

Kaunihera | Council

Mēneti Wātea | Open Minutes



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Matamata-Piako District Council held in the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, TE AROHA on Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 9:00.

NGĀ MEMA | MEMBERSHIP

Tiamana | Chairperson: **Koromatua | Mayor**

Ash Tanner

Mema | Members: **Koromatua Tautoko | Deputy Mayor**

James Sainsbury

Kaunihera ā-Rohe | District Councillors

Vincent Andersen

Grace Bonnar

Bruce Dewhurst

Tyrel Glass

Dayne Horne

Greg Marshall

Andrew McGiven

James Thomas

Gary Thompson

Rewiti Vaimoso

Sue Whiting

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Recording	Document Reference#	YouTube Link
Council – 26 November 2025	3119685	https://youtu.be/hlbUcAyNwAA

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Tamara Kingi

Kaiārahi Kāwana | Governance Team Leader

Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

Cr Gary Thompson

Kaimahi i reira | Staff Present

Name	Title	Item No.
Manaia Te Wiata	Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer	
Ally van Kuijk	Hautū Tipu me to Whakamatua Group Manager Growth and Regulation	
Tamara Kingi	Kaiārahi Kāwana Governance Team Leader	
Stephanie Hutchins	Kaitohu Mātāmua Kāwana Senior Governance Advisor	
Stacey Edwards	Kaitohu Kāwana Governance Advisor	
Carolyn McAlley	Kaiwhakamahere Rautaki RMA Matua Senior RMA Policy Planner	7.1, 8.1
Jayshree Kanji	Kaiwhakamahere Rautaki RMA Paetahi Graduate RMA Policy Planner	7.1, 8.1
Nathan Sutherland	Pou Whakamahere Planning Manager	7.1, 8.1
Ellie Mackintosh	Rōia Legal Counsel	C1

1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Mayor Ash Tanner welcome members, staff and those viewing the livestream and declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

2 Ngā whakapāha/Tono whakawātea | Apologies/Leave of Absence

WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That an apology from Councillor Gary Thompson be received and accepted.

Resolution number CO/2025/00001

Moved by: Deputy Mayor J Sainsbury

Seconded by: Cr D Horne

KUA MANA | CARRIED

3 Pānui i Ngā Take Ohore Anō | Notification of Urgent Additional Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
 - (iii) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

Matter of Urgency

WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That item A1, Appointment of Risk and Assurance Committee Chairperson, be considered as a matter of urgency, as the Risk and Assurance Committee is scheduled to meet before the next meeting of Council.

Resolution number CO/2025/00002

Moved by: Cr A McGiven

Seconded by: Cr S Whiting

KUA MANA | CARRIED

4 Whākī pānga | Declaration of interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Whakaaetanga mēneti | Confirmation of minutes

WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the minutes of the meeting of the ordinary meeting of Matamata-Piako District Council held on Wednesday, 5 November 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Resolution number CO/2025/00003

Moved by: Cr D Horne

Seconded by: Cr A McGiven

KUA MANA | CARRIED

6 Take I puta mai | Public Forum

There is no public forum scheduled for this meeting

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

A.1 Appointment of Risk and Assurance Committee Chair

CM No.: 3117579

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

To inform Council of the Mayor's appointment of Jaydene Kana as the Risk and Assurance Chairperson under the mayoral powers.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Mayor Ash Tanner has exercised his mayoral powers to appoint Jaydene Kana, as the Chairperson of the Risk and Assurance Committee.

WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information be received.

Resolution number CO/2025/00004

Moved by: Deputy Mayor J Sainsbury

Seconded by: Cr B Dewhurst

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7.1 Approval of Fast Track Amendment Bill Submission

CM No.: 3114265

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to gain retrospective endorsement for the submission on the Fast Track Approvals Amendment Bill by the Council's RMA Policy Team.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Council's RMA Policy Team recently made submissions and provided feedback on the Fast Track Approvals Amendment Bill. The Council has not yet formally endorsed this material. The Bill proposes to introduce a raft of amendments that reduce timeframes and consultation requirements and increase Ministerial powers on a range of matters. The Bill also introduces new provisions to address competition issues in the grocery sector.

WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That:

1. Council retrospectively endorses the submission on the Fast Track Approvals Amendment Bill.

Resolution number CO/2025/00005

Moved by: Cr J Thomas

Seconded by: Cr S Whiting

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.1 District Plan & RMA Update

CM No.: 3112774

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with an update on the rolling review of the Matamata-Piako District Plan (MPDP). This also includes an update on the RMA reform including exemption applications and the Fast Track Approvals Amendment Bill, Private Plan Change 62 Calcutta, MPDC Website update work and the progress on the receipt of six Mana Whakahono ā Rohe invitations.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

A District Plan and Resource Management Reform summary is provided below. The update specifically refers to Plan Change Exemption Applications, Calcutta (PPC62), the proposed MPDC Growth Strategy, Resource Management Act Reform (RMA Reform), Future Proof, and the progress on the receipt of six Mana Whakahono ā Rohe invitations. Jayshree Kanji and Fiona Hill are available to deliver the update and answer any questions.

WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That:

1. The report be received.

Resolution number CO/2025/00006

Moved by: Cr G Bonnar

Seconded by: Cr A McGiven

KUA MANA | CARRIED

9 Take Matatapu | Public Excluded

9.19am The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not public available.

10 Mōtini hei aukati i te iwi whānui | Procedural motion to exclude the public WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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:

C1 Residential Tenancies Act Delegations

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
Legal Privilege.	s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege. Report contains legal advice.	s48(1)(a) 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.

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

Resolution number CO/2025/00007

Moved by: Cr A McGiven

Seconded by: Cr D Horne

KUA MANA | CARRIED

11 Mōtini hei aukati i te iwi whānui | Procedural motion to include the public WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9.27am That the public be included.

Resolution number CO/2025/00008

Moved by: Cr J Thomas

Seconded by: Cr S Whiting

KUA MANA | CARRIED

9.27 am

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
OF THE MEETING OF KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL
HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2025.

KO TE RĀ | DATE:

TIAMANA | CHAIRPERSON:
Mayor Ash Tanner