

Regional Council

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Monday 12 April 2021, 9.30 am
- Venue:** Council Chambers, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga
- Chairperson:** Chairman Doug Leeder
- Deputy Chairperson:** Deputy Chairperson Jane Nees
- Members:**
- Cr Norm Bruning
 - Cr Bill Clark
 - Cr Stuart Crosby
 - Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti
 - Cr David Love
 - Cr Matemoana McDonald
 - Cr Stacey Rose
 - Cr Paula Thompson - via Zoom
 - Cr Lyall Thurston
 - Cr Andrew von Dadelszen
 - Cr Te Taru White
 - Cr Kevin Winters
- In Attendance:**
- Fiona McTavish - Chief Executive, Mat Taylor - General Manager Corporate, Namouta Poutasi - General Manager Strategy & Science, Chris Ingle - General Manager Integrated Catchments; Karen Aspey - Director, People & Leadership, Zhivan Alach - Organisational Performance Manager, Tone Nerdrum Smith - Committee Advisor
- Submitters and presenters as listed in the minutes
- Apologies:**
- Cr Paula Thompson (attending via Zoom) - absence during the hearing and Cr Iti - late arrival

1. Chairman's Opening Statement

Chairman Leeder welcomed those present and advised that the Hearing was being recorded and would be made available on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website following the Hearing and archived for a period of three years

2. Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Cr White.

3. Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Accepts the apology from Cr Thompson (attending via Zoom) for absence during the hearing and from Cr Iti for late arrival.**

**Leeder/Nees
CARRIED**

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Cr Kevin Winters: For submission from Water Safety Bay of Plenty (Governance Board Member)

Cr Lyall Thurston: For submission from New Zealand Land Search and Rescue (Lakes DHB Member, potential conflict regarding helicopter rescue service)

5. Reports

Decisions Required

5.1 Hearing for submissions on the Consultation Document for the proposed Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and the Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy

Presented by: Zhivan Alach - Organisational Performance Manager

Key Points:

- Provided an outline of the consultation process
- Noted the late submissions to be received at today's Hearing.

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Hearing for submissions on the Consultation Document for the proposed Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and the Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy;**
- 2 **Receive and, if requested, hear late submissions on the Hearing for submissions on the Consultation Document for the proposed Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and the Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy received after the closing date for submissions, including the late tabled submissions.**

**Leeder/Rose
CARRIED**

6. Hearing of Submissions on the Consultation Document for the Proposed Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and the Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy

Minute Note: A complete index of all presentations and tabled information provided at this hearing can be found at the end of the minutes.

Name	Sub#	Organisation
<p>Kathy Webb - Chair Neighbourhood Support and Manager Bruce Banks</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought funding towards a paid/part-time position for training and co-ordination of volunteers • CCTV cameras had been installed in higher concerns areas as a result of approach from Neighbourhood Support • Worked closely with the Police in reaching the community with emergency updates • This was a volunteer based organisation with some paid co-ordinators • Emergency management/preparedness had become an increasingly important component of Neighbourhood Support. 	460	Western Bay of Plenty Neighbourhood Support
<p>Emma Richardson</p> <p>Provided Tabled Item 1 and a PowerPoint Presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation focussed on bringing children outdoors and into nature • Science based education in an active, participatory manner had proven successful • Worked with 13 schools and there was currently a funding shortage • In particular for boys, the level of engagement changed dramatically when working in nature with sampling etc., rather than being limited to a classroom environment • Total amount requested was \$87,486.00 for three years, i.e. approximately \$2k school per year. <p>10.02am - Cr Iti <u>entered</u> the hearing.</p>	514	Discovery Through Nature Ltd
<p>Peter Zimmer and Christine Docherty</p> <p>Cr Lyall Thurston declared a potential <u>conflict of interest</u> (Lakes DHB Member - helicopter rescue service).</p>	EM002	New Zealand Land Search and Rescue

