

HUTT CITY COUNCILKOMITI HANGANGA  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers,  
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on  
**Thursday 8 May 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm**

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**PRESENT:**

Cr S Edwards (Chair)	Mayor C Barry (from 2.19pm)
Cr A Mitchell	Cr K Brown (via audio-visual link)
Cr B Dyer	Cr T Stallinger (Deputy Chair)
Deputy Mayor T Lewis	

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr G Tupou and Cr G Barratt. Mayor C Barry for lateness.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability  
J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development  
T Johnstone, Head of Planning (part meeting)  
J Roberts, Head of Environmental Protection (part meeting)  
R Barton, Head of Building Control (part meeting)  
P Hewitt, Head of Transport  
D Kennedy, Transport Project Manager (part meeting)  
B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor (part meeting)  
R Lemalu, Project Delivery Manager (part meeting)  
H Bell, Advisor Waste Water (part meeting)  
J Young, Democracy Advisor  
V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor

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

Whakataka te hau ki te uru  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga  
Kia mākinakina ki uta  
Kia mātaratara ki tai  
E hī ake ana te atakura  
He tio, he huka, he hau hū  
Tihei mauri ora

Cease the winds from the west  
Cease the winds from the south  
Let the breeze blow over the land  
Let the breeze blow over the ocean  
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a  
sharpened air.  
A touch of frost, a promise of a  
glorious day.

2. **APOLOGIES**

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

**Minute No. IARCC 25201**

*"That the apologies received from Cr Tupou and Cr Barratt be accepted, and leave of absence granted, and the apology for lateness from Mayor Barry be accepted."*

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

## 5. MICROMOBILITY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: TAITĀ

Report No. IARCC2025/2/127 by the Transport Project Manager

Speaking under public comment, **Quentin Duthie** said he was pleased with Council's commitment to improving Naenae, Taitā and Avalon areas, emphasising strong community support for enhanced safety connectivity. He supported efforts to connect the river trail at Harcourt Werry Drive and Taitā Drive. He recommended raising the proposed pedestrian crossing on Taitā Drive at Fraser Park, reiterating support for raised crossings near Naenae Intermediate and Naenae College. He highlighted the need for safe access for students from Belmont and Kelson.

Cr Mitchell read out a public comment statement by Anita Martell attached as page 9 to the minutes.

The Head of Transport elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Transport advised that once construction at both Avalon and Taitā began, officers would assess any surplus funding for additional crossings, as there were many requests across the city. He also advised that cyclists were directed onto the car park and slip lane near the Walter Nash Centre to reduce the risk of conflicts with pedestrians exiting nearby facilities. He highlighted that previous assessments had identified safety concerns about a shared path in that area. He further advised that, based on prior feedback, barriers at alleyway entrances were being removed to allow cycle access on shared paths. He noted that bollards might be installed to prevent motorbike or quad bike access.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Transport indicated that areas with high pedestrian activity, such as the Taitā town centre block, were suitable candidates for applying to the government to lower speed limits. He confirmed that officers would initiate the process and include the area along with other proposed areas for consideration by Council.

In response to further questions from a member, the Head of Transport confirmed that the design for Reynolds Street was consistent with what had been consulted in November 2023. He agreed to confirm the number of car parks affected and to provide a summary of the consultation feedback to the Committee.

The Director Economy and Development added that the earlier concept had proposed a one-way ring road layout, which included the removal of several car parks around the Walter Nash Centre and netball courts. However, following consultation, these plans were revised due to concerns about the high demand for parking in the area, and, as a result, those car parks were retained in the final proposal.

Mayor Barry joined the meeting at 2.19pm.

In response to a question from a member, the Transport Project Manager advised that discussions about the final connection design had taken place on site with Greater Wellington Regional Council. He added that a rough implementation timeframe was

anticipated during the summer.

In response to questions from a member, the Transport Project Manager advised that discussions had commenced with BP about changes near the forecourt, where the new shared path would replace informal parking on Council-owned land. He confirmed that the existing pedestrian access would remain, but that line marking would be updated to guide users toward the proposed dual crossing.

Cr Mitchell raised concerns about the potential private use of public land near the BP corner. He encouraged further engagement with business owners and proposed that planting could help clarify the intended use of the land.

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

**Minute No. IARCC 25202**

*"That the Committee:*

- (1) receives and notes the report;*
- (2) notes that the Community Connections Programme (Taitā) plans were presented to the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee for approval on 23 November 2023 (Report No. IARCC2023/5/360);*
- (3) notes that on 25 March 2025, the Hutt City Council / Te Kaunihera o Te Awa Kairangi received an update on the Micromobility Programme (Report No. HCC2025/1/74); and*
- (4) approves option a) to proceed with the Taitā Community Connections plans for construction."*

## 6. THREE WATERS UPDATE

Report No. IARCC2025/2/125 by the Advisor Water Services

The Advisor Water Services elaborated on the report. He provided details about Wellington Water Limited's (WWL) April capex spend, which was \$6.7M below the forecast, and the year-end spend was expected to be in the low \$60M range. He highlighted that planned maintenance at the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) was scheduled from 3–17 June 2025, which might lead to odour issues. He assured members that WWL had a communications plan prepared, with a tentative community meeting on 28 May 2025. He further advised that 282 submissions on *Local Water Done Well* had been received and were being analysed.

In response to questions from a member, the Strategic Advisor advised that the higher forecast spend in the year's final quarter primarily related to planned works at the SWWTP and some renewals, which had since been deferred to the following year. He noted that such back-loading of expenditure was typical in the first year of a Long Term Plan. He agreed to seek further information from WWL on replacing milliscreens at the SWWTP. He confirmed that feedback from other councils on *Local Water Done Well* would be included in the report back to Council.

