

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. C17 of Council
held on 10 July 2018 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga
commencing at 1.30pm**

Present

M Williams (Deputy Mayor), Councillors G Dally, M Dean, M Lally, P Mackay, K Marsh, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer and J Scrimgeour

In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive), E Holtsbaum (Group Manager Technology, Customer and Community Services), R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), B Whitton (Customer Relationships Manager), F Begley (Community Relationships Manager), G Payne (Strategic Advisor), P Hennessey (Strategic Advisor), C Lim (Community Team Leader), A Gray (Communications Team Leader), R Woodward (Communications Advisor), and F Sweeney (Democracy Management Advisor)

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Thwaites. It was noted that His Worship the Mayor G J Webber was on leave of absence.

Resolved: Mackay / Marshall

THAT the apology for absence Councillor Thwaites from be accepted.

C17.1 Initial Proposal - 2018 Representation Review

Council considered a report from the Customer Relationships Manager dated 29 June 2018 as circulated with the agenda. Craig Taylor from Election Services was in attendance for this item.

It was suggested that the word appointed be removed from the recommendation under item c.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Palmer

1. *THAT the Customer Relationships Manager's report dated 29 June 2018 and titled Initial Proposal - 2018 Representation Review be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of high significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
3. *THAT pursuant to sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council resolves to adopt, as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2019 and 2022 triennial elections, the following:*
 - (a) *the Western Bay of Plenty District Council to comprise 11 councillors elected under the ward system, plus the mayor elected at large;*
 - (b) *the Western Bay of Plenty District Council be divided into three wards, these being:*
 - (i) *Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward (three councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on LGC Plan 022-2013-W-2 deposited with the Local Government Commission with the addition of a small north-western portion of the current Kaimai Ward (westward of the Waipapa River), the boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 1;*
 - (ii) *Kaimai Ward (four councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on LGC Plan 022-2013-W-3 deposited with the Local Government Commission with the exclusion of a small north-western portion (westward of the Waipapa River), the boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 1;*
 - (iii) *Maketu–Te Puke Ward (four councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on LGC Plan 022-2013-W-4 deposited with the Local Government Commission, the boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 1;*
 - (c) *the five existing community boards of Waihi Beach, Katikati, Omokoroa, Te Puke and Maketu be disestablished and replaced with three ward committees of Council, with membership being the relevant ward councillors and community representatives from identified communities of interest within the relevant ward areas;*
 - (d) *the reason the total number of councillors is proposed to remain at 11 (plus the mayor) is to provide effective representation to Western Bay of Plenty District residents and ratepayers (ensuring accessibility to a large and diverse area made up of populated towns and villages and sparsely populated areas);*

- (e) the reason for the minor ward boundary alteration is to better reflect identified communities of interest;*
- (f) the reason for disestablishing the existing community boards and replacing these with ward committees is that Council can better achieve fair and effective representation of all of the communities of interest across the District (as opposed to the current representation where 58% of the population reside in current community board boundaries);*
- (g) the above initial proposal be submitted for formal public consultation, including inviting submissions, in the period 24 July 2018 to 24 August 2018.*

A division was called.

Voting on the motion was as follows:

For the Motion: Councillors Williams (Deputy Mayor), Dally, Dean, Mackay, Marshall, Murray-Benge, Palmer, and Scrimgeour.

Against the Motion: Councillors Lally and Marsh.

The motion was carried.

The meeting concluded at 1.35pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

G J Webber, JP
Mayor

Date