
MINUTES
of the
TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
Kaunihera Katoa
held
9.30am, Thursday, 12 March 2026
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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

In Attendance: Golden Bay Board Chair (G Knowles), Motueka Community Board Chair (C Hutt), Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), 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) and Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean)

1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Councillor Hume
CN26-03-1

That an apology be accepted from Councillor K Maling.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Howard Valley Forest Recreational Stakeholder Group

Ange Van Der Laan, Graeme Ferrier and Liz Eskrick spoke on behalf of the Howard Valley Forest Recreational Stakeholder Group and presented a PowerPoint Presentation and tabled speaking notes.

Attachment 1 Howard Valley Forest Group Presentation

Attachment 2 Howard Valley Forest Group Speaking Notes

3.2 Ross Loveridge - Chair of Motueka Aquatic Centre Fundraising Committee

Ross Loveridge spoke on behalf of the Motueka Aquatic Centre Fundraising Committee, presented a PowerPoint presentation and tabled speaking notes.

Attachment 1 Motueka Aquatic Centre Fundraising Committee Presentation

Attachment 2 Motueka Aquatic Centre Fundraising Committee Speaking Notes

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Deputy Mayor Maru
CN26-03-2**

That the minutes of the Tasman District Council meeting held on Thursday, 12 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Councillor Kininmonth
CN26-03-3**

That the confidential minutes of the Tasman District Council meeting held on Thursday, 12 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Amendments to the Tasman District Council Delegations Register 2025 - 2028

Governance Manager, Robyn Byrne, presented the report and answered questions.

**Moved Councillor Neubauer/Councillor Ellis
CN26-03-4**

That the Tasman District Council

- 1. receives the Amendments to the Tasman District Council Delegations Register 2025 - 2028 RCN26-03-5; and**
- 2. appoints Councillor Celia Butler as the representative to the Golden Bay Pae Ora Alliance Partnership; and**
- 3. approves the proposed additions and changes as set out in Attachments 1 and 2 to the agenda report, to reflect the following changes:**
 - 3.1 Update membership and representative appointments (Attachment 1).**
 - 3.2 Remove Waimea South Community Facility Project Advisory Group (Attachment 2).**

CARRIED**7.2 Annual Plan 2026/2027 Changes from the Long Term Plan**

Group Manager Strategy and Finance, Sue McLean, Strategic Planning and Strategy Manager, Dwayne Fletcher and Team Leader Community Policy, Alan Bywater presented the report and answered questions.

The officers recommendation with option 13(b) was moved by Deputy Mayor Maru and seconded by Councillor Gully.

The Chairperson confirmed that amendments proposed by Elected Members would be taken in parts to be considered individually to ensure a more manageable process.

An amendment to clause 8.2 of the motion was moved by Councillor Neubauer and seconded by Councillor Greening, with the removal of 'uniform fixed amount' and inclusion of 'proportion of land value'.

The amendment was put by division, and lost.

Moved Councillor Neubauer/Councillor Greening

That the Tasman District Council

8.2 assessed as a ~~uniform fixed amount~~ proportion of land value per rating unit;

LOST

Cr Greening called for a division.

Butler	Against
Ellis	Against
Ferneyhough	Against
Greening	For
Gully	Against
Hume	Against
King	Against
Kininmonth	For
Maru	Against
McNamara	Against
Morgan	For
Neubauer	For
Walker	Against
Woods	Against

LOST 4/10

An amendment to remove clause 8 to the motion was moved by Councillor Neubauer and seconded by Councillor Greening.

The amendment was put by division, and lost.

Moved Councillor Neubauer/Councillor Greening

That the Tasman District Council

8. ~~agrees to consult on a proposed reduction to the planned increase in funding depreciation from roading by 6%, i.e. from 24% to 18% for 2026/2027; and~~

LOST

Cr Greening called for a division.

Butler	Against
Ellis	Against
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Greening	For
Gully	Against
Hume	For
King	Against
Kininmonth	For
Maru	Against
McNamara	For
Morgan	For
Neubauer	For
Walker	Against
Woods	Against

LOST 6/8

The meeting was adjourned at 11.02am and reconvened at 11.17am.

An amendment to replace clause 13(b) with 13(a) to the motion was moved by Councillor McNamara and seconded by Councillor Greening.

The amendment was put by division, and lost.

Moved Councillor McNamara/Councillor Greening

That the Tasman District Council

13. a) agrees to consult on the next steps options for the three community facilities projects, including a preferred option of pausing and deferring all three community facilities projects to the next Long Term Plan; and

~~13. b) agrees to consult on the next steps options for the Tapawera Community Hub project, with a preference option of pausing and deferring this project to the next Long Term Plan; and~~

LOST

Cr Greening called for a division.

Butler	Against
Ellis	Against
Ferneyhough	Against
Greening	For
Gully	For
Hume	For
King	Against
Kininmonth	For
Maru	Against
McNamara	For
Morgan	Against
Neubauer	Against
Walker	Against
Woods	For

LOST 6/8

Councillor Greening foreshadowed that he would move a further motion should the substantive

motion be lost.

The substantive motion was not carried, the votes being equal.

