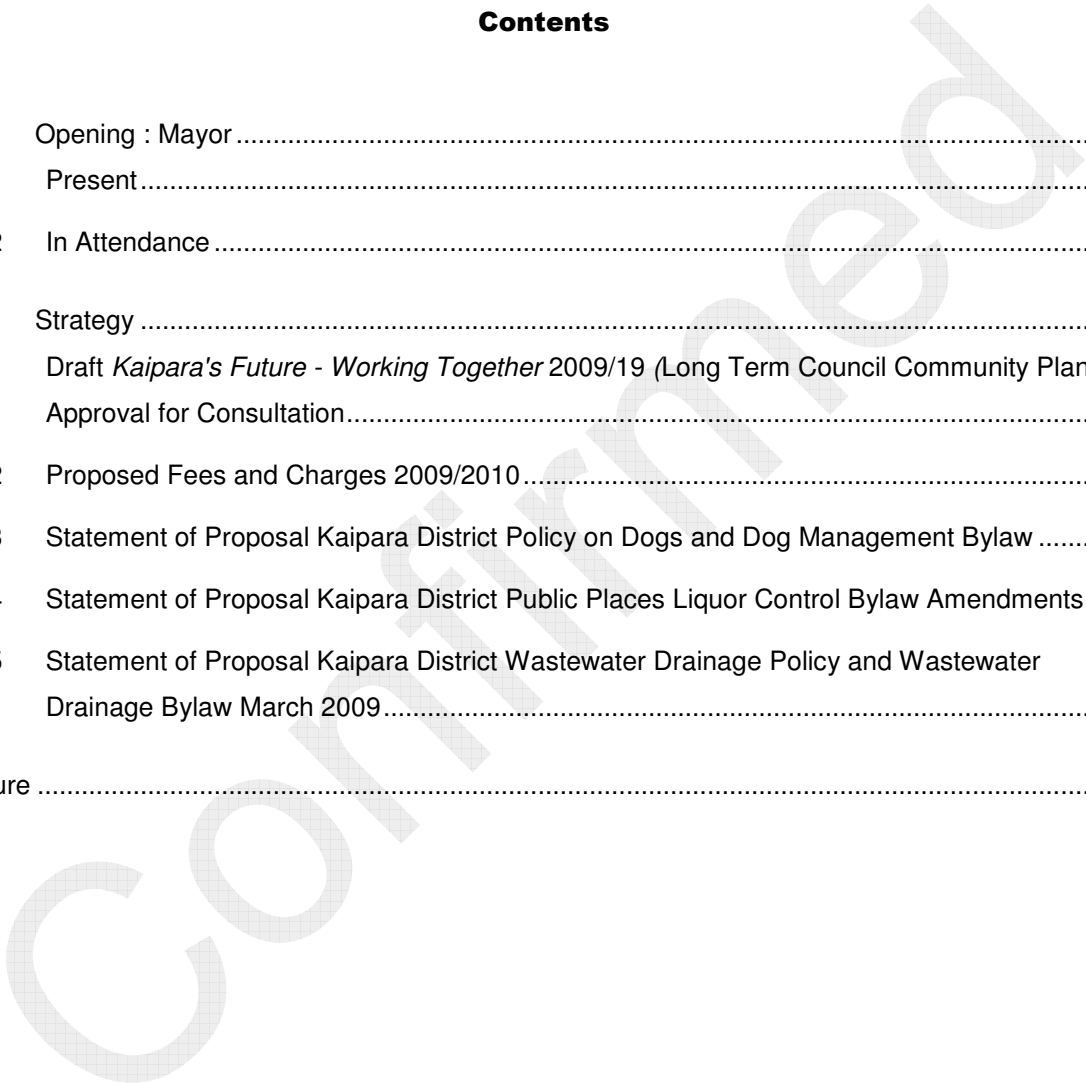


**Minutes of the Special Meeting Of Kaipara District Council In The Council
Chambers, Station Road, Dargaville On Wednesday 11 March 2009 at 10.00am**

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Minutes 11 March 2009**1 Opening : Mayor****1.1 Present**

Mayor N Tiller, Councillors R Alspach, B Burnett, J Geange, W Guest, B McEwing, T Smith, J Sutherland, G Taylor

1.2 In Attendance

J McKerchar, B Holden, C Lichtwark McInnes, S Soole, F Vessey, M Vincent, B Ware and from Audit New Zealand, Mr John Scott and Ms Timneen Taljard.

The Mayor acknowledged Mr Scott and Ms Taljard and invited Mr Scott to address Council.

Mr Scott began by thanking all staff involved in assisting Audit New Zealand saying many had gone the extra mile. He said it had been a tough time and the bar had been raised quite considerably but Council had received an unqualified Audit. He said he would provide a copy of his form Opinion once Council had adopted the draft *Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/19* document.

2 Strategy**2.1 Draft Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/19 (Long Term Council Community Plan): Approval for Consultation**

Chief Executive 2302.13.01

A report from the Chief Executive was circulated. This special meeting sought Council's approval for the release of the draft *Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019* (Long Term Council Community Plan) incorporating the 2009/10 draft Annual Plan, and associated documents for consultation and submissions.

The following documents are also required to be approved for release for consultation and submissions, as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002:

- Draft Kaipara District Council Proposed Fees and Charges 2009/10
- Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw March 2009
- Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw Amendments
- Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw March 2009.

