



Tauranga City

DRAFT MINUTES

**City Future Committee meeting
Tuesday, 17 February 2026**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
CITY FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

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

VIA TEAMS: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular and Cr Hautapu Baker

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Partnerships & Growth), Reneke van Soest (General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure), Craig Rice (Chief Operating & Financial Officer), Sarah Dove (Team Leader: Strategic Transport & Infrastructure), Ben Corbett (Team Leader: Growth Funding), Andrew Mead (Head of City Planning & Growth), Claudia Hellberg (Team Leader: City Waters Planning), Wally Potts (Head of City Waters), Ross Hudson (Manager: Strategic Planning and Partnerships, Spaces and Places), Clare Sullivan (Senior Governance Advisor) and Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

EXTERNAL: Antoine Coffin - Ngati Kahu (via Teams)

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 17 February 2026 at Council's [YouTube Channel](#).

Deputy Chair chairing this meeting

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Chair has vacated the chair to enable the Deputy Chair to chair this meeting. The Chair will stay and participate in the meeting, unless they declare a conflict of interest in an item, in which case they would not participate or vote on an item.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/1

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the apology for lateness received from Mayor Mahé Drysdale be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: 13 minutes

3.1 Mr Antoine Coffin - Ngati Kahu - Speaking to Pōteriwahi

Key points

- Mr Coffin provided a detailed account of the Pōteriwahi's historical importance, referencing its long tradition of gardening and settlement, the 1864 gunfighter pā, and the sending of letters to General Cameron, highlighting the area's role in local history and its significance to the hapu.
- He acknowledged the council's efforts in purchasing the reserves, the restoration of the traditional name Pōteriwahi and the constructive working relationship between the hapu and the council over various proposals, including both reserves and residential developments.
- He clarified that while the hapu had previously opposed residential proposals, they remained engaged to influence outcomes positively, ultimately expressing a preference for the land to be developed as public reserves in partnership with the council for the benefit of both the hapu and the wider community.

In response to questions

- Mr Coffin identified key sites within Pōteriwahi, such as the battle pā and broader settlement areas, noting the likelihood of burial and occupation sites and emphasising the need for sensitivity in development to protect these areas.
- Mr Coffin explained the context of previous discussions about housing, stating that while there was initial consideration for papakāinga housing due to council interest in residential development, the hapu's current preference is for the land to be used as reserves, both active and passive, aligning with their vision for the area.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Timestamp: 24 minutes

7.1 Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 25 November 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/2

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 25 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 25 minutes

9.1 Status update on actions from prior City Future Committee meetings

Actions Requested:

That staff:

- Change the status of Item 8.4 – Quarterly Update – Growth, Land Use Planning and Transport Strategy Projects February 2025, that staff provide information on infrastructure cost for Māori development, change the action back to 'In Progress' rather than closed as there was more work to be done.
- Provide the following information on the workshop report page: the intention of the workshop, the content and the potential actions and outcome from the workshop.
- Upload the Policy Review Schedule to the Tauranga City Council website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/3

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Future Committee:

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

CARRIED

Timestamp: 35 minutes

9.2 Submission to the Land Transport (Revenue) Amendment Bill

Staff Sarah Dove, Team Leader: Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Action Requested:

- That staff discuss with NZTA the level of maintenance costs of the Takitimu Drive (part of SH29) and their expectations regarding continued tolling levels of this toll road should the Land Transport (Revenue) Amendment Bill be passed and enable this.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/4

Moved: Cr Steve Morris
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Submission to the Land Transport (Revenue) Amendment Bill.
- (b) Retrospectively endorses the Tauranga City Council's submission to the Land Transport (Revenue) Amendment Bill.

CARRIED

Timestamp: 45 minutes

9.3 Infrastructure Funding - TCC submissions on growth funding reform and Infrastructure Funding & Financing Amendment Bill

Staff Ben Corbett, Team Leader: Growth Funding
Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning & Growth

Action Requested:

- That staff notify Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana of TCC's Submissions on Growth funding reform and Infrastructure Funding & Financing Amendment Bill.

Notes for resolution:

- Staff tabled new recommendations (b) and (c) to better reflect the desired outcome of the report.
- The recommendations in the report noted Attachments 1 and 2. However, there were no attachments to the agenda report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/5

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther
Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the City Future Committee:

- a) Receives the report "Infrastructure Funding - TCC submissions on growth funding reform and Infrastructure Funding & Financing Amendment Bill".
- b) Approves the key submission points on the Infrastructure Funding & Financing Amendment Bill as detailed in this paper;
- c) Approves the key submission points on the exposure draft of the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Bill and associated discussion document as detailed in this paper
- d) Delegates authority to the General Manager Strategy, Partnerships and Growth to approve the detailed submissions.

CARRIED

At 10.54am, Mayor Mahé Drysdale entered the meeting.

Timestamp: 1 hour and 17 minutes

9.4 Water take re-consenting

Staff Claudia Hellberg, Team Leader: City Waters Planning
Wally Potts, Head of City Waters

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/6

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Water take re-consenting".

CARRIED

Timestamp: 1 hour and 48 minutes

9.5 Pōteriwahi - Use as an Active Reserve

Staff Ross Hudson, Manager: Strategic Planning and Partnerships
Andrew Mead, Head of City Planning & Growth

Action Requested:

- That staff circulate an email to Members outlining the impacts of Pōteriwahi decision on the current Long Term Plan (LTP)

At 11:57am, Mayor Mahé Drysdale withdrew from the meeting.

The following motion was taken in parts

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/7

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Pōteriwahi - Use as an Active Reserve".
- (b) Agrees that the preferred option for Council's land at Pōteriwahi in Bethlehem is as a mix of active and passive reserves for sports and recreation outcomes and not for housing or other urban development purposes.
- (c) Rescinds previous Crown Commission decisions on Pōteriwahi made on 19th June 2023, 29th April 2024 and 10th June 2024 and removes Pōteriwahi from the Asset Divestment Register.
- (d) Approves staff undertaking stakeholder engagement with Elected Member input, detailed design and implementation planning, in accordance with recommendation (b), using existing budgets, reporting to the City Delivery Committee with a proposed implementation plan, to guide investment phasing decisions through the upcoming Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/8

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

- (e) Attachments 3, 4 and 5 included in the public excluded section of this agenda to be released publicly after the redaction of any matters that have a valid ground to withhold in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

9 BUSINESS CONTINUED

Timestamp: 2 hours and 41 minutes

11.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 25 November 2025

Due to no discussion on the Public Excluded minutes, the minutes were passed in the open section of the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/26/1/9

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Public Excluded Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 25 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:01pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the City Future Committee meeting held on 31 March 2026.