



Tauranga City

DRAFT MINUTES

**Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting
Monday, 23 March 2026**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULATORY HEARINGS PANEL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 23 MARCH 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs Mary Dillon (Chair), Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Terry Molloy, Mr Alan Tate

IN ATTENDANCE: Deidre Ewart (Head of Regulatory Support & Compliance Services), Nigel McGlone (Manager: Compliance Services), Oscar Glossop (Team Leader: Animal Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor)

EXTERNAL: Mrs Mandeep Kaur and Ms Rosemary.

The meeting opened at 9:20am due to late arrival of a Panel member.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Ms Anahera Dinsdale opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/1/1

Moved: Mrs Mary Dillon

Seconded: Mr Alan Tate

That the apology for lateness received from Mr Puhirake Ihaka be accepted.

CARRIED

At 9.24am, Mr Puhirake Ihaka entered the meeting.

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 18 August 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/1/2

Moved: Mr Alan Tate

Seconded: Mr Terry Molloy

That the Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 18 August 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4.2 Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 2 December 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/1/3

Moved: Mr Alan Tate

Seconded: Mr Terry Molloy

That the Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 2 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS

5.1 Regulatory Hearings Panel Report - Applicant Mandeep Kaur

Staff Oscar Glossop, Team Leader: Animal Services

External Mrs Mandeep Kaur

Key Points

- Diesel, a 2.5-year-old German shepherd owned by Mrs Kaur, was involved in two attacks: March 9, 2024 (bit victim's forearm) and November 15, 2025 (bit victim's hamstring, requiring medical treatment).
- Animal Services intended to prosecute Mrs Kaur under section 57, and Diesel was seized and impounded.
- Staff described Diesel's aggressive behavior in custody and referenced previous warnings and fencing requirements.
- Staff encouraged that the panel assess public safety risk under section 71(5) before any release pending prosecution.

In response to questions

- The Team Leader: Animal Services was of the opinion that a German Shepherd could jump over the current fence height at Ms Kaur's residence.

Mrs Mandeep Kaur

Key Points

Ms Kaur:

- Explained Diesel's background, training, and routine, emphasising Diesel's friendliness at home and in the orchard.
- Described fencing improvements after the first incident and recent installation of a 1.8m fence and installation of electric gates (not yet operational).
- Stated Diesel was not aggressive, but energetic and disliked confinement. Diesel had not harmed orchard animals or workers.
- Assured the panel that new fencing and gates would prevent future escapes and committed to proper locking.

- Acknowledged both incidents involved Diesel escaping due to gates left open and committed to preventing recurrence.

In response to questions

- The Panel reminded Mrs Kaur of her full responsibility for Diesel's behaviour as the dog's owner and noted the gates were not yet operational, which would be an issue for returning Diesel.

Mrs Rosemary (neighbour) – speaking in support of Mrs Kaur

Key Points

Ms Rosemary:

- Described Diesel as under control and not aggressive during interactions, including when Diesel greeted her.
- Confirmed the victim continued to park outside the property after the incident and had not shown fear.
- Clarified Diesel's routine and lack of aggression toward strangers or workers.

5.2 Regulatory Hearings Panel Report - Objector Jesse Hartley

Staff Oscar Glossop, Team Leader: Animal Services

External Mr Jesse Hartley

- Mr Hartley emailed his apologies. Staff would work to reschedule his hearing for April 2026.
- Mr Hartley would be notified that if he did not attend the meeting, the matters would nevertheless be addressed and a decision would be made based off the staff report.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION AT 10:15AM

Resolution to exclude the public

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/1/4

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Mr Terry Molloy

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
6.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 18 August 2025	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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
6.2 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 2 December 2025	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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
5.1 – Deliberations – Applicant Mandeep KAUR	To enable the Panel to deliberate in private on the objections heard.	s48(1)(d) That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings before a Council where the Council is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings.
5.2 – Deliberations – Objection to disqualification as a dog owner Jesse HARTLEY	To enable the Panel to deliberate in private on the objections heard.	s48(1)(d) That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings before a Council where the Council is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings.

CARRIED

The meeting resumed in open at 10:38am

5 BUSINESS CONTINUED**5.1 Regulatory Hearings Panel Report - Applicant Mandeep Kaur****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/1/5**

Moved: Mr Terry Molloy

Seconded: Mrs Mary Dillon

That the Regulatory Hearings Panel:

- (a) Receives the report "Regulatory Hearings Panel Report - Applicant Mandeep Kaur" under s 71(4), Mandeep Kaur; and.
- (b) After considering whether it is satisfied that the release of the dog would not threaten public safety under section 71(5) of the Dog Control Act 1996, resolves to uphold the retention of the dog pending prosecution.

CARRIED

7 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Puhirake Ihaka closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 10:40am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 1 April 2026.