
MINUTES
of the
TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
Kaunihera Katoa

**Fees & Charges and Development
Contributions Policy Hearing**

held

9.30am - Friday, 16 May 2025

at

Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel

Present: Mayor T King, Deputy Mayor S Bryant, Councillors C Butler (via Zoom), G Daikee, B Dowler, J Ellis, C Hill (via Zoom), M Kininmonth, K Maling, C Mackenzie, B Maru, and T Walker

In Attendance: Group Manager - Service and Strategy (J Ridd), Chief Financial Officer (M Drummond), Group Manager - Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Group Manager - Environmental Assurance (K Drummond), Group Manager - Environmental Science (R Smith), Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean), Executive Assistant and Advisor to the Mayor (R Scherer), Senior Community Policy Advisor (B Wayman), Team Leader – Community Policy (A Bywater) and Graduate Community Policy Advisor (E Garland)

Absent: Councillors M Greening and D Shallcrass

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Mayor King welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered the opening karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kininmonth declared two conflicts of interest and noted he would remove himself from both topics during deliberations:

- Clare Kininmonth's submission (34806)
- Moorings in the Māpua Chanel.

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

7 REPORTS

7.1 Draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy Hearing

Senior Community Policy Advisor, Brylee Wayman presented the report which was taken as read.

Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Maling

CN25-05-22

That the Tasman District Council

- 1. receives the Draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy Hearing report, RCN25-05-19; and**
- 2. accepts and considers all submissions received on the Draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy 2024 – 2034 (2025 Review) during the submission period of 24 March to 28 April 2025;**
- 3. declines to accept any late submissions on the draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy 2024 – 2034 (2025 Review) received after 28 April 2025.**

CARRIED

Attachment 1 Project and Ventures and Paton Rise LTD and Wakefield Village Developers Ltd
- tabled speaking notes

Submissions:

Submitter: Mr Tim Cook (34773)

Topic: Mr Cook spoke about the Richmond on the Rise initiative and disincentives and costs for developers to build three-storey housing in Richmond.

Submitter: Mr David Ogilvie (34818)

Topic: Mr Ogilvie spoke about the Development Contributions Policy and suggested it should have been deferred until after the Annual Plan had been approved by Council.

- Submitter:** Mr Iain Sheves on behalf of **Wakatū Incorporation (34810)**
- Topic:** Mr Sheves noted that Wakatū Incorporation supported the Development Contributions Policy. He urged the Council to align funding, service delivery and planning to ensure that any infrastructure services were in place before development.
- Questions:** In response to a question, Ian noted that two things were required to happen regarding the disconnect and timing around investment and infrastructure. Firstly, he felt they were 10 years behind and needed to get 2-3 years a head and that the RMP and LTP should direct and prioritise development to align with the market.
- In response to a further question, Ian acknowledged that the wider Motueka West had extensive stormwater systems due to 100 hectares of flat land.
- Submitter:** Jackie McNae on behalf of **Paton Rise Ltd and Wakefield Village & Projects and Ventures Ltd (34829 & 34830)**
- Topic:** Ms McNae was joined by Sally Jepp and Duane Whiting. The group expressed their concerns and provided scenarios around the Development Contributions Policy and the legal framework. She tabled speaking notes, available on the Council's website in the Minute Attachments document.
- Questions:** In response to a question, Ms McNae noted a range of issues, scenarios, legal considerations, considerations of advantages and disadvantages regarding permanent detention.
- Submitter:** Bruce Struthers (34802)
- Topic:** Mr Struthers suggested that the Council should not allow discounts for Development Contributions. He proposed that any new development should be paid for exclusively by the developer as part of their business case, with no Council assistance.
- Questions:** In response to a question, Mr Struthers felt that an alternative would be that developers take into consideration all costs associated before engagement and not expect handouts for projects.
- Submitter:** Mathias Schaeffner on behalf of **Tasman Democracy Inc (34811)**
- Topic:** Mr Schaeffner suggested that using Development Contributions to incentivise development in certain areas would further undermine the fairness and equity principle.
- Questions:** In response to a question, Mr Schaeffner felt that the Council needed to take a broader/holistic view of affordable housing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25am and resumed at 10:45am.

7.2 Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/2026 - Submissions Hearing

Graduate Policy Planner, Emily Garland presented the report which was taken as read.

Moved Councillor Maru/Councillor Mackenzie

CN25-05-23

That the Tasman District Council

1. **receives the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/2026 - Submissions Hearing report, RCN25-05-18; and**
2. **accepts and considers all submissions received on the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/2026 during the submission period of 24 March to 28 April 2025; and**
3. **accepts and considers the late submission received on 29 April 2025 as follows; and**

Submitter	Date Received
Augustine Mathews and David Allen	29 April 2025

4. **declines to accept any late submissions on the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/2026 received after 5:00 pm on 5 May 2025.**

CARRIED

Attachment 1 Carol Dayman - speaking notes

Attachment 2 Clare Kininmonth -speaking notes

Attachment 3 Forest and Bird - Cynthia McConville - bird picture

Attachment 4 Forest and Bird - Cynthia McConville - bird picture

Submissions:

Submitter: Bruce Struthers (348230)

Topic: Mr Struthers spoke about the Council staff structure and felt that Elected Member remuneration was below market value levels and the Executive Leadership Team were out of order compared with other Council staff and that a review should be undertaken.