<p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a 24/7 service and on-foot rescue was often the only viable option in bad weather conditions • Had secured some contestable funding from Lotteries Commission and Land Transport • Also provided support to the more vulnerable community members, which was in increasing demand. 		
<p>Bruce Farthing and Leanne Hall</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint Presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate about the importance of heritage and recognised the gap in the current offerings • There was a lack of co-ordination between the various organisations in this field • Sought to secure a heritage anchor for the Bay of Plenty area • Aimed to have a heritage strategy completed by mid-2022 • Noted that there had not previously been any co-ordinated/cross-regional approach with regards to the development of a strategy • The strategy would most likely lead to a recommendation towards the establishment of a museum/heritage centre • The strategy would support funding opportunities and developments across the region. 	EM006	<p>Taonga Tauranga Heritage BOP Charitable Trust</p>
<p>Dave White and Catherine McCullogh</p> <p>Cr Winters declared a <u>conflict of interest</u> (Governance Board Member).</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint Presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water Skills for Life programme involved working with schools and learn to swim programmes • Signage and language component of the Water Skills for Life programme would be the focus for the disability sector • Was working on more positive language/messaging to reach more people • Requested Council support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Long-term investment is vital for water safety ◦ \$25k pa to support the Strategy Manager position and implementation of strategy priorities • Received 2020/21 investment from BoP Regional Council, Tauranga City Council, Water Safety NZ, Maritime NZ and TECT • Key message for the younger generation was 'think before you act'. 	EM012	<p>Water Safety Bay of Plenty</p>

<p>Ngairo Eruera, Excina Pourau and Tineka Wanakore</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint Presentation.</p> <p>Noted that this presentation was provided in Te Reo (in parts) and that translator Tamati Waka interpreted via the translation equipment provided to Councillors.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised the pressure with regards to housing, mental and physical health and education/job opportunities • Was seeking to establish a foothold in their own future • Recognised the pressure being placed on the environment; the impact of climate change; papakāinga/marae were located at sea level and at risk. <p><u>Key Points - Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the alignments between the submitters' and Council's desired outcomes • Council was committed to work in partnership with tangata whenua • Recognised that the submitter was seeking partnership with Council, not putea/funding. 	EM043	Ngai Tamawhariua
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10.53am – the hearing **adjourned**.

11.05am – the hearing **reconvened**.

Name	Sub#	Organisation
<p>Graham McKean</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represented bus drivers in the region and the submission focussed on living wage discussions • Recognised the implementation of the living wage by Council in its contract with the bus companies • The wages for bus drivers were below that of other heavy vehicle operators • The cost of training a bus driver was estimated at \$10k, which was lost if the driver left the profession. 	461	FIRST Union
<p>Beth Bowden, representing Rowena Pearce</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned regarding the constricting nature of the consultation process and the way Council engaged with the community 	506	Te Puna Heartland Inc.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to the Memorandum of Understanding between BOPRC, WBOPDC, Te Puna Heartland and Pirirākau Hauora Charitable Trust regarding the health of the waterways in Te Puna • Wanted to work with Council with regards to the monitoring and restorations of the waterways • Direct interaction, i.e. Council/Councillors meetings with Te Puna Heartland would encourage positive interaction and communication. 		
<p>Esther Goldsworthy, supported by Glenn Crowther and Simon Phillips</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint Presentation</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission related to the changing tourism industry due to the significant impact of Covid • The proposed new initiatives related to carbon reduction and the development of cultural tourism, in particular in the Māori science field • TBoP did not have the mandate to force change in the tourism sector, however it was recognised that tourism was a significant contributor to carbon emissions • The new initiative would comprise workshops, interactive relationships etc. with the tourism operators to introduce and encourage carbon emission lowering initiatives • Cultural Tourism: \$50k funding sought for years 1 and 2 for workshops • Emission Reduction: \$60k funding sought for years 1 and 2 for workshops and interactive learnings. 	533	Tourism Bay of Plenty
<p>Zane Jensen and Catherine McCulloch</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Bay of Plenty's purpose was to make more people, more active for longer • Did not just include sport, any activity was considered positive • Sports BoP Places and Spaces Strategy was currently in its second iteration and focused on the provision and management approach that supported the Sports BoP goals, rather than being heavily infrastructure/building focussed • Was in the process of developing a regional walking/cycling strategy and a waterways-access strategy • Looked forward to continue to work with Council in the development and implementation of the two strategies, with a partnership approach • There were a number of categories for the classification of sports facilities within the Places and Spaces Strategy • There was more recognition of the natural environment as a facility in itself for sports and recreation. 	EM004	Sport Bay of Plenty

