

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 25 February 2026 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

Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

Mayor Ash Tanner

Kaimahi i reira | Staff Present

Name	Title	Item No.
Manaia Te Wiata	Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer	
Stacey Edwards	Kaitohu Kāwana Governance Advisor	
Tamara Kingi	Kaiārahi Kāwana Governance Team Leader	
Ellie Gray	Kairuruku Takuhe, Āpiha Whakahaere Grants Co-Ordinator Admin	
Ken Morris	Mōrearea, Kai-whakahaere ā Pakihi hoki Risk and Business Excellence Advisor	C1
Fiona Vessey	Hautū Hanganga Rawa me ngā Whakahaere General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Operations	C1

1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Deputy Mayor James Sainsbury welcomed staff, members and declared the meeting open at 9.02am.

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

WHAKATAUNGA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That an apology from Mayor Ash Tanner be received and accepted.

No leave of absence was requested.

Resolution number CO/2026/00001

Moved by: Cr A McGiven

Seconded by: Cr B Dewhurst

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.”

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, 11 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Resolution number CO/2026/00002

Moved by: Cr A McGiven
Seconded by: Cr V Andersen

KUA MANA | CARRIED

6 Take i puta mai | Public Forum

There were no speakers scheduled to the public forum.

7 Take Matatapu | Public Excluded

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

8 Mōtini hei aukati i te iwi whānui | Procedural motion to exclude the public

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

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 Guarantee Arrangements for Waikato Waters Debt

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
Negotiations.	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	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.

Moved by: Cr J Thomas
Seconded by: Cr S Whiting

9.45am

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 WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2026.

KO TE RĀ | DATE:

TIAMANA | CHAIRPERSON: