

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY TE KŪKUPA COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGY, POLICY AND REGULATION  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Kelly Stratford, Deputy Chairperson Ann Court, Cr Rachel Baucke, Cr Felicity Foy (VC), Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira (VC), Cr Davina Smolders, (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania (VC), Cr Arohanui Allen, Kohepu Chicky Rudkin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Belinda Ward (Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Chairperson)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Donald Sheppard (Policy Advisor), Briar Macken (Manager - Strategy and Policy), Virginia Smith (Policy Advisor), Shayne Storey (Team Leader – Policy and Bylaws), Aaron Taikato (Group Manager – Te Hono), Tammy Wooster (Manager – Integrated Planning), Kate Ivicheva (Group manager – Planning and Policy), Imrie Dunn (Democracy Advisor).

### 1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

At 10:00 am, Chairperson Kelly Stratford commenced the meeting with a karakia.

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

#### APOLOGY

#### RESOLUTION 2026/20

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford  
Seconded: Cr Chicky Rudkin

**That the apology received from Kahika Moko Tepania, Cr Arohanui Allen and Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira be accepted and leave of absence granted.**

**CARRIED**

*Note: Kahika Moko Tepania and Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira may join online.*

*At 10:02 am, Kahika Moko Tepania joined the meeting.*

*At 10:03 am, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira joined the meeting.*

### 3 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA / CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Kelly Stratford acknowledged that *Te Pātukurea – Kerikeri-Waipapa Spatial Plan* received national recognition at the New Zealand Planning Institute Best Practice Awards, winning both the Best Practice Award for Strategic or Non-Statutory Planning and the Supreme Award, the Nancy Northcroft Award, which was presented to Chair Stratford.

The plan is a 30-year non-statutory framework guiding the future growth of the Kerikeri-Waipapa area. Congratulations were extended to council staff and project partners Beca and Boffa Miskell. The Group Manager for Planning and Policy also acknowledged the strong partnership with the Hapū Rōpū and the meaningful involvement of rangatahi in the design process.

**4 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION**

There were no deputations.

**5 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5740199, pages 14 - 20 refers.

**RESOLUTION 2026/21**

Moved: Cr Davina Smolders

Seconded: Cr Rachel Baucke

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation confirm the minutes of the meeting held 15 April 2026 are true and correct.**

**CARRIED**

**6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS****6.1 UTU WHAKAWHANAKE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY 2025 PROPOSED AMENDMENT APPROVAL FOR CONSULTATION**

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5641020, pages 21 - 54 refers.

**MOTION**

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Davina Smolders

That Te Kūkupa Committee:

- a) Receives the Utu Whakawhanake Development Contributions Policy 2025 Amendment – Supporting Report in Attachment 1.
- b) Endorse the proposed amendments to the Utu Whakawhanake Development Contributions Policy 2025 found in Attachment 2.
- c) Adopts the Consultation Document in Attachment 4 to be released for public consultation to meet the requirements of section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002
- d) Approves the period for making written submissions on the proposal to be three weeks commencing on 18 May 2026 and ending on 8 June 2026.
- e) Delegates authority to the Te Kūkupa Committee Chairperson to decide on the date of any oral presentation/s of submissions
- f) Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the attached supporting documents to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect the decision made by the Te Kūkupa Committee prior to final publication and public release.

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Davina Smolders

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

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- a) Receives the Utu Whakawhanake Development Contributions Policy 2025 Amendment – Supporting Report in Attachment 1.
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- d) Approves the period for making written submissions on the proposal to be three weeks commencing on 18 May 2026 and ending on 8 June 2026.
- e) Delegates authority to the Te Kūkupa Committee Chairperson to decide on the date of any oral presentation/s of submissions
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In Favour: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court, Crs Rachel Baucke and Davina Smolders

Against: Chairperson Kelly Stratford, Crs Felicity Foy, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Moko Tepania and Chicky Rudkin

**LOST**

#### **RESOLUTION 2026/22**

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Davina Smolders

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In Favour: Chairperson Kelly Stratford, Crs Felicity Foy, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania (ex-officio) and Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

Against: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court, Crs Rachel Baucke and Davina Smolders

**CARRIED**

*At 11:07 am, meeting was adjourned, and resumed at 11:14 am.*

**6.2 REVIEW OF DOG MANAGEMENT BYLAW AND POLICY**

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5672995, pages 55 - refers.

**RESOLUTION 2026/23**

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation recommends to Council:**

- a) **determine, under section 155(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, that a bylaw is still the most appropriate way of addressing dog-related problems in the Far North District;**
- b) **determine, under section 155(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, that the current form of the Dog Management Bylaw 2018 is not the most appropriate form;**
- c) **determine, under section 155(3) of the Local Government Act 2002, that the current Dog Management Bylaw 2018 gives rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 that are justified as reasonable limitations on these rights;**
- d) **agree that the statutory review of the Dog Management Bylaw 2018 has been completed by making the determinations in a) to c) above;**
- e) **approve the Dog Management Bylaw 2018 continuing with amendment;**
- f) **determine that the current form of the Dog Management Policy 2018 is not the most appropriate form;**
- g) **approve the Dog Management Policy 2018 continuing with amendment.**

**CARRIED**

**7 MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11:41 am.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation Meeting held on 10 June 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**