

Council Meeting Minutes 28 April 2022

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RDC-1254225

Minutes

**Council meeting held Thursday 28 April 2022, 9.30am
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Chadwick (Chair)
Cr Donaldson (Deputy Chair), Cr Bentley, Cr Kai Fong, Cr Kumar,
Cr Macpherson, Cr Maxwell, Cr Raukawa-Tait, Cr Tapsell, Cr Wang,
Cr Yates
- STAFF PRESENT:** G Williams, Chief Executive; C Tiriana, DCE-Chief Executives Group;
J.P Gaston, DCE-District Development;
S Michael, DCE-Infrastructure & Environmental Solutions;
T Collé, DCE-Organisational Enablement;
I Tiriana, Manager Council Communications;
G Kieck, Manager Corporate Planning & Strategy;
R Dunn, Governance Lead; I Brell, Governance Support Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.30am

The Chair welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public viewing by livestream.

**1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI
OPENING KARAKIA**

Cr Maxwell opened the meeting with a Karakia.

**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA
APOLOGIES**

None.

**3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE
URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

1. The Chair advised that an urgent item concerning the Rotorua District Council (Representation Arrangements) Bill, and to enable a discussion in response to the Attorney General's request for further information, will be discussed during confidential.

Cr Macpherson raised a point of order to request that this be discussed in public.

The Chair declined the point of order and reiterated this would be discussed in confidential.

2. Cr Bentley indicated to the chair that he had an urgent item and the Chair asked Cr Bentley what was the nature of the urgent item.

Cr Bentley started reading from a script during which the Chair asked Cr Bentley to state what the urgent item was.

Cr Bentley continued to read from his script. The opening line being “The Mayor found out very early that I would not be one to merely follow her in her radical and blatant racist ideas”.

The Chair raised a point of order (offensive language) and asked Cr Bentley to stop immediately. Cr Bentley continued.

The Chair stood from her chair and again asked Cr Bentley to stop or leave the meeting.

Cr Bentley stood and tendered his resignation from Council and then left the meeting.

5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

5.1 COUNCIL MEETING – 31 MARCH 2022

Resolved

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 31 March 2022 be confirmed as true and correct.

Moved: Cr Yates

Seconded: Cr Donaldson

CARRIED

6 NGĀ TAUNAKITANGA A ĒTAHI ATU KOMITI RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

6.1 RECOMMENDATION FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Resolved

- 1. That the report “Recommendations from other Committees” be received.**

Moved: Cr Kai Fong

Seconded: Cr Donaldson

- 2. That the following recommendations of the Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee meeting held 14 April 2022 be adopted:**

RECOMMENDATION 1

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2022-28

RDC-1244562

Resolved**1. That Council adopt the Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022 – 28.**

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Cr Donaldson

CARRIED

The Chair explained an urgent item concerning Emergency Housing had been overlooked and would be heard next. This item had previously been discussed in the confidential section of the Council meeting 31 March 2022 and would provide an opportunity for the public to be updated. Jean- Paul Gaston spoke to a presentation titled “Confidential Emergency Housing update” (Attachment 1).

Following discussion on the Emergency Housing update the meeting continued with Recommendations from Other Committees.

RECOMMENDATION 2

ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION – COMMENCE CONSULTATION

RDC-12448982

1. That Council commence public consultation on the introduction of an organic waste collection service.

Moved: Cr Wang

Seconded: Cr Macpherson

CARRIED**7 HE WHAKATAUNGA KIA HOKI ATU TE ARONGA O TE HUI HAI HUI TŪMATAWHĀITI
RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED****RESOLVED**

That Council move into Public Excluded session to discuss and consider the following items; the confidential minutes from the meeting 31 March 2022, Recommendations from other Committees, and discuss the Rotorua District Council (Representation Arrangements) Bill. The reasons are to enable commercial activities and to prevent the use of information for improper gain or advantage.

Moved: Cr Raukawa-Tait

Seconded: Cr Donaldson

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.49am and resumed at 10.55am

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 31 MARCH 2022	Please refer to the relevant clause/s in the open meeting minutes.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a).
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES:</p> <p>Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee meeting held 14 April 2022:</p> <p>1. Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre update.</p> <p>2. Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa Building Project update.</p>	<p>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(h)</p> <p>Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(i)</p> <p>Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(j)</p>
Local Bill (Representation Arrangement) update	Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	Section 48(1)(a) Section 7(2)(j)

his resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Sections 6 or 7 of the Act or Sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above (in brackets) with respect to each item.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting closed 1.25pm

