
MINUTES
of the
TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
Kaunihera Katoa
held
9:30am - Annual Plan Deliberations, Thursday, 28 May
2026
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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

In Attendance: Community Board Chairs (C Hutt – Teams & G Knowles), Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), Chief Operating Officer (S Manners), Group Manager – Customer and Community (J Ridd), Group Manager Environmental Services (R Smith), Acting Group Manager Strategy and Finance (D Fletcher), General Counsel (L Townshend), Governance Manager (R Byrne) and Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean)

1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Public Forum - Bruce Struthers

Mr Struthers spoke in public forum regarding Plan Change 79 and tabled speaking notes.

Attachment 1 Bruce Struthers Speaking Notes

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Neubauer declared a conflict of interest in item 7.1 – Plan Change 79 Operative in Part.

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Gully/Councillor Hume
CN26-05-4**

That the minutes of the Tasman District Council meeting held on Thursday, 14 May 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Plan Change 79 - operative in part

Councillor Neubauer had previously declared a conflict of interest in this item and did not take part in discussion or vote on the item.

Environmental Policy Manager, Barry Johnson and Team Leader Urban and Rural Policy, Jeremy Butler presented the report and answered questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.15am and reconvened at 10.30am.

**Moved Councillor Maling/Mayor King
CN26-05-5**

That the Tasman District Council

- 1. Approves Plan Change 79 – Deferred Zoning in part, being those parts of Plan Change 79 that are not highlighted in orange in Attachment 1, and the zoning, area and discharge Decision maps. Also to recognise that the provisions which are highlighted in orange in Attachment 1 are not approved and remain subject to appeal; and**
- 2. Approves the affixing of the Tasman District Council seal to the approved provisions and the public notification of their operative date.**

CARRIED

Councillor Greening requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

7.2 Annual Plan 2026/2027 and Schedule of Fees and Charges - Deliberations Report

Acting Group Manager Strategy and Finance, Dwayne Fletcher, Team Leader Management Accounting, Pauls Egan and Senior Community Policy Advisor, Amy Smith, presented the report and answered questions.

It was agreed that the recommendations in the Deliberations Report would be taken in parts, agreed in principle and ratified in a single substantive resolution.

Moved Councillor McNamara/Kininmonth

That the Tasman District Council, in principle

1. receives the Annual Plan 2026/2027 and Schedule of Fees and Charges - Deliberations Report RCN26-05-14; and

Carried

An alternative to the officer's recommendation for clause 2 was moved by Councillor Neubauer, seconded by Councillor Woods with the inclusion of clauses (a) and (b) and wording changes 'subject to' replaced with 'agree to'.

Councillor Morgan requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

Moved Councillor Neubauer/Woods

**That the Tasman District Council, in principle
Changes and financial impacts**

2. approves the revised capital programme for 2026/2027 in Attachment 1 to the agenda report, noting the projects that have been delayed and likely consequences of these changes, agree to:
 - (a) review and prioritise the capital programme using the draft Long Term Plan prioritisation framework; and
 - (b) final approval of the resulting reprioritisation by the Tasman District Council; and

Carried

Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Hume

**That the Tasman District Council, in principle
Changes and financial impacts**

3. notes that fuel cost increases are estimated to increase operating costs for core services by \$1.8m across Council and by \$1.05m in the capital transportation activity in 2026/2027, and that this has been included in revised budgets; and
4. notes that staff expect increased maintenance costs in Three Waters activities and contract fuel costs in 2025/2026 will be largely offset by additional revenue or savings within the same activities and have no material bearing on the starting position for the 2026/2027 year; and

Carried

Moved Councillor Maling/McNamara

**That the Tasman District Council, in principle
Key proposals in the Annual Plan**

5. approves the introduction of a recovery rate for five years to repay the costs of the 2025 weather events only, charged as a uniform fixed amount per rating unit in the Annual Plan 2026/2027; and
6. directs staff to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy and Funding Impact Statement to be consistent with resolution 5. (a recovery rate for five years) for adoption at the 25 June 2026 Council meeting; and

Carried

Councillors Morgan, Greening and Neubauer requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

Officers advised that additional information relating to clause 7.3, concerning the Motueka Pool project, had come to light and required discussion in a confidential session.

8. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

8.1 Procedural Motion to Exclude the Public

**Moved Councillor Walker/Councillor McNamara
CN26-05-6**

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 Annual Plan 2026/2027 and Schedule of Fees and Charges - Deliberations Report:

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</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>

	disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	
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CARRIED

The meeting went into Confidential session at 11.38am and resumed in Open session at 12.21pm.

Moved Councillor Gully/Greening

**That the Tasman District Council, in principle
Key proposals in the Annual Plan**

- 7. agrees to the following next steps for the three community facilities projects:
 - 7.1 pause and defer the Tapawera Community Hub project to the next Long Term Plan; and

Carried

An alternative clause 7.2 to the officer’s recommendation was moved by Councillor McNamara and seconded by Councillor Kininmonth, with the change to pause and defer the Wakefield Community Hub project to the next Long Term Plan.

