

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 22 November 2023
commencing at 11.06am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor J Ross (via Zoom)

In Attendance: Interim Chief Executive Officer (C Marjoribanks)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (H van der Merwe)
Communications and Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (T Barnett)
Electoral Services Electoral Officer Dale Ofsoke (via Zoom)
Electoral Services Electoral Officer Ben Roser (via Zoom)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

Opening Mihi | Welcome

Council Cultural Advisor Ngāti Tūwharetoa Ki Kawerau Kaumātua Te Haukakawa Te Rire led the opening mihi | welcome

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Public Forum

Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora Co-Chair Hone Te Rire – 11.23am – 11.28am

Hone Te Rire gave his submission via zoom in support of Māori wards for the Kawerau District.

Jenny Reynolds – 11.29am – 11.36am

Jenny Reynolds gave her submission in person opposing support of Māori wards for the Kawerau District.

Louise Hiwarau – 11.36am – 11.42am

Louise Hiwarau gave her submission in person in support of Māori wards for the Kawerau District.

Heather Kuka – 11.43am – 11.48am

Heather Kuka gave her submission in person in support of Māori wards for the Kawerau District.

Huia MacDonald – 11.48am – 11.56am

Huia MacDonald gave her submission in person in support of Māori wards for the Kawerau District.

Recess was called at 11.56am

Recess ended and meeting resumed at 11.59am

Trish Brady – 12.00pm – 12.06pm

Trish Brady gave her submission in person for status quo, but signalled support of Māori wards for the Kawerau District.

Brett Pacy – 12.08pm – 12.12pm

Brett Pacy gave his submission in person in support of Māori wards for the Kawerau District.

1 Electoral Decisions – Establishing One or More Māori Wards for the Kawerau District (Communications and Engagement Manager) (110400)

Council considered report from the Communications and Engagement Manager on Electoral Decisions – Establishing One or more Māori Wards for the Kawerau District.

Resolved

Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Ion

- 1. That the report “Electoral Decisions – establishing one or more Māori wards for the Kawerau district” be received.*

Resolved

Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi

- 2. That pursuant to section 19ZA of the Local Electoral Act 2001 Council resolves, 8 to 1 (Councillor Carolyn Ion opposing), to establish one or more Māori wards for the Kawerau District for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections*

Resolved

Councillors Julian / Kingi

- 3. As per an earlier Council resolution on 6 September 2023, that regardless of whether one or more Māori wards are established Council undertakes a representation arrangements review with an initial proposal required no earlier than 20 December 2023 and no later than 31 July 2024.*

Council Cultural Advisor Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua Te Haukākawa Te Rire closed the meeting with a karakia at 1.09pm

Following the meeting Her Worship the Mayor invited submitters to share afternoon tea with the Mayor and Councillors.



F K N Tunui

Mayor