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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Kaunihera Katoa**  
held  
**9:30am, Thursday, 12 February 2026**  
at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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**Present:** Deputy Mayor B Maru (Chairperson), Councillors C Butler (Zoom), J Ellis, K Ferneyhough, M Greening (Zoom), J Gully, M Hume, M Kininmonth, K Maling, D McNamara, P Morgan, T Walker and D Woods

**In Attendance:** Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), Chief Operating Officer (S Manners), Group Manager Customer & Community (J Ridd), Group Manager Strategy & Finance (S McLean), Group Manager Three Waters (R Kirby), Kaihautū (R Thomas), General Counsel (L Townshend), Governance Manager (R Byrne), Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean) and Governance Officer (K Myburg)

**1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Moved Councillor Walker/Councillor Hume  
CN26-02-1**

**That the apologies from Mayor T King, and Councillor T Neubauer on other council business, be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

**3.1 Appointment of iwi representatives on council committees**

Pou Tiaki mō Te Tauhiu o Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Matt Hippolite, presented a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted matters relating to housing, land interests, commercial activities, whānau considerations, current projects and emerging opportunities.

Attachment 1 Iwi Representatives on Council Committees Presentation

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### **5 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

#### **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Councillor Maling  
CN26-02-2**

**That the minutes of the Tasman District Council meeting held on Thursday, 11 December 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved Councillor Ferneyhough/Councillor Gully  
CN26-02-3**

**That the confidential minutes of the Tasman District Council meeting held on Thursday, 11 December 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

#### **7 REPORTS**

##### **7.1 Appointment of iwi representatives at council and standing committees**

Kaihautū, Renee Thomas, General Counsel, Leith Townshend, presented the report and answered questions.

The motion was put and carried by division.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Councillor Maling  
CN26-02-4**

**That the Tasman District Council**

- 1. receives the Appointment of iwi representatives at council and standing committees report, RCN26-02-3; and**
- 2. notes that the previous Council resolved to have a non-voting iwi representative on Council and a voting iwi representative on each of the standing committees; and**
- 3. notes that the structure of the Council Committees has changed since that decision in the 2025 election; and**
- 4. confirms that a non-voting iwi representative role be created for the Council; and**
- 5. confirms that an iwi representative role with voting rights be created for each of the Strategy Finance and Performance; and Environment, Regulatory and Operations; and**
- 6. notes that Iwi Chairs have nominated iwi representatives for the roles. Council officers will bring a further paper to the Council to confirm the appointments.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Kininmonth called for a division.

<b>Butler</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Ellis</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Ferneyhough</b>	<b>For</b>

<b>Greening</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Gully</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Hume</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Kininmonth</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Maling</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Maru</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>McNamara</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Morgan</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Walker</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Woods</b>	<b>Against</b>

**CARRIED 7/6**

## **7.2 Appointment of Deputy Chairperson to Joint Regional Transport Committee**

Deputy Mayor Maru took the report as read.

**Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Maling  
CN26-02-5**

**That the Tasman District Council**

- 1. receives the Appointment of Deputy Chairperson to Joint Regional Transport Committee report, RCN26-02-9; and**
- 2. Appoints Deputy Mayor Brent Maru as Deputy Chairperson on the Joint Regional Transport Committee.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.3 Council Submission on Simplifying Local Government**

Chief Operating Officer, Steve Manners, presented the report and answered questions.

An alternative to the officer's recommendation was moved by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Kininmonth with the removal of clauses 2 and 2.1.

**Action:** Steve Manners to add a paragraph to the submission outlining the risk of uneven allocation of resources between territorial and regional functions, and how balanced funding can be managed to avoid unintended ring-fencing.

**Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Kininmonth  
CN26-02-6**

**That the Tasman District Council**

- 1. receives the Council Submission on Simplifying Local Government report, RCN26-02-10.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.4 Home Security System Allowance for Elected Members**

Acting Assurance and Improvement Manager, Amy Clarke, presented the report and answered questions. She noted a correction to the report, clarifying that the total maximum allowance was \$170,000, not \$100,000.

**Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Councillor Ellis  
CN26-02-7**

**That the Tasman District Council**

- 1. receives the Home Security System Allowance for Elected Members report, RCN26-02-2; and**
- 2. approves and adopts the changes to the Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy (attachment 1 to the agenda report).**

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Mayoral Update**

Deputy Mayor Maru took the report as read.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Councillor McNamara  
CN26-02-8**

**That the Tasman District Council**

- 1. receives the Mayoral Update report, RCN26-02-4.**

**CARRIED**

**8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**8.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

**Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Councillor McNamara  
CN26-02-9**

**That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. 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 follows.**

**This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:**

**8.2 Motueka Service Centre offer**

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	<p>s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>

	(including commercial and industrial negotiations).	
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### 8.3 Recommendation for the Future Use of the Laura Ingram Kindergarten, 6 Pah Street, Motueka

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### 8.4 Lower Queen Street Property Sale to NZTA Waka Kotahi

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**CARRIED**

### RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

#### 8.2 Motueka Service Centre offer

9. agrees that the details of this sale will be made available for public release once concluded but that the paper itself remains confidential.

**8.3 Recommendation for the Future Use of the Laura Ingram Kindergarten, 6 Pah Street, Motueka**

4. agrees that this decision and the agenda report remain confidential until all associated transactions become unconditional.

**8.4 Lower Queen Street Property Sale to NZTA Waka Kotahi**

4. that the decision be available for public release once the settlement of the transfer of the land has been completed; and
5. that the Report remain confidential at this time.

The meeting concluded at 12.21pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .