

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kohepu – Chicky Rudkin, Cr Ann Court, Cr Felicity Foy, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Davina Smolders, Cr Rachel Baucke, Cr Arohanui Allen, Cr John Vujcich, Cr Kelly Stratford

IN ATTENDANCE: Belinda Ward (Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Member Member-elect), Adele Gardner (Te Hiku Community Board Member-elect)

STAFF PRESENT: Jacine Warmington (GM - Strategic Relationships), Charlie Billington (GM – Corporate Services), Ruben Garcia (Acting GM – Delivery & Operations), Nicola Smith (Acting GM – Community & Engagement), Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Roger Ackers (GM – Policy & Planning), Carla Ditchfield (Manager-Legal Services), Stephen FitzHerbert (Community Board Coordinator), Aisha Huriwai (Manager – Democracy Services), Natasha Rmandic (Democracy Advisor)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Meeting commenced with a pōwhiri facilitated by Kaikohe Hapū and Council staff.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2025/133

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

That the Council acknowledge and accept apology from Cr Rākena.

CARRIED

Note: That Council note apology from Members-elect Bamber and Orme.

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

There were no requests for deputations for this meeting.

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor acknowledged AJ Rakete-Tane as a Kaiwhakawhiti reo - Interpreter for this meeting.

5 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

5.1 MAKING AND ATTESTING OF DECLARATIONS

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5419465, pages 6 - 7 refers.

The Chief Executive witnessed the declaration from Kahika-Mayor-elect Moko Tepania

Kahika Mayor Moko Tepania witnessed the declarations for the following:

**Councillor-elect Chicky Rudkin,
Councillor-elect Ann Court,
Councillor-elect Felicity Foy,
Councillor-elect Hilda Halkyard-Harawira,
Councillor-elect Davina Smolders,
Councillor-elect Rachel Baucke,
Councillor-elect Arohanui Allen,
Councillor-elect John Vujcich,
Councillor-elect Kelly Stratford**

Cr Rākena was an apology for this meeting and would make his declaration at the next ordinary Council meeting.

5.1b RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LATE ITEMS

The Manager – Democracy Services gave an explanation that while the agenda was publicly

RESOLUTION 2025/134

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That The Council agree to consider Agenda items 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8.

CARRIED

5.2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5413532, pages 8 - 9 refers.

RESOLUTION 2025/135

Moved: Cr Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

That Council note the Mayor's appointment of Cr Chicky Rudkin as Kohepu - Deputy Mayor.

CARRIED

5.3 EXPLANATION OF LAWS AFFECTING ELECTED MEMBERS

Agenda item 5.3 document number A5427138, pages 10 - 13 refers.

RESOLUTION 2025/136

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Cr Kelly Stratford

That Council note the report "Explanation of Laws Affecting Elected Members", and the advice provided at this meeting.

CARRIED

Note: Linda O'Reilly from Tompkins Wake Law gave the overview of Laws affecting Elected Members.

5.4 STANDING ORDERS

Agenda item 5.4 document number A5413546, pages 18 - 20 refers

MOTION

Moved: Cr John Vujcich
Seconded: Cr Kelly Stratford

That Council note the Far North District Council Standing Orders.

In Favour: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Crs Arohanui Allen, Rachel Baucke, Ann Court, Felicity Foy, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kelly Stratford, Tāmati Rākena and John Vujcich

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania
Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

That item 18.3 be amended to provide for the Chairperson (Mayor/Committee Chair) does have a casting vote .

CARRIED

The amendment became the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 2025/137

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania
Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

That Council note:

a) The Far North District Council Standing Orders.

b) That item 18.3 be amended to provide for the Chairperson (Mayor/Committee Chair) does have a casting vote.

CARRIED

5.5 APPOINTMENT OF WARD COUNCILLORS TO COMMUNITY BOARDS

Agenda item 5.5 document number A5413537, pages 98 - 100 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/138

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania
Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That the Council:

- a) Appoints Cr Ann Court from the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa General Ward as a member the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board.**
- b) Appoints Cr John Vujcich from the Kaikohe-Hokianga General Ward as a member of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board.**
- c) Appoints Cr Rachel Baucke from the Te Hiku General Ward as a member of the Te Hiku Community Board.**

- d) Appoints Cr Arohanui Allen from Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward to Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board.
- e) Appoints Cr Arohanui Allen from Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward to Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board.
- f) Appoints Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira from Ngā Tai o Tokerau Māori Ward to Te Hiku Community Board.

CARRIED

5.6 ELECTED MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Agenda item 5.6 document number A5413597, pages 101 - 102 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/139

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Kelly Stratford

That Council note the Far North District Council's current Elected Members' Code of Conduct.

CARRIED

Note: Mayor read out the Values section and encouraged Elected Members to be respectful of each other and never make disagreements personal.

5.7 2025 FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Agenda item 5.7 document number A5418271, pages 119 - 124 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/140

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Kelly Stratford

a) That the following members be appointed to external organisations, as follows:

Northland Regional Transport Committee	1. Cr Ann Court (<i>member</i>)	1. Cr Rachel Baucke (<i>alternate</i>)
Te Oneroa a Tōhē Beach Board	1. Mayor Moko Tepania 2. Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira	
Joint Climate Change Adaptation	1. Cr Kelly Stratford (<i>member</i>)	1. Cr Arohanui Allen (<i>alternate</i>)
Joint Regional Economic Development	1. Cr John Vujcich 2. Cr Rachel Baucke	1. Mayor Moko Tepania (<i>alternate</i>)
Civil Defence Emergency Management	1. Cr Kelly Stratford (<i>member</i>)	1. Mayor Moko Tepania (<i>alternate</i>)
Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs	Mayor Moko Tepania (<i>member</i>)	1. Cr Arohanui Allen (<i>alternate</i>)

LGNZ Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting	<i>Member(s) to be selected dependant of the current Agenda topics</i>	1. Cr Felicity Foy 2. Cr Rachel Baucke <i>Attending in November 2025</i>
Creative Communities Funding Assessment Committee	1.Cr Kelly Stratford (member)	1.Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira (alternate)
Turner Centre	1. Cr Kelly Stratford	-
Cycle Trail Trust	1. Cr John Vujcich 2. Cr Kelly Stratford	-
Road Controlling Authority Forum	1. Cr Ann Court	-
North Chamber	1. Cr Davina Smolders	-
NRC Kaeo-Whangaroa River Liaison Working Group	1. Cr Kelly Stratford	
NRC Awanui River Working Group	1. Cr Felicity Foy	1. Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Te Hiku Sports Hub	1.Community Board Member	
Te Ahu Charitable Trust	1.Community Board Member	
Rural Roding / North Hokianga	1. Cr Tāmati Rākena	
Kaitiāia Airport	1. Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira (member)	1. Mayor Moko Tepania (alternate)
Kerikeri Urban Transport	1.Cr Felicity Foy (member)	1. Cr Ann Court (alternate)
Kaikohe Civic Hub	1. Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin 2. Cr Arohanui Allen 3. KHCB Chairperson	
Business Leaders' Forum	1. Cr John Vujcich 2. Cr Rachel Baucke	
Youth Forum / Council	1. Cr Arohanui Allen 2. Cr Rachel Baucke	
Local Waters Done Well	1. Mayor Moko Tepania 2. Cr John Vujcich 3. Cr Ann Court	
Taumārere River Liason	1. Cr Kelly Stratford	
Waipapa River	1. Cr Ann Court	1. Cr Kelly Stratford

	<i>(member)</i>	<i>(alternate)</i>
FN accessibility action group	1. Cr Ann Court 2. Cr Kelly Stratford 3. Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira	
Bol Recreation Centre	Cr Kelly Stratford	

Note:

The Mayor has, established the following Committees:

1. Te Kuaka – Māori Strategic Relationships Committee - Cr Tāmati Rākena/TKOT
2. Te Miromiro – Assurance, Risk and Finance Committee – EXT/Cr John Vujcich
3. Te Koekoeā – Council Controlled Organisation Committee – Cr John Vujcich/EXT
4. Te Koukou – Transport Delivery and Operations Committee – Cr Felicity Foy/EXT
5. Te Kūkupa – Strategy, Policy and Regulation Committee – Cr Kelly Stratford/EXT
6. Te Huia – Executive Review Committee – EXT/Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin
7. Te Pīpīwharau – External Appointments Committee – Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin/Mayor Moko Tepania.

CARRIED

5.8 ADOPTION OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL'S FORMAL MEETING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025

Agenda item 5.8 document number A5413632, pages 125 - 126 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/141

Moved: Cr Felicity Foy

Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

That Council note the formal Council meetings calendar for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year:

- **Ordinary Council Meeting** **26 November 2025** **10.00 am**
- **Ordinary Council Meeting** **11 December 2025** **10.00 am**

CARRIED

Note: Cr Foy asked that one meeting/workshop per calendar year be held at Te Hiku.

5.8b EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING-ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/142

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

That the Council accepts Extraordinary Council meeting on 31 October at 1.30pm.

CARRIED

7 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 2.25pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON