

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
KAITAIA DRAINAGE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM - TE AHU, CNR STATE HIGHWAY 1 AND MATHEWS
AVENUE, KAITAIA
ON THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 10:03 AM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Fiona King, Member Adele Gardner, Member Trevor Beatson, Member Mike Masters, Member Joe King, Member, Member Dion Harrison, Member David Van Bysterveldt (online), Member Walter Masters

STAFF PRESENT: Tui Mokaraka (Team Leader – Waters), Alistair Clarke (Waters – Technical Officer), Natasha Rmandic (Democracy Advisor)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Meeting have started with karakia from Member Trevor Beatson.

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

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2026/3

Moved: Chairperson Fiona King

Seconded: Member Adele Gardner

That the apology received from Cr Dennis Chapman and Greg Yuretich be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5765713, pages 6 - 7 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/4

Moved: Chairperson Fiona King

Seconded: Member Trevor Beatson

That the Kaitāia Drainage Area Committee confirm that the minutes of the meeting of the Kaitāia Drainage Area Committee held on 20 April 2026 are a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MOTION

RESOLUTION 2026/5

Moved: Chairperson Fiona King

Seconded: Member Mike Masters

That Kaitaia Land Drainage Area Committee requests that the spraying of Kaitaia drains not commence until mid-December 2026 to ensure drains remain clean of vegetation until March 2027.

CARRIED

4 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

4.1 KAITAIA LAND DRAINAGE COMMITTEES PROGRESS REPORT - AUGUST 2026

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5913339, pages 10 - 14 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/6

Moved: Member Adele Gardner

Seconded: Member Dion Harrison

That the Kaitaia Land Drainage Area Committee:

- a) receive the Kaitaia Land Drainage Area Committee Progress Report – August 2026;**
- b) provide feedback on, and any proposed amendments to, the 2026/27 spray programme;**
- c) identify priority drains and any known access or operational constraints to be considered in developing the 2026/27 machine-cleaning programme; and**
- d) support continued work to improve asset mapping, clarify maintenance responsibilities and review drainage area and rating information.**
- e) recommend that Council make better use of the relevant bylaw and implement an appropriate process to enforce it.**
- f) Instructs the Chief Executive to direct relevant staff to investigate the feasibility, costs, and operational benefits of utilizing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs / drones) for drainage asset inspections and maintenance.**
- g) Requests that staff report their findings back to the Drainage Committees and Te Hiku Community Board, including recommendations for a potential future use.**

CARRIED

Secretarial note: Staff to communicate with NRC representatives to ensure annual spraying of NRC maintained drains.

5 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11:24am with karakia from Member Dion Harrison.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the next Kaitaia Drainage Area Committee Meeting.

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CHAIRPERSON