

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. C-IN Inaugural Meeting of Council  
held on 7 November 2019 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga  
commencing at 1.00pm**

## **Present**

Mayor G J Webber (Chairperson), Councillors G Dally, M Dean, J Denyer, M Grainger, A Henry, C Humphreys, M Lints, K Marsh, M Murray-Benge, J Scrimgeour and D Thwaites.

## **In Attendance**

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive), R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), K Perumal (Group Manager Finance and Technology Services), J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), P Hennessey (Communications Director), P Tapsell (Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor), C Nepia (Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor), A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor), B Clarke (Senior Governance Advisor), T Ruru (Governance Advisor), L Arrowsmith (Governance Support Administrator), S Tripathi (Governance Support Administrator) and K Elder (Governance Manager).

## **Community Boards**

Maketu Community Board represented by W Anaru, S Beech, L Rae and S Simpson as Board Members elect.

Te Puke Community Board represented by R Crawford, K Ellis, T Rolleston, and D Snell as Board Members elect.

Omokoroa Community Board represented by P Presland and T Sage as Board Members elect.

Katikati Community Board represented by J Clements, N Harray, K Sutherland, and B Warren as Board Members elect.

Waihi Beach Community Board represented by R Goudie, B Hulme, M Roberts, and D Ryan as Board Members elect.

## **Others**

126 invited guests, members of the public and media.

## **Powhiri**

There was a powhiri to welcome Elected Members, invited guests and the public.

**C-IN.1 Welcome by the Chief Executive Officer and Declaration by His Worship the Mayor**

The Chief Executive Officer opened the formal part of the meeting and welcomed Elected Members, invited guests and visitors to the eleventh Inaugural meeting of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

In opening the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer outlined the process to be followed for the formal taking of the declarations by Council and its Community Boards, noting that oaths may be taken in either English or Te Reo Māori. She then invited the Mayor-Elect and Mayoress, to come forward.

Mayor-Elect G J Webber took the official oath and signed the declaration. The making and attesting of the declaration required of the Mayor was witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer. Mayor Webber was presented with the Mayoral Chain of Office and Mayoress Webber was presented with an official medallion and a bouquet of flowers.

Mayor G J Webber assumed the Chair.

**C-IN.2 Welcome by His Worship the Mayor and Declaration by Councillors**

The Mayor made the following address to the meeting:

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou te tangata whenua o Ngai Tamarawaho hapu me nga rangatira Tamati me Haurua. He mihi ano ki a koe Maora nau te reo tuatahi mo o koutou mihi maioha i tenei ra. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou te tangata whenua o Tapuika Iwi me nga rangatira Anthony korua ko to hoa mo to koutou tautoko i tenei ra

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me begin by thanking the Ngai Tamawaraho hapu for their welcome and also the Tapuika Iwi for their support.

While today marks the beginning of a new chapter for our council it is also the continuation of the story of development and discovery for our District.

As a starting point for this new chapter I would like to refer to the vision that our communities throughout the Western Bay have left for us following extensive consultation over many years.

There are five core points to our District vision:

- that everyone enjoys a healthy and safe lifestyle;
- that our communities are vibrant and welcoming;
- that our leaders are effective, informed and inclusive;
- that our environment is clean, green and valued, and
- that our economy is thriving.

This vision, along with the four well beings that underpin the Local Government Act, will frame our decision making over the next three years.

I'm confident that as the current team of elected members – and I stress the word team – we will embrace it.

Welcome to the new members who have been selected by their communities to join the Western Bay Team, James Denyer, Murray Grainger, Anne Henry, Christina Humphreys and Monique Lints.

I also acknowledge Grant Dally, Mark Dean, Kevin Marsh, Margaret Murray-Benge, John Scrimgeour and Don Thwaites who have been endorsed once again by their communities to continue on the Western Bay Team.

During the last term of Council much of our work was focused on the 'efficient', and 'effective' components of our governance vision and there is clear evidence that we made significant gains in those areas.

Just recently our credit rating was increased by the internationally recognised rating agency Standard & Poors, in recognition of the solid financial performance in recent years and positive fiscal outlook.

While effective and efficient performance needs to remain as a core focus over the next 3 years, we can't lose sight of the importance of understanding who we are being effective and efficient for - the individuals who make up our communities, they too have dreams and aspirations for what their communities should be like.

Therefore, listening, understanding and accepting our multicultural, multifaceted communities is, in my opinion, fundamental for all of us who have been selected to govern and lead in the Western Bay.

While we carry this collective responsibility, from my perspective, we don't have a monopoly on leadership.

We need to connect and work constructively and collaboratively with the many other community leaders in all walks of life, that live alongside and around us in our own communities.

To make good decisions we need to hear the diversity of views that are held within our communities, we need to consider expert advice and we need to always keep in focus the District vision.

As a group of governors, I have every confidence we will do just that.

It's also important to acknowledge the role of collective governance leadership at a regional level.