Questions: In response to a question, Mr Struthers suggested that the Council needs to ensure that essential services were being provided.

Submitter: Mathias Schaeffner on behalf of **Tasman Democracy** (34831)

Topic: Mr Schaeffner compared, the proposed increase in fees and charges with the consumer price index, the Council's increase in fees and charges with that of Nelson City Council and referred to the cost for LGOIMA requests, waste management and aerodrome charges.

Questions: In response to a question, Mr Schaeffner agreed with the principle of 'user pays'.

In response to a question, Mr Schaeffner felt that the Council should use its Fraud Policy via the Audit and Risk Committee who, he believed, had the mandate to investigate fraud at the Council.

Submitter: Mark Woodhouse (34721)

Topic: Mr Woodhouse spoke about the proposed increase in fees at the Motueka Aerodrome. He supported that the charges stayed the same as the last financial year.

In response to a question, Mr Woodhouse agreed that the Council needed to be transparent on cost increases.

Submitter: Katrina Ballantyne on behalf of **Māpua Boat Club** (34795)

Tim Robinson spoke on behalf of Katrina Ballantyne who was unable to attend.

Topic: The Māpua Boat Club objected to the increased fees and charges for mooring licences. Comparisons were made of the same fees and charges for Marlborough District Council.

Submitter: Tim Robinson (34796)

Topic: Mr Robinson suggested that the Council's mooring fees and charges had been inconsistent and unfair for a long time. He asked why a draft proposal was not sent to the mooring owners before consultation on the fees and charges.

Mr Robinson spoke about the difference between a license and resource consent for moorings.

It was agreed that this information would be included in the deliberations report for the proposed fees and charges.

Submitter: Rene Kampman (34798)

Topic: Mr Kampman spoke about the increased mooring fees and charges and asked what had changed for the Council to justify the proposed 58% increase.

Mr Kampman referred to Section 154 of the Local Government Act which stated that any fees or charges must not be more than costs of the Council. He asked the Council what the cost structure and rationale for the proposed changes were.

In response to a question, staff agreed that they would investigate what percentage of mooring fees and charges were covered by general rates compared to 'user pays' for Marlborough District and Nelson City Councils.

Submitter: Clare Kininmonth (34806)

Topic: Mrs Kininmonth spoke about the proposed increased mooring fees. She tabled speaking notes, available on the Council's website in the Minute Attachments document.

In response to a question, Mrs Kininmonth noted that mooring inspections were carried out by divers and paid for by the mooring owners.

Submitter: Mr RN Hellyer (34821)

Topic: Mr Hellyer noted his opposition to the proposed increase in dog registration fees. He noted that dogs were a comfort to the infirm and elderly. He said working dogs aid farming operations and felt that dogs don't use any Council services.

Submitter: Carol Dayman (34738)

Topic: Ms Dayman spoke about the proposed dog control fee increase. She tabled speaking notes, available on the Council's website in the Minute Attachments document.

In response to a question, Mrs Dayman said she supported a dog registration fee reduction for elderly people and elderly dogs.

Submitter: Scott Burnett on behalf of **Forest & Bird** (34780)

Topic: Mr Burnett spoke about the negative impacts of dogs in some areas where our coastal birds habitat. He noted that Forest & Bird supported public education around dogs and the presence of wildlife.

Forest & Bird would also like to see the Council's dogs/wildlife signage in areas where dogs were exercised to be aligned with Nelson City Council so there was aligned messaging.

In response to a question, Mr Burnett suggested that education could be provided as part of the dog registration process and through vets and the SPCA.

Submitter: Cynthia McConville on behalf of **Forest and Bird Golden Bay** (34787) (via Zoom)

Topic: Mrs McConville spoke about the protection of shore birds. She said that Forest & Bird Golden Bay supports the increase in dog registration fees but would like parity with Nelson City Council fees. Forest & Bird Golden Bay want better signage that focused on education and enforcement in coastal areas where dogs were allowed. She shared bird pictures that are available on the Council's website in the Minute Attachments document.

Submitter: Graham Fraser (34788) – Mr Fraser did not attend.

Submitter: Lionel Hume and Pax Leetch on behalf of **Federated Farmers of New Zealand** (34832)

Topic: Mr Hume said that the proposed increased fees and charges were not aligned with the Consumer Price Index. He referred to the proposed charges for environmental inspections and asked what the justification for this new charge was and how would it work. Mr Hume suggested that the proposed travel fee for Building Inspectors should be standardised across the District.

Pax Leetch spoke about dog registration fees and thanked the Council for including a separate class for working dogs. Federated Farmers believed that dog control programme costs should be recovered from where the problems occur, not across the board.

Submitter: Katie Lavers on behalf of **Dog Owners of Golden Bay (34816)**

Topic: Ms Lavers spoke about the proposed increase in fees and charges for dogs. She suggested that the Council could allocate any revenue from dog fees and charges to concentrate on dog owner education and the issue of wandering dogs and not more staff in this area.

At the conclusion of the hearing of submissions the Council asked for further information in the deliberations report including:

- A breakdown of fees and charges.
- The option of phasing in or delaying some fees and charges.
- Further clarity around moorings versus licences, including coastal permits and resource consents for moorings

The Council also asked staff to consider:

- The Council's Fraud Policy and its alignment with the Audit and Risk Committee.
- More clarity around the increased dog registration versus the level of service.

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

Mayor King offered the closing karakia and the meeting concluded at 12:26pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 19 June 2025.