendation of Option A, to continue with the reseal programme for 2025/26 as planned unless a viable, funding package external of Council is in place supported by a funding agreement.
 - (i) A viable package covers 100% of all costs over and above the TCC portion of chipseal treatment costs

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Marten Rozeboom, Rod Taylor and Kevin Schuler

Against: Crs Hautapu Baker, Rick Curach, Steve Morris, Hēmi Rolleston and Tangata Whenua Representative Arthur Flintoff

Abstained: Cr Glen Crowther

EQUAL

The Chair exercised his casting vote and voted 'For' the motion.

CARRIED

- (d) That the Council includes in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) process a proposed policy enabling residents to fund the cost difference between Council's standard chip seal contribution and asphalt resurfacing, with formal funding agreements to be finalised prior to scheduled works and contributions received in advance of commencement.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Marten Rozeboom, Rod Taylor, Hautapu Baker, Rick Curach, Steve Morris, Hēmi Rolleston and Kevin Schuler

Against: Crs Glen Crowther and Tangata Whenua Representative Arthur Flintoff

CARRIED 9/2

- (g) Notes that Under Section 80 of the LGA, this decision is outside the Council's policy as the Council wanted to provide an option of choice for residents. As per resolution (d), Council will review the policy in the Long Term Plan process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

The late report was discussed in Business as Item 9.9.

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 4:15pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the City Future Committee meeting held on 17 February 2026.