Moved Councillor Maru/Councillor Gully

That the Tasman District Council

1. *receives the Annual Plan 2026/2027 Changes from the Long Term Plan RCN26-03-4; and*
2. *approves selling approximately \$350,000 of unencumbered Emission Trading Scheme credits to help reduce the rates requirement for the Annual Plan year 2026/2027, subject to market conditions; and*
3. *authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to take all steps required to give effect to Councils' decision to sell the unencumbered Emission Trading Scheme credits; and*
4. *notes the variance between the proposed Annual Plan 2026/2027 budgets, compared with Year 3 of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034, listed in Sections 8 of the agenda report; and*
5. *approves the proposed budget changes for 2026/2027 set out in Attachment 2 to the agenda report; and*
6. *notes that the net impact of cost increases and other changes to the Annual Plan results in a rate revenue increase of 9.9% (excluding growth) and end of year net debt of \$328m for 2026/2027; and*
7. *agrees to consult on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 changes, because the changes from Year 3 of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 are significant or material; and*
8. *agrees to consult on a proposed reduction to the planned increase in funding depreciation from roading by 6%, i.e. from 24% to 18% for 2026/2027; and*
9. *agrees to consult on the introduction of a 2025 Weather Event Recovery Rate; and*
10. *agrees that the proposed 2025 Weather Event Recovery Rate will be:*
 - 10.1 *a District-wide targeted rate;*
 - 10.2 *assessed as a uniform fixed amount per rating unit;*
 - 10.3 *set at a level to fund the Council's 2025 weather event recovery costs over five years; and*
11. *agrees to consult on amendments to the Council's Revenue & Financing Policy to enable the setting of a new rate; and*
12. *agrees that in accordance with section 23(2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the proposed 2025 Weather Event Recovery Rate is in accordance with the Long Term Plan 2024-2034, which provides that rates may be increased to service loans used to fund emergency event recovery in the years following an emergency event; and*
13. *agrees to consult on the next steps options for the Tapawera Community Hub project, with a preference option of pausing and deferring this project to the next Long Term Plan; and*
14. *agrees to consult on the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/2027; and*
15. *notes that staff will bring an Annual Plan consultation document for consideration at the Council meeting on 26 March 2025.*

EQUAL 7/7

The item was adjourned to move into confidential session.

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**8.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

Moved Councillor McNamara/Councillor Neubauer
CN26-03-5

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 Property Sale - Tapawera

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.	s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	s48(1)(a) 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.

8.3 Property Asset Sales Update

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.	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	s48(1)(a) 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.

8.4 Recommendation from Joint Regional Landfill Committee - Iwi Representative Appointment

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.	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) 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.
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CARRIED

The meeting reconvened in open session at 2.30pm, at which time Councillor Walker returned to the meeting.

7.2 Annual Plan 2026/2027 Changes from the Long Term Plan (reconvened)

During the adjournment, Councillor Greening provided his previously foreshadowed motion. The Mayor ruled that the motion would not proceed on the grounds that it sought to re-litigate matters previously considered and did not advance a substantive proposal capable of progressing the issue or enabling officers to prepare a further report for Council consideration.

Councillor Greening requested that his foreshadowed motion be noted in the minutes:

That the Tasman District Council

1. *Agrees to consult on a 3% increase to General Rates, and an overall average 3% increase to Fees and Charges, for 2026/2027; and*
2. *Agrees to consult on the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026/2027; and*
3. *Agrees to consult on the repeal of the dynamic debt cap and adopting a fixed debt cap (that does not trigger an early LTP); and*
4. *Notes that forecasted net debt will be \$XXXm at the end of the 2026/2027 financial year; and*
5. *Notes that the Long Term Plan consultation aims to claw back debt incurred in the 2026/2027 financial year from further cost savings; and*
6. *Notes that cost savings will be sought during the 2026/2027 financial year (that does not trigger an early LTP); and*
7. *Agrees to consult on whether:*
 - (a) depreciation should be reduced by 6% for 2026/2027 (ie, from 24% to 18%), to further reduce general rates (and how it impacts Council's long term financial position); and*
 - (b) a new district wide targeted rate for the recovery of weather event related costs should be created (and whether it should be generally rated or not); and*
8. *Notes that under section 23(2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a proposed 2025 Weather Event Recovery Rate is in accordance with the Long Term Plan 2024-2034, which provides that rates may be increased to service loans used to fund emergency event recovery in the years following an emergency event; and*
9. *Agrees to pause all community facility projects until the council is able to take stock of its financial position, so that it may consult (in a more informed manner) on these projects during Long Term Plan consultations; and*

10. *Notes that staff will bring an Annual Plan consultation document for consideration at the next planned or extraordinary Full Council meeting.*

A motion was put to progress matters.

**Moved Councillor McNamara/Councillor Neubauer
CN26-03-6**

That the Tasman District Council

- 1. Requests staff to provide further information on the Annual Plan 2026/2027 Changes from the Long Term Plan considering the elected members concerns in order to progress to the Annual Plan consultation document, including a revised timeline; and**
- 2. Confirms that an Extraordinary Tasman District Council Meeting be held to follow the Strategy Finance and Performance Committee on Thursday 19 March 2026.**

CARRIED

7.3 Retrospective Approval - Exposure Draft of Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill Development Levies System Consultation Submission

Item 7.3 Retrospective Approval – Exposure Draft of Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill Development Levies System Consultation Submission was deferred to the next meeting.

7.4 Mayoral Update

Item 7.4 Mayoral Update was deferred to the next meeting.

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

8.2 Property Sale - Tapawera

7. agrees that the report and decision remain confidential at this time.

8.3 Property Asset Sales Update

6. agrees that the report and decision remain confidential at this time.

8.4 Recommendation from Joint Regional Landfill Committee - Iwi Representative Appointment

4. Agrees that the decision only be made public once the candidate has been advised of both Nelson City and Tasman District Councils' decisions; and
5. Agrees that the Report and the Attachment remain confidential at that this time.

The meeting concluded at 2.41pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 2 April 2026.

CN26-04-1

That the minutes of the Tasman District Council meeting held on Thursday, 12 March 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Confirmed