The Council discussed at length its earlier decision to reduce the Seal Extension Expenditure by \$833,000 which had the effect of reducing rating requirements by \$250,000. Council had initially made the reduction on receipt of advice from the NZ Transport Agency through the Regional Land Transport Committee that there would be no seal extension money available in 2009/2010. Since then Council had received informal advice that some money may become available. Historically Council has generally been successful in getting seal extension funded. Councillors concluded that if there was a chance that seal extensions could be achieved it should be taken and reinstated the bulk of the planned reduction.

Council also discussed at length its earlier decision to reduce the Economic Development budget by \$120,000. Council considered that the reduction had been too significant and meant that there were now insufficient funds to enable any facilitator the Council might appoint to undertake any significant promotion projects. Council considered it important, particularly given the current financial climate, to support projects that provided for economic development because with this came jobs. Council concluded that it needed to reinstate \$60,000 giving a budget of \$160,000.

Council considered the information being presented in the draft *Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019* Volume 1 and the Summary document. A number of Councillors believed that it was important to show the actual effect on an average household of the increases proposed as the percentage figures themselves would mean little to a lay person.

Councillors Alspach and Taylor asked that the targeted rate proposed for Ruawai and Hakaru in respect of its halls also be included in the Summary document.

It was agreed that whilst the general rate increase proposed in the draft *Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019* was 1.5% the Council's preferred option was to strike a general rate increase of 3.9% which would take account of the reinstatements made as a part of this meeting.

Resolution One Geange/Alspach

- 1 *That the information contained in the Tables appearing on pages 31 and 32, Chief Executive's Summary in Volume 1 of the draft Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019 (Long Term Council Community Plan) be expanded to include the average annual cost to a household now and the average annual cost to a household following the proposed increases.*

Resolution Two Alspach/Smith

- 2 *That Council approves for release the draft Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019 (Long Term Council Community Plan), for public consultation and submissions, except for minor changes, in accordance with the special consultative procedure required by the Local Government Act 2002; and*
- 3 *That Council approves for release for consultation Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019 Summary, in accordance with the special consultative procedure required by the Local Government Act 2002.*

2.2 Proposed Fees and Charges 2009/2010

Councillors asked that those fees and charges that were set by Statute and not by Council be highlighted. Councillors discussed Library charges saying that they would like to see fees aligned to those of Libraries in neighbouring districts.

Resolution One Guest/Smith

- 1 *That Council be provided with a report on the costs incurred in respect of a burial in a Council cemetery and that information provided should include all associated capital costs. This report is to form an Agenda item at Council's 27 May 2009 meeting.*

Resolution Two Alspach/Smith

- 2 *That Council approves the draft Kaipara District Council Proposed Fees and Charges 2009/2010 for release, in accordance with the special consultative procedure required by the Local Government Act 2002.*

2.3 Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw

Councillors asked that those fees and charges that were set by Statute and not by Council be highlighted. Also requested was that excerpts direct from the Statute also be highlighted as being such.

The Development Manager suggested minor additions to the document which Council accepted:

11.4 last paragraph to read:

“When seeking to bring disputes over dogs to resolution, Council will use all means available to achieve compliance with the law so that an issue is resolved as effectively and promptly as possible. Council will only take formal legal proceedings as a last option and after it has attempted to resolve matters between the parties to the satisfaction of all parties. For the avoidance of doubt, this approach will not fetter Council in its discretion to undertake enforcement action under the legislation.”

11.9.1 to read:

“All working dogs are exempt from being micro-chipped. Council encourages voluntary micro-chipping of dogs to assist in identification in the event of loss or theft.”

11.10 final sentence included to read:

“The term “urban” is defined as any lot which is less than one hectare in size.”

Amendments

- Page 25. The leash area for dogs should be extended to include Lesley Street in recognition of the expanding business area.
- Page 26. The map should also indicate that dogs are prohibited on the bird sanctuary to the south even though this is not Council land.
- Page 38. The map talks about a leash area for dogs when the reality is that dogs are prohibited from the whole area.

Resolved Alspach/Smith

That Council adopts the Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw March 2009, except for minor changes, for public consultation in accordance with the special consultative procedure required by the Local Government Act 2002.

2.4 Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw Amendments

Resolution One Guest/McEwing

- 1 *That Council include the public places of Te Kopuru in the Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw Amendments.*

Resolution Two Alspach/Smith

- 2 *That Council adopts the Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw Amendments for public consultation.*

2.5 Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw March 2009

10 Blockages

Councillor Geange asked that the responsibility for costs incurred on a multi party line be made clearer.

Resolved Alspach/Smith

- 1 *That Council agrees that a Wastewater Drainage Bylaw is the most appropriate way to address the problems and potential problems associated with the operation of public wastewater schemes; and*
- 2 *That Council approves the release of the Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw March 2009 for public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.*

Reason for the decision

- 1 The above documents reflect the proposals Council wishes to place before the community for consultation and the changes in budgets and levels of service are considered by Council to be appropriate the reflect the aspirations of the community and the ratepayers ability to pay. Council will continue to seek ways to continue to reduce costs or increase the level of service within existing budgets while recognising the Council has historically worked to minimise costs to the ratepayer.
- 2 *Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019 (Long Term Council Community Plan), Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/2019 Summary, Kaipara District Council Proposed Fees and Charges 2009/10 have been audited by Council's*

auditors pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and comply with statutory process as noted in the Audit Report presented to Council today.

- 3 Statements of proposal for the Kaipara District Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw, Kaipara District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw Amendments and Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw, have all had legal advice and comply with the relevant pieces of legislation.

Closure

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm

Confirmed this day of 200

Mayor

