



**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers and via Teams, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023 commencing at 8.30 am**

Present

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs S R W Adams, J A Arbuckle, S J Arbuckle, A R Burgess, J D N Croad, D A Dalliessi, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, M R K Flight, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman

Present via Teams

Clr R J Innes (to 9.04 am)

In Attendance

Messrs M S Wheeler (Chief Executive) and M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager)

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Apologies

The Mayor/Clr J Arbuckle:

That the apology for absence from Clr G A Hope be received and sustained.

Carried

Cncl-1223-202 Declaration of Interests

Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

No declarations of interest were declared.

Cncl-1223-203 Together Te Tauihu – Partnership Agreement

P150-T02

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to consider the Together Te Tauihu Partnership Agreement for approval. It was noted that a signing ceremony is to be held at Wakatū (Nelson) on 12 December 2023.

Mr Wheeler reported that the Te Tauihu Iwi Chairs and Mayors Forum supported the creation of a working group made up of iwi General Managers and Council Chief Executives to develop a joint agreement. Council Kaihautū and several iwi General Managers had been approved to work with consultant Johny O'Donnell (OD & Co) to facilitate hui and deliver this agreement. The agreement has been informally agreed by both iwi and councils as a foundation for the aspiration to work more effectively together. Each year an annual operational action plan will be developed to prioritise joint projects to be worked on.

Mr Wheeler also reported that a common aim is that there needed to be a far more efficient and streamlined model for working together across councils and iwi. This is a top priority especially for resource stretched iwi and moving forward with the agreement provides a pathway for achieving this, by establishing a solid foundation and common language between partners to refer back to. The agreement is underpinned by the aspirations of Te Tauihu Intergenerational Strategy which Council endorsed several years ago. It does not preclude individual approaches to issues by either iwi or Council but does encourage a joint approach.

Mr Wheeler further reported that Council will continue to develop its relationships with Ngāi Tahu and Ngāti Kuri in a similar spirit to that provided by this agreement. The agreement does not prevent that. Ngāi Tahu will not participate in this agreement – they wish to remain self-reliant. This agreement does not preclude others being negotiated.

Members noted that this agreement is not a contractual (binding) agreement.

Clr J Arbuckle moved (with Clr Sowman seconding) a motion to decline signing the agreement and that a review be undertaken in 12 months' time, citing that Councillors had never been involved in any face to face

discussions and therefore had been prepared at arms-length of them, the different world views, the inflexibility of the agreement, the language, and amalgamation and identity issues. Members discussed the motion and the views surrounding it. Following discussion, the motion was put to the meeting.

Cllrs J Arbuckle/Sowman:

1. That Council decline to sign the Together Te Tauihu Partnership Agreement (attached to the Agenda as Attachment 4.1).
2. That the decision to decline to sign the Together Te Tauihu Partnership Agreement be reviewed in 12 months' time.

Lost on a show of hands 4 to 9

NB: Cllrs Adams, J Arbuckle, S Arbuckle and Sowman requested that their vote for the motion be recorded.

A second motion (being the original recommendation as per the agenda) was then put to the meeting:

The Mayor/Cllr Croad:

1. **That the Together Te Tauihu Partnership Agreement (attached to the Agenda as Attachment 4.1) be approved.**
2. **That the Mayor and Chief Executive be delegated authority to approve or decline any further minor amendments to the attached agreement proposed by other parties to the agreement.**
3. **That the Mayor be given approval to formally sign the final agreement.**

Carried on a show of hands 9 to 4

NB: Cllrs Adams, J Arbuckle, S Arbuckle and Sowman requested that their vote against the motion be recorded.

The meeting closed at 9.07 am.

Confirmed this 14th day of December 2023

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

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