It has been very pleasing to hear from Mayors around the Bay of Plenty region that collaboration is key to making the Bay Better!

I'm particularly looking forward to applying this collaborative approach with the new Mayor of Tauranga City, Tenby Powell.

As we move forward I have no doubt we will look at opportunities to build on the momentum of previous initiatives, such as SmartGrowth.

For me, this is about taking the best of what's worked in the past while looking at opportunities to take the District, sub-region and the region forward.

In conclusion, my wish for this triennium is that we work constructively together both locally and sub-regionally to take our district and sub-region from good to great.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.  
Thank you.

All elected Councillors were called individually to stand and take the oath and sign their declarations in the following order:

Councillors G Dally, M Dean, J Denyer, M Grainger, A Henry, C Humphreys, M Lints, K Marsh, M Murray-Benge, J Scrimgeour and D Thwaites.

The making and attesting of the Declarations required of all Councillors was witnessed by the Mayor.

### C-IN.3

#### **Elected Members' Legislative Obligations**

Council considered a report from the Chief Executive Officer dated 21 October 2019.

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to the report, highlighting the legislative obligations of Elected Members.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Murray-Benge

- 1. THAT the Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 21 October 2019 and titled Elected Members' Legislative Obligations be received.*
- 2. That Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to establish a register of members interests in accordance to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.*
- 3. That Council delegates the responsibility for maintaining the Register of Members' Interests to the Governance Manager.*
- 4. That all Elected Members disclose to Council for entry into the Register of Members' Interests any pecuniary interests the Members or their*

*spouse/partner may have in relation to their dealings with the Western Bay of Plenty District Council and update their disclosures annually, or as required.*

#### C-IN.4 **Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2019-2022 Triennium**

Council considered a report from the Mayor dated 21 October 2019.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Marsh

1. *That the Mayor's Report to Council dated 21 October 2019 titled Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2019-2022 Triennium be received.*
2. *That in accordance with section 41A(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 Councillor John Scrimgeour be appointed Deputy Mayor of Western Bay of Plenty District Council for the 2019-2022 triennium.*

#### C-IN.5 **Establishment of Committees and Appointment of Chairpersons 2019-2022 Triennium**

Council considered a report from the Mayor dated 21 October 2019.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Thwaites

1. *That the Mayor's Report to Council dated 21 October 2019 titled Establishment of Committees and Appointment of Chairpersons be received.*
2. *That in accordance with the powers vested in the Mayor under Section 41A(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002 the following committees are established:*
  - (a) *Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee*
  - (b) *Audit and Risk Committee*
  - (c) *Policy Committee*
  - (d) *District Plan Committee*
  - (e) *Regulatory Hearings Committee*
  - (f) *Performance and Monitoring Committee*
  - (g) *Katikati – Waihi Beach Ward Forum*
  - (h) *Kaimai Ward Forum*
  - (i) *Maketu – Te Puke Ward Forum.*

3. *That in accordance with the powers vested in the Mayor under Section 41A(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2002 the following Chairpersons are appointed:*
- (a) *Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee*  
*Chairperson: Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour*
  - (b) *Audit and Risk Committee*  
*Chairperson: Mayor Webber*
  - (c) *Policy Committee*  
*Chairperson: Mayor Webber*
  - (d) *District Plan Committee*  
*Chairperson: Mayor Webber*
  - (e) *Performance and Monitoring Committee*  
*Chairperson: Councillor Thwaites*
  - (f) *Katikati – Waihi Beach Ward Forum*  
*Chairperson: Councillor Denyer*
  - (g) *Kaimai Ward Forum*  
*Chairperson: Councillor Dean*
  - (h) *Maketu – Te Puke Ward Forum*  
*Chairperson: Councillor Marsh*

C-IN.6

**Appointment of Councillors to Community Boards 2019-2022 Triennium**

Council considered a report from the Mayor dated 21 October 2019.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Scrimgeour

1. *That the Mayor's report dated 21 October 2019 titled Appointment of Councillors to Community Boards 2019-2022 Triennium be received.*
2. *That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
3. *That pursuant to section 50 of the Local Government Act 2002 and section 19S of the Local Electoral Act 2001 Council appoints the following Councillors to the respective Community Boards:*
  - (a) *Katikati Community Board:*  
*Councillors Denyer and Humphreys*
  - (b) *Omokoroa Community Board:*  
*Councillors Grainger and Thwaites*
  - (c) *Maketu Community Board:*

*Councillors Marsh and Scrimgeour*

*(d) Te Puke Community Board:*

*Councillors Dally and Lints*

*(e) Waihi Beach Community Board:*

*Councillors Denyer and Henry*

C-IN.7 **First Business Meeting of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Denyer

*That pursuant to Clause 21(5)(d), Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 the first business meeting of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council will be held on Thursday, 5 December 2019 at the Council Chambers, Barkes Corner, Tauranga, commencing at 9.30am.*

The meeting concluded at 2.36 pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

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G J Webber, JP  
**Mayor**

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