<p>Julie Shepherd</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issue was a lack of understanding in the partnership between Council and tangata whenua, and the expectations placed on tangata whenua for input into Council projects and processes • Crown engagement processes were intense and required resources that were not available • Sought support of funding towards SmartGrowth's Māori engagement programme • Actively worked on building relationships and utilising existing networks and resources, to minimise the pressure on the under-resourced tangata whenua representatives • Sought an ongoing partnership/resource sharing agreement <p><u>Key Points - Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised the dominant role and expectations of the Crown in the relationship with tangata whenua. 	411	<p>Pirirākau Incorporated Society</p>
<p>Chase Cahalane</p> <p>Provided Tabled item 2.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission related to funding towards the operational aspects of implementing the goals of Water Safety NZ • Surf Life Saving was a volunteer based organisation and all training was volunteer based • Costs had continued to increase which meant funding contribution was essential • There was an increasing need for lifesaving services, in particular on the Western Bay of Plenty beaches • Sought \$200k per annum to cover current shortfall in funding, which would continue to support a scaled back/adequate service. 	549	<p>Surf Life Saving New Zealand</p>
<p>Bruce McCabe</p> <p>Provided Tabled Item 3.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change: Supported option 1 – continue with current levels of service • Did not support funding of 'potential projects' as proposed in the LTP Consultation Document. 	266	<p>Ōmokoroa residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.</p>

<p>Mayor Webber, supported by Matthew Leighton</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the key aspects of the submission with regards to the proposals in the LTP Consultation Document Queried if there was sufficient information relating some of the proposed priorities to enable informed submissions Concerned regarding the lack of progress on the Rangiuru Business Estate development, which was causing significant increase in the pressure for industrial land in the Tauriko area The Tauriko West catchment development would create significant pressure with regards to maintenance/monitoring of water/air quality Water Safety/rescues services had a regional aspects which meant it should be a regional council responsibility Sought clarity with regards to the proposed targeted rate to provide funding for charitable regional safety and rescue services as it was not clear what was existing vs. new funding Free bus fares should be applied within school zones rather than traverse across zones. 	EM003	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
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12.45pm – the hearing **adjourned**.

1.14pm – the hearing **reconvened**.

Name	Sub#	Organisation
<p>Heidi Hughes, supported by Sally Cooke and Suzanne McQueen</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation and a video YouTube - Carless Wednesday</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This could be the first transport project in the Bay of Plenty to demonstrate a decrease in transport emissions Sought Council funding towards an initiative/App to encourage modeshift within the community A detailed business case would be presented to the Regional Land Transport Plan Hearing Target audience were those who had the opportunity to change, but had not yet done so The App would aggregate and support existing modeshift/share opportunities. There were also a number of other modeshift/share Apps that could be accessed Carpooling could be further explored as a positive opportunity for modeshift. 	EM026	Carless Wednesday

<p>Anne Mackersey Dodd, Phil Ross and Zane Jensen</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought better co-ordination between Regional Council, Bay of Plenty Conservation Board and Department of Conservation in pest control/marine life conservation to support biodiversity values • Opportunities for long-term sustainability needed to be pursued for future restoration and conservation • Any investment now to stem the spread of pests would make a significant difference for the future. 	EM025	Bay of Plenty Conservation Board
<p>Nigel Tutt - Chief Executive</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed a partnership between Council and Priority One that would draw on both organisations' strengths • Saw a bigger role for Council in the community and to be more ambitious in its goals, both for economic growth and in the climate change space • Business sector needed to 'come to the party' with regards to sustainability initiatives • Supported opportunities for a Māori business hub • Sought \$200k towards a partnership with Council in a joint effort to reach the business community and create opportunities that made a positive impact • Would provide a breakdown of projects/allocations within the funding sought prior to the LTP deliberation on 12 May • Attracting and retaining talent relied on availability of housing, which was a significant challenge in the Bay of Plenty 	EM042	Priority One
<p>Glen Crowther</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust had been formed following the disestablishment of the Sustainable Business Network • Carbon emission had increased more sharply in the Bay of Plenty than any other region in New Zealand • Funding from Regional Council would enable the Trust to increase its activity across the Region • Commended the costings identified for the various options in the LTP Consultation Document as it gave a true picture of financial impacts • Sought to replicate much of the work previously being provided by the Sustainable Business Network as there was now a gap in the market for these initiatives. <p>2.05pm - Cr Crosby <u>withdrew</u> from the hearing.</p>	509/EM29	Sustainable Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust

