

# (DRAFT) MINUTES FROM A MEETING (Public Included) OF

## TRUST TAIRĀWHITI

On Tuesday 16 September 2025 from 9:05am

The meeting was held in person at Trust Tairāwhiti offices, Shed 3, 50 Esplanade, Gisborne 4010

## In attendance:

Trustees in person: Dan Jex-Blake, Nicki Sutherland, Rehette Stoltz, Ron Aitken and Warren Williams. Trustee online: David Battin (Chair)

Trust Tairāwhiti executive team members: Doug Jones - Chief Executive Officer, Audine Grace-Kutia - General Manager Hapori, Hayden Green - General Manager Economic Development, Laura Stonehouse - Chief Financial Officer and Melonie Brouwer - Board Secretary,

Dr. Warren Williams opened our meeting with a karakia.

- 2.0 Open meeting Public included
- 2.1 Apologies: Te Pūoho Katene and Cultural Advisors: Tā Derek Lardelli and Lady Rose Gould-Lardelli
- 2.2 Declaration of trustee and CEO interests taken as read and noted.
- 2.3 Confirmation of Agenda and Late items Nil
- 2.4 Approval of Open Minutes and Matters Arising
  - 2.4.a Approval of the open minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 August 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 August 2025 were taken as read and approved.

Unanimous Approval

- 2.4.b Action register from Thursday 14 August 2025 noted
- 2.5 Strategy and decision making Nil
- 2.6 Beneficiary Presentations and Public Forum Nil
- 2.7 Board Updates Nil
- 2.8 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC FROM PROCEEDINGS

Moved by Trustee Aitken and seconded by Trustee Williams.

## SECTION 48 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

THAT: The public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely for discussion or decision on agenda items:

- 3.0 Strategy and Decision Making
- 4.0 Operational Updates including approval of closed minutes and matters arising
- 5.0 Risk management

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 are as follows:

| Item No.  | General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter check | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| ltem 3.0. | Strategy and decision making                    | Sections 7(2)(b(ii))(c)(f)(h)(i)(j)                                 | 48 (1) (a)   |

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| Item 4.0 | Operational updates                             | Sections 7(2)b(ii))(c)(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)                               | 48(1)(a)   |
| ltem 4.2 | Approval of closed minutes and matters arising  | Sections 7(2)(a)(b(ii))(c)(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)                           | 48(1)(a)   |
| Item 5.0 | Risk management                                 | Sections 7(2)(a)(f)   | 48(1)(a)   |
| ltem 6.0 | General Business                                | Sections 7(2) (a) (b(i) (ii))<br>(c) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j)            | 48(1)(a)   |
|          | Appendices                                      | Sections 7(2) (b(ii)) (f)   | 48 (1) (a)   |

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 the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

## Content

Section 7(2) (a) To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

Section 7(2) (b) (ii) 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.

Section 7(2) (c) Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information:

- Would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or
- ii. Would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

Section 7(2) (f) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through:

- i. The free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members of officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom Section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty; or
- ii. The protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

Section 7(2)(g) Maintain legal professional privilege.

**Section 7(2)(h)** Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

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Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

Section 7(2) (j) Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

That the following people be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded:

 Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager Economic Development, Board Secretary and General Manager - Hapori because of their knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation the matters being discussed because of their role and work performed.

The public excluded minutes follow and are not publicly available. There being no further business the public meeting closed at 9:15am.

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CHAIR DAVID BATTIN