
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 6 November 2025 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mayor Tim Macindoe
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Deputy Mayor Geoff Taylor
Heamana Tuarua

Members

- Cr Andrew Bydder
- Cr Anna Casey-Cox
- Cr Maria Huata
- Cr Rachel Karalus
- Cr Leo Liu
- Cr Mesh Macdonald
- Cr Graeme Mead
- Cr Sue Moroney
- Cr Robbie Neha
- Cr Angela O’Leary
- Cr Emma Pike
- Cr Jamie Strange
- Cr Sarah Thomson

The meeting was opened with a blessing by Kaumatua Tame Pokaia.

- 1. Apologies – Tono aroha**
There were no apologies.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**
Resolved: (Cr Huata/Cr Pike)
That the Council confirms the agenda.
- 3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga**
No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.
- 4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero**
No members of the public wished to speak.

5. Confirmation of the Inaugural Council Meeting Minutes - 22 October 2025

Resolved: (Cr Mead/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council confirms the minutes of the Inaugural Council Meeting held on 22 October 2025 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

Mayor Macindoe took the report as read.

Resolved: (Mayor Macindoe/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council receives the report.

7. Elected Member Remuneration and Elected Member Support and Allowances Policy

The Governance Lead took the report as read.

Staff Action: *Members undertook to ensure any tickets of events attended would be sent to Governance until the Elected Member Remuneration and Elected Member Support was reviewed.*

Resolved: (Cr Mead/Cr O'Leary)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the remuneration allocation set out in Attachment 2 of this report be submitted to Remuneration Authority for determination.
- c) defers the adoption of the updated Elected Member Support and Allowances Policy and revocation of the Corporate Hospitality and Entertainment Policy to a future meeting of the Council, proposed to be 11 December 2025; and
- d) notes that until the future report is presented Professional Development expenditure or tickets are to be approved through consultation with the Chief Executive and the benefit is reported back to the relevant committee.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.07am to 10.13am during the discussion of the above item.

The meeting was closed with a karakia.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.28am.