

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 28 June 2023
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor J Ross
Councillor R Andrews

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (R George)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (H van der Merwe)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Communications Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Customer Service Officer (L Kerei)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies

Resolved **Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Ross**

Apologies from Deputy Mayor A Rangihika were received.

Leave of Absence

Resolved **Councillors Ion / Savage**

A Leave of Absence was granted for Councillor Julian from 21 June until 2 August at the February Council meeting.

Public Forum

There were no speakers at the Public Forum

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were received.

1 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

1.1 Ordinary Council – 31 May 2023

Resolved

Councillors Savage / Ross

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 31 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

1.2 Extraordinary Council – 14 June 2023

Resolved

Councillors Ion / Andrews

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.1 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 12 June 2023

Resolved

Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Ion

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 12 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2.2 Regulatory and Services Committee – 14 June 2023

Resolved

Councillors Ion / Ross

That the Minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 14 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

3 Action Schedule (101120)

Resolved

Councillors Kingi / Godfery

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions requested by Council is received.

4 Her Worship the Mayor's Report (101400)

Resolved

Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 25 May to Wednesday 21 June 2023 is received.

5 Fees and Charges 2023 / 24 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (201600))

Council discussed the report "Fees and Charges for 2023 / 24".

Resolved

Councillors Savage / Kingi

1. *That the report "Fees and Charges 2023 / 24" is received.*

2. *That Council adopts the Fees and Charges (including GST) for 2023 / 24.*

6 Rate Remission for High Valued Residential Properties (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110551)

Council discussed the report "Rate Remission for High Valued Residential Properties".

Resolved

Councillors Ion / Ross

1. *That the report "Rate Remissions for High Valued Residential Properties" is received.*
2. *That Council increased the remissions for high valued residential properties to \$4,900.00 for the 2023 / 24 rating year in accordance with Councils remission policy.*

7 Balanced Budget Requirement 2023 / 24 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201100)

Council discussed the report "Balanced Budget Requirement for 2023 / 24".

Resolved

Councillors Kingi / Savage

1. *That the report "Balanced Budget Requirement for 2023 / 24" is received.*
2. *That Council confirms the decision made in 1998 / 1999 to continue the policy of not funding depreciation on non-critical and non-strategic assets for 2023 / 24, as Council believes the reasons for doing so remain unchanged and that this policy is appropriate for the Kawerau District*
3. *That Council confirms the decision made in 1998 / 1999 to continue the policy of not funding depreciation on the portion of Roading and Storm water assets subject to Waka Kotahi (NZTA) subsidies for 2023 / 24, as Council believes the reasons for doing so remain unchanged and that the policy is appropriate for the Kawerau District.*
4. *That Council confirms the decision to lower the level of depreciation being funded by rates from 67% to 53%, for all Council assets, as proposed in the Consultation Document for the Annual Plan for 2023 / 24. Council believes the reason for not funding this additional depreciation, is in the best interests of the Community due to rates affordability and it is prudent defer the funding to the future when inflation is expected to have established.*

8 Adoption of Annual Plan 2023 – 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Council discussed the report "Adoption of Annual Plan 2023 – 2024".

Resolved

Councillors Ion / Ross

1. *That the report "Adoption of Annual Plan 2023 – 2024" is received.*
2. *That Council adopts the Annual Plan 2023 – 2024 with the following amendment*

- *Rephrase the wording under pictures on pages 41, 51, 57.*

9 Setting of Rates for the 2023 / 24 Financial Year (Chief Executive Officer) (209900)

Following the adoption of the 2023 / 24 Annual Plan, Council set the rates for the 2023 / 24 financial year.

Resolved

Councillors Savage / Kingi

1. *That Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (rating) Act 2002, on the rating units in the district for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.*

(a) Uniform Annual General Charge

*A uniform annual general charge of **\$850.00** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rateable rating unit within the district.*

(b) General Rate

A General Rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit within the district, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- *A rate of **0.3735** cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value on every rateable rating unit zoned "residential", "rural lifestyle" and "reserve" in terms of Council's operative District Plan.*
- *A rate of **2.5292** cents in the dollar (including GST) of capital value for every rateable rating unit in all other land zones of Council's operative District Plan other than "residential", "rural lifestyle" and "reserve".*

(c) Water Supply Rates

*A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$62.50** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which water is connected (excluding those properties that are supplied by water meter)*

*A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$0.21** (including GST) per cubic metre of water supplied to any rating unit on metered water supply.*

(d) Wastewater Disposal Rate

*A targeted rate for wastewater disposal, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of **\$149.50** (including GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected to Council's wastewater disposal network.*

(e) Refuse Collection Rate

Targeted rates for refuse collection set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for rating units to which refuse collection services are available, assessed as described below:

- A rate of **\$238.60** (including GST) per 60 or 80 litre residual waste bin.
- A rate of **\$298.60** (including GST) per 120 litre residual waste bin.

DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES

2. That all rates (except metered water) will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

Instalment 1	25 August 2023
Instalment 2	24 November 2023
Instalment 3	23 February 2024
Instalment 4	24 May 2024

The due dates for metered water are as follows:

	<u>Reading Date</u>	<u>Payment Due Date</u>
1.	30 September 2023	20 October 2023
2.	30 December 2023	22 January 2024
3.	31 March 2024	22 April 2024
4.	30 June 2024	22 July 2024

PENALTIES

3. That Council, applies penalties to unpaid rates (apart from metered water) as follows:

- (i) A penalty of 5 percent on the amount of any instalment assessed between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 and which is unpaid after the due date for that instalment, to be added on the following dates:

Instalment 1 penalty added – 28 August 2023
Instalment 2 penalty added – 27 November 2023
Instalment 3 penalty added – 26 February 2024
Instalment 4 penalty added – 27 May 2024

- (ii) A further penalty of 3 percent on any rates assessed before 1 July 2023 including previously applied penalties, which remain unpaid on 5 July 2023 to be added on the 6 July 2023.

- (iii) A further penalty of 3 percent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under (ii) above if the rates remain unpaid on 6 January 2024 to be added 8 January 2024.

and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to add the penalties.

PAYMENT OF RATES

4. That rates shall be payable at the Offices of the Kawerau District Council, Ranfurly Court, Kawerau between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

10 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

Councillors Ion / Godfery

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Minutes for Confidential Meeting held on 31 May 2023

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General Subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<i>1. Minutes for Confidential meeting held on 31 May 2023</i>	<i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i>	<i>That 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 exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

Meeting closed 09.47



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Mayor

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