
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual link on Thursday 5 May 2022 at 1.02pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mayor P Southgate
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Heamana Tuarua

Members Cr M Gallagher
Cr R Hamilton
Cr D Macpherson
Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
Cr M Donovan
Cr S Thomson

In Attendance Greg Carstens – Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager
Tiki Mossop - Programme Manager - Economics & Policy

Governance Team Amy Viggers – Governance Lead
Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisor
Chantel Jansen - Governance Officer

1. **Apologies - *Tono aroha***
Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)
That the apologies for absence from Crs O’Leary, Wilson, van Oosten and Pascoe, and apologies for partial attendance from Cr Donovan were accepted.
2. **Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take***
Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Hamilton)
That the agenda is confirmed.
3. **Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga***
No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.
4. **Public Forum - *AAtea koorero***
Not applicable.
5. **Development Contributions Policy Review 2022/23 – Submissions Summary Report**

Roger Stratford (Individual)
Mr Stratford spoke to his submission, noting the differences in state integrated schools and

public schools and his previous experiences. He responded to questions from Members concerning schools option to apply for Development Contribution remissions.

Grant Stuart (St Joseph's Catholic School)

Mr Stuart spoke to his submission, noting school funding, collaboration with St Joseph's Catholic School and local organisations, sharing state integrated school facilities and the community, and additional costs on projects caused by Development Contributions. He responded to questions from Members concerning submissions from the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, school fees, and providing greenspace to the community.

Ellie Wilkinson (Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust)

Ms Wilkinson spoke to her submission, noting the potential positive impact of the proposed Development Contribution policy, the proposed development of an expanded and refurbished Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust site, and Development Contribution costs to the project. She responded to questions from Members concerning Development Contribution cost breakdown, ability to waive Development Contributions, community benefit of the project, the community centre travel plan, collaboration with Council staff, and Council community grants offsetting Development Contribution costs.

Logan Rainey and Brian Squair (Property Council New Zealand)

Mr Rainey and Mr Squair spoke to their submission, noting their desire to help Hamilton thrive, and potential exemption criteria for infrastructure and travel Development Contribution charges. They responded to questions from Members concerning partial exemptions.

Cr Donovan joined the meeting (1.44pm) during the above submission.

Colin Jones (Individual)

Mr Jones spoke to his submission, speaking in opposition of the proposed Development Contribution policy. He spoke to Council revenue shortfalls, his recommendation to create a new policy, depreciation, incorrect assumptions, the need for an independent audit, and recommended adopting the policy in place in Tauranga. He responded to questions from Members concerning the adoption of current Tauranga Development Contribution policy, previous court decisions, Council obligation to fund depreciation, and errors in Future Proof information.

Graeme Roil, Alia Cederman and Kate Barry-Piceno (Catholic Diocese of Hamilton)

Mr Roil, Ms Cederman and Ms Barry-Piceno spoke to their submission, noting previous legal changes made to state integrated schools, the desire for state integrated and public schools to be treated equal in the policy, and the advantages state integrated schools provide. They responded to questions from Members concerning state integrated school Development Contribution exemptions, improvements to the policy, and the potential to provide exemptions to community facilities.

The Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager and Programme Manager Economics & Policy took the report as read. They responded to questions from Members concerning Development Contribution shortfalls, the inclusion of a list of full and partial remissions, community development remission considerations, current remissions in the policy, minor changes to the policy, current requirements within the District Plan, ensuring community access to facilities, possibility of accounting errors, and transport considerations.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Thomson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;

- b) notes that feedback will be considered during the deliberations on the Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2022/23 at the 3 June 2022 Council meeting; and
- c) notes that a Development Contribution Policy 2022/23 will be considered for adoption at the 30 June 2022 Council meeting, becoming operative on 1 July 2022.

Cr Macpherson retired from the meeting (2.43pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.06pm.