

HUTT CITY COUNCILKOMITI AROTAKE MAHERE Ā-ROHE  
DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road,  
Lower Hutt on

**Tuesday 4 March 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Cr B Dyer (Chair)	Cr S Edwards (Deputy Chair)
Cr J Briggs	Cr A Mitchell
Deputy Mayor T Lewis	Cr N Shaw
Cr K Morgan	R Te One Mana Whenua Representative (Te Āti Awa, Taranaki)

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor C Barry

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability  
T Johnston, Head of Planning  
N Geard, Policy Planning Manager  
V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor  
H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Tēnei au	This
Tēnei au te hōkai nei o taku tapuwae	This is the journey of sacred footsteps
Ko te hōkai nuku ko te hōkai rangi	Journeyed about the earth journeyed about the
Ko te hōkai a tō tupuna a Tāne-nui-a-rangi	heavens
Ka pikitia ai ki ngā rangi tūhāhā ki te	The journey of the ancestral god Tānenuiarangi
Tihi-o-Manono	Who ascended into the heavens to Te Tihi-o-
Ka rokohina atu rā ko Io-Matua-Kore anake	Manono
Ka tīkina mai ngā kete o te wānanga	Where he found Io, the parentless source
Ko te kete-tuauri	From there he retrieved the baskets of knowledge
Ko te kete-tuatea	Te kete-tuauri
Ko te kete-aronui	Te kete-tuatea
Ka tiritiria ka poupoua	Te kete-aronui
Ka puta mai iho ko te ira tāngata	These were distributed and implanted about the
Ki te wheiao ki te ao mārama	earth
Tihei-mauri ora!	From which came human life
	Growing from dim light to full light
	There was life.

**2. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED:** (Cr Dyer/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

**Minute No. DPRC 25101**

*"That the apology received from Mayor Barry be accepted and leave of absence granted."*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaking under public comment, **Craig Innes, representing Wainuiomata Rural Community Association**, expressed concern about being informed that the video recording of the meeting held on 4 December 2024, which captured an interaction between himself and Mayor Barry, had been deleted. He stated that the claim that the meeting record was “true and accurate” was incorrect.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Innes advised that he had not advised officers of the latest edit to the record of the District Plan Review Committee meeting. However, he had communicated with them regarding a previous meeting, where his requests for copies of submissions related to the District Plan review had gone unanswered.

The Chair asked that the officers follow up on this complaint with Mr Innes.

#### **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### **5. RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION BY HUTT CITY COUNCIL ON THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (CONSENTING AND OTHER SYSTEM CHANGES) AMENDMENT BILL**

Report No. DPRC2025/1/38 by the Head of Planning

The Head of Planning elaborated on the report.

The Chair noted that the submission was presented to the Mayor and Chairs and was subsequently approved by him and Cr Edwards.

In response to a member's question, the Head of Planning stated that he believed the emissions reduction targets were focused on large-scale emissions rather than on residential solar systems. He confirmed that he would report to the members to verify this information.

**RESOLVED:** (Cr Dyer/Cr Edwards)

**Minute No. DPRC 25102**

*“That the Committee retrospectively approves the submission by Council on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill dated 10 February 2025.”*

#### **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **DISCUSSION OF A MINOR MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA - UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN**

At the request of the Chair, the Policy Planning Manager provided a verbal update on the Proposed District Plan process since it was notified on 6 February 2025. He reported that 16,000 letters had been sent to property owners over the past week, although some were still being received. He explained that the team handled a high volume of phone inquiries on various topics, particularly natural hazards and slope stability overlay.

In response to questions from members, the Policy Planning Manager explained that the slope stability overlay identified areas, such as hillsides, at a higher risk of slope instability. He noted that owning land within the overlay required a resource consent application for any earthworks as part of site development to ensure all risks were adequately assessed. He added that slope stability would also be evaluated during subdivision applications.

The Head of Planning advised that a specific slope stability information sheet was available on Council's website and encouraged members to direct inquiries there. He also noted a positive response to the "friends of submitters" service.

**a) Non-substantial changes to the Proposed District Plan**

Memorandum dated 14 February 2025 by the Policy Planning Manager

The Policy Planning Manager elaborated on the memorandum. He explained that, in addition to the non-substantive changes noted in the memorandum, revisions had been made to the Planning Maps following discussions from the committee meeting on 4 December 2024. He explained that these changes involved adjustments to the boundaries of the Areas of Outstanding Features and Landscapes, based on expert recommendations after specific site visits.

The Chair thanked officers for the memorandum, highlighting that it addressed concerns regarding accountability and transparency.

RESOLVED: (Cr Dyer/Cr Morgan)

**Minute No. DPRC 25103**

*"That the Committee receives and notes the Summary of Non-Substantial Changes to the Proposed District Plan."*

**b) District Plan Review Committee Forward Programme 2025**

Memorandum dated 10 February 2025 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (Cr Dyer/Cr Edwards)

**Minute No. DPRC 25104**

*"That the Committee receives and notes the Forward Programme for the District Plan Review Committee for 2025."*

**7. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**8. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks</i>
Unuhia!	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
ara takatū	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
runga	
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.12pm.

B Dyer  
**CHAIR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 25th day of March 2025**