Moved Councillor McNamara/Kininmonth

**That the Tasman District Council, in principle
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- 7.2 continue the Brightwater Facility Project as planned and pause and defer the Wakefield Community Hub project to the next Long Term Plan; and

Carried

An alternative to the officer’s recommendation was moved by Deputy Mayor Maru and seconded by Councillor Walker, with the change to pause and defer the Motueka Pool project to the next Long Term Plan.

Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Walker

**That the Tasman District Council, in principle
Key proposals in the Annual Plan**

- 7.3 pause and defer the Motueka Pool project to the next Long Term Plan; and

Carried

An alternative to clause 8 of the officer’s recommendation was moved by Councillor Neubauer and seconded by Councillor McNamara with the removal of ‘slow’ fund and the target percentage was changed from 21% to 24%.

Moved Councillor Neubauer/McNamara

That the Tasman District Council, in principle

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8. agrees to fund depreciation for roading assets as proposed in the consultation document, with a target of 24% to be reached by the end of 2026/2027; and

Carried

Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Kininmonth

That the Tasman District Council, in principle

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9. agrees to retain most fees and charges as proposed and make the following changes to the fee structure for property files:
 - 9.4 reducing the proposed fee for individual property owners from \$30 to \$25 per property file; and
 - 9.5 retaining the proposed 'pay as you go' charge of \$60 per property file; and
 - 9.6 introducing a flat rate of \$40 per property file for bulk users, rather than the proposed \$3,000 fee for 60 files (equivalent to \$50 per file); and
10. adopts the Dog Control fees set out in Attachment 3 to the agenda report, to allow for public notification in the month before the fees take effect, in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996; and

Carried

Councillors Walker and Greening requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

Moved Councillor Gully/Maling

That the Tasman District Council, in principle

Response to submissions

11. notes in-principle support from the Motueka Community Board to allocate funding from its 2025/2026 Special Projects Fund to the Motueka Heritage Wharf Restoration Project, and this will be considered by the Board at its 16 June 2026 meeting; and
12. notes staff advice at paragraph 5.74 of this report in response to requests from the Motueka Community Board in its submission; and
13. requests staff further develop funding options for the Eighty Eight Valley Water Scheme based on percentages of the urban metered charge, for further consideration in the Long Term Plan 2027-2037; and
14. notes that a comprehensive rating review for rivers has been initiated; and
15. declines the request to start maintaining the section of Tasman View Road from the junction with Harley Ridge to "the Lookout"; and
16. notes that budget provision for stormwater improvements on Welsh Place, Richmond has been included in the Annual Plan budget; and
17. notes that project scoping for work on the Riwaka River stopbanks has been initiated and staff are working directly with affected landowners; and

Carried

Mr Fletcher summarised the changes Council made in principle, which reflected an increase in rate revenue to \$11.8% and a reduction of debt to \$313.8m to clause 18.

Councillor McNamara moved an alternative to the officer's recommendation with the updated clause 18, removal of clause 19 and option 20(b), seconded by Councillor Hume.

Moved Councillor McNamara/Hume

**That the Tasman District Council, in principle
Finalising the Annual Plan**

18. notes that the net impact of cost increases of \$1.7m and to the Annual Plan results in a total rate revenue increase of 11.8% (excluding growth) and end of year net debt of \$313.8m for 2026/2027; and
19. agrees that the remaining impacts of cost increases to the Annual Plan 2026/2027 will be funded via debts resulting in a rates revenue increase of 9.9%; and

Carried

Cr Greening called for a division.

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

CARRIED 10/5

The in principle motion was put and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.45pm and reconvened at 2.55pm, at which time Councillor Woods was not present.

Mr Fletcher spoke to the substantive motion, clause 18, and requested the inclusion of the wording 'timing of community facilities and changes to funded depreciation'.

Councillor Maling moved and Deputy Mayor Maru seconded the substantive motion to ratify the in principle decisions.

The Chief Executive Officer, Leonie Rae, noted the cost savings and challenges, and acknowledged Council staff for their work on the Annual Plan 2026/27 and the Elected Members for their engagement and recognition of the Tasman District community.

Mayor King thanked Elected Members and the staff involved in the Annual Plan 2026/27 and noted the upcoming Long Term Plan.

**Moved Councillor Maling/Deputy Mayor Maru
CN26-05-7**

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19. agrees that the remaining impacts of cost increases to the Annual Plan 2026/2027 will be funded via debts resulting in a rates revenue increase of 9.9%; and

- 20. notes that the Annual Plan 2026/2027 will be presented for adoption at the Tasman District Council meeting on 25 June 2026.**

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Hume	For
King	For
Kininmonth	For
Maling	For
Maru	For
McNamara	For
Morgan	Against
Neubauer	Against
Walker	For
Woods	Absent

CARRIED 11/3

The substantive motion was put and carried.

The meeting concluded at 3.11pm.

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