In response to questions from a member, the Strategic Advisor advised that monthly E. coli sampling was a requirement under Council's consents with Greater Wellington Regional Council and formed part of city-wide monitoring of the wastewater network. He said the testing was not specifically linked to the SWWTP but aimed to identify leaks across the network's public and private parts. He confirmed that WWL carried out this work and that mapping data could be available to the Committee.

In response to further questions from a member, the Strategic Advisor advised that while specific figures were unavailable, most asset value lay in the pipe network, reservoirs, pumping stations and the SWWTP. He stated that significant components of the SWWTP were nearing the end of their life and required significant renewal investment. He noted that a programme had been in place to strengthen and maintain reservoirs, particularly to address earthquake resilience and degradation. He added that some reservoirs lacked sufficient capacity to meet emergency supply guidelines and would require future investment. He confirmed that while significant investment was needed across the network, much of it related to meeting growth and resilience needs rather than deferred maintenance, aside from the SWWTP.

Cr Stallinger expressed support for delays to capital works if they allowed for improved tendering processes and ensured better value for money.

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

**Minute No. IARCC 25203**

*"That the Committee receives the report and notes the information."*

## 7. REGULATORY MATTERS

Report No. IARCC2025/2/126 by the Head of Environmental Protection

In response to questions from members, the Head of Planning explained that enforcement for consent compliance was generally approached in stages, starting with informal engagement, followed by fines, abatement notices, and, if necessary, interim enforcement orders. He noted that Council considered the nature and scale of the breach, and whether the consent holder was cooperating, before escalating enforcement action. He further advised that further clarification would be provided on whether Section 74 notices, likely referring to the Building Act, were used by Council, and whether residents were informed of their implications.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Planning advised that using external consultants for resource consents was being minimised. However, consultants were still required in some cases due to specialist skill needs, staff vacancies, or continuity for long-standing applications.

The Head of Building Control added that a similar approach was being taken in the building team, with contractors used primarily to manage workflow peaks. He noted that some processing work was being outsourced due to current vacancies for senior building inspectors, particularly for commercial and larger residential consents.

In response to questions from a member, the Head of Building Control advised that the recent decline in Code Compliance Certificate (CCC) performance statistics was due to a data cleansing exercise, which involved retrospectively making and recording CCC decisions on historic consents dating back to 2004. He added that this was part of Council's internal quality assurance programme to ensure all required decisions had been formally recorded. He noted that while the exercise was ongoing, it was not expected to significantly impact the processing of current CCC applications.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Stallinger)

**Minute No. IARCC 25204**

*"That the Committee receives and notes the information."*

8. **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY HEARINGS SUBCOMMITTEE - 17 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Report No. IARCC2025/2/62 by the Senior Democracy Advisor

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

**Minute No. IARCC 25205**

*"That the minutes of the Komiti Iti Whakawā | Hearings Subcommittee held on 17 September 2024 be adopted."*

9. **MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL FEES BYLAW HEARINGS SUBCOMMITTEE - 26 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Report No. IARCC2025/2/63 by the Senior Democracy Advisor

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

**Minute No. IARCC 25206**

*"That the minutes of the Komiti Iti Whakawā | Hearings Subcommittee held on 26 September 2024 be adopted."*

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Economy and Development - Director's Report**

Report No. IARCC2025/2/3 by the Director of Economy and Development

The Director of Economy and Development elaborated on the report. He provided details about the Tupua Horo Nuku seawall performing well during the recent weather event. He noted that a funding decision from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) for Eastern Hutt Road was expected by the end of the month. He confirmed that officers would provide a timeline and priorities once the outcome was known, with alternative options presented if full funding was not approved.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Transport advised that storm clean-up was included in contractor agreements and Council budgets, with crews responding immediately where safe, prioritising road and footpath access. The Director Economy and Development added that NZTA had paused proposed changes to storm funding criteria, and Council was preparing a claim for the recent weather event.

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

**Minute No. IARCC 25207**

*"That the Committee receives and notes the information."*

b) **Infrastructure and Regulatory Forward Programme 2025**

Memorandum dated 22 April 2025 by the Democracy Advisor

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

**Minute No. IARCC 25208**

*"That the Committee receives and notes the Forward Programme for 2025 attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."*

11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

12. **CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!  
Unuhia!  
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui  
Kia wātea, kia māmā  
Te ngākau, te tinana,  
te wairua i te ara takatū  
Koia rā e Rongo  
whakairihia ake ki runga  
Kia wātea, kia wātea!  
Ae rā, kua wātea!  
Hau, pai mārire.

Release us from the supreme  
sacredness of our tasks  
To be clear and free  
in heart, body and soul in our  
continuing journey  
Oh Rongo, raise these words up high  
so that we be cleansed and be free,  
Yes indeed, we are free!  
Good and peaceful

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.54pm.

S Edwards  
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 29th day of May 2025**

Public comment

To the councillors and council staff I wanted to say a massive thank you for what you have done and are doing for the Taitā community in implementing these safety features and putting in pedestrian crossings for our community and for everyone who comes to Taitā.

While it might seem like a bit of expensive paint and hard work to get here, for this community these changes are well overdue and will bring such a positive impact to how Tamaraki move around, how families get from a to b.

I would encourage you to continue the improvements eg. Focussing on Harcourt Werry and a safe passage for Taitā central families to cross Churton Crescent.

So again thank you. I can't wait to see the first lot of paint being placed on the road and for a continued partnership to make Taitā safer.

Ben and Anita Martell