Confirmed at a Council meeting on 26 May 2022



Chair

Rotorua Lakes Council

Confidential
Emergency Housing Update

J-P Gaston
DCE District Development

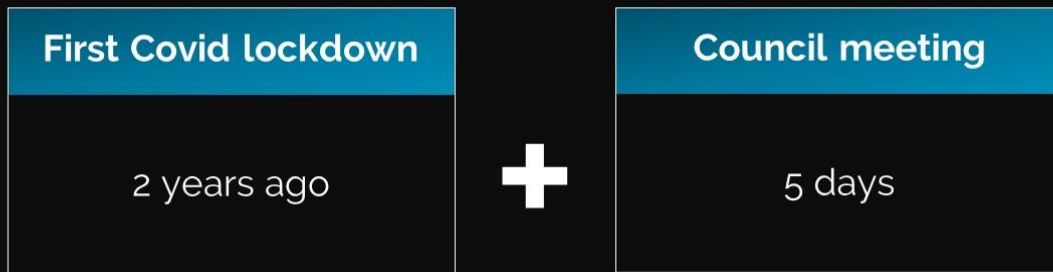
**31 March
Council Meeting**

Introduction

Report is intended to:

- Set out timeline
- Detail complexity of operating environment
- Seek Council support for strategy moving forward

Timing



A complex environment

Early 2020 Covid and on-going

- Pre-existing lack of houses
- Baseline poverty & deprivation
- Loss of tourism (international & domestic)
- Hospitality & retail = economic impacts
- Rental prices = housing distress
- Homelessness & parks/CBD issues



Government response

Early 2020 Covid

- MSD emergency grants:
 - A person is entitled to up to 3 weeks accommodation
 - Relationship between the 'guest' and the motellier (MSD pays a grant but is otherwise not involved)
- Accommodation providers pivoted:
 - Started advertising for MSD clients



Impacts on our community

Concentration in Fenton, CBD and Tarewa Rd

Crime and social issues in the public eye – safety perceptions

On-going Covid lockdowns / impacts

- Economy / social

Complaints in local and national media led to significant reputation damage

Un-managed placements put children and families into unsuitable venues



RLC's response

Mayor repeatedly raised concern with PM, Min Woods and Min Sepoloni

Maintain longer-term focus – plan changes, infrastructure & house builds

EH Taskforce (supported by Ministers) – contracted motels for children & hub

RLC approaches to accommodation providers - fire safety, BWoF & 7 high priority



Next steps

RMA & building Act

- Council requirements 'safe and appropriate'
- Risk based / time & resource requirement e.g. 12 at a time
- Assume change of use / activity

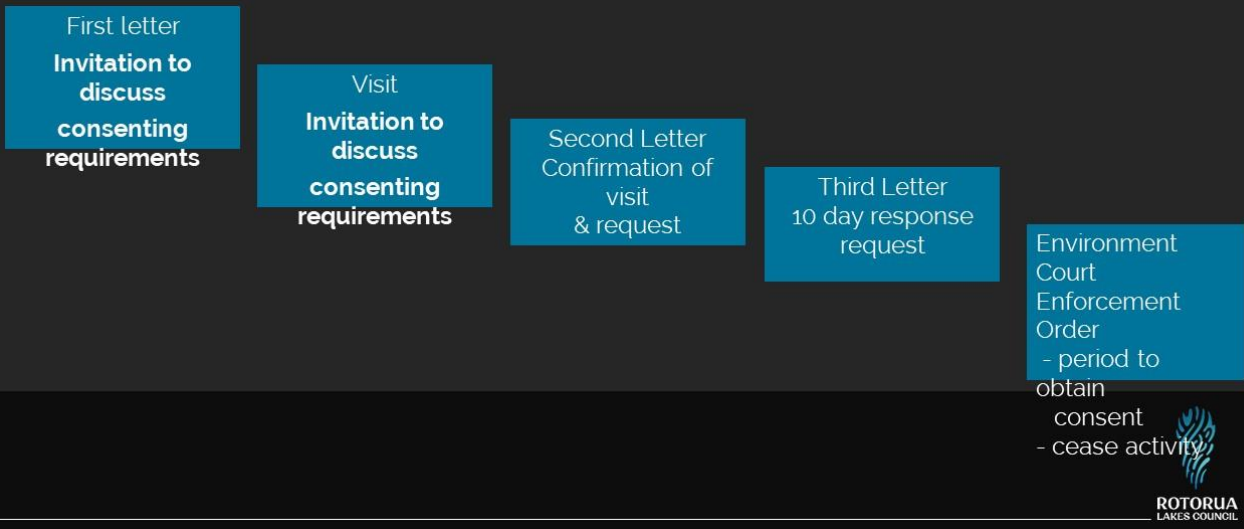
Considers

- Need for sufficient supply of EH
- 13 motels in consent process
- Time to consent & make building changes
- Allows provider choice



Extra slide

Engagement & enforcement approach



Questions?