Heidi Hughes <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported greenfield developments Bus fares: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported free fares for school children Flat fares were equitable and fair, and provided a clear messages to user Free fares for community services card holders and those with disabilities Champion specific/successful bus routes Concerned that the Transport System Plan (TSP) was not well known or socialised with the community Supported the concept of multi-council Transport Team working together. 	548	Greater Tauranga
Des Heke <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognised the engagement and co-operation undertaken in preparing this submission Recognised the responsibilities associated with environmental assets handed down through generations Sought the establishment of a co-operative partnership between Council and Iwi Noted the need for infrastructure planning/arterial routes to cater for residential intensification <p>2.28pm – Cr Crosby <u>entered</u> the hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of resourcing made it challenging to respond to the expectations of Council. 	539	Ngāti Ranginui Iwi Society Inc.
Arthur Flintoff <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognised the contribution of Council staff in the preparation of the Pest Management Plan Concerned regarding the definitions around ‘minor/less than minor effects’ in the context of land use and spatial plans More frequent and intense rainfalls and flooding would occur and sought funding towards restoration of wetlands to mitigate the negative effects Although there was always a ‘go faster/do better’ thinking, restoration was progressing in the right direction at an acceptable pace. 	EM035	Ngapeke A1C & A2B
Raewyn Bennett <p>PowerPoint presentation provided.</p>	EM013	Te Awara ki Tai

<p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought to establish a Māori-centric wellbeing platform • Business as usual/status quo approach would not address the welfare issues currently being faced by the region • Encouraged a better relationship between tangata whenua and Council which would be more valuable than financial support • Recognised the current development within Auckland Council in its relationship with Māori • Would like to take the Te Arawa ki Tai programme to Te Puke Intermediate however lack of resourcing meant this was currently not possible • The constant battle for resources/funding was time consuming and distracted from the teaching. 		
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3.05pm – the Hearing **adjourned** and Chairman Leeder **withdrew** from the hearing.

3.32pm – the Hearing **reconvened** and Cr Nees **assumed** the chair in Chairman Leeder's absence.

3.32pm – Cr Rose **withdrew** from the Hearing.

Name	Sub#	Organisation
<p>Liz Davies</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SocialLink was an umbrella organisation for the social/disability sectors across the region • Recognised the commitment by Council in the climate change space and the equity lens applied, taking into account those less resourced in a climate event • Supported the initiatives for energy efficient/healthier homes • Supported free bus fares for school children and the disability sector • Sought a Council audit of its own plans/policies/activities to identify areas where social wellbeings could be further supported, e.g. in the procurement space • Had the support of a Māori advisor and was actively seeking opportunities to foster relationships in the Māori wellbeing space • The Neighbourhood Support network was valuable in the emergency response space, in particular for those with additional needs. 	523	SocialLink
<p>Jason Brewerton</p> <p>This submitter did not appear.</p>	521	Tauranga Land Search and Rescue

<p>Jo Gravit</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapting to climate change would rely on interpretation of accumulated data • The community genuinely wanted to 'do the right thing' to adapt and minimise climate change impacts • Noted the increasing social deprivation in the region • Recognised the significant role of Council in catchment programmes • There should be start-up toll kits/resources in place to support and educate landowners in sustainable land management • Land management options and education should be space/place based, rather than a 'one size fits all' approach. <p><u>Key Points - Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered that a community/landowner led approach towards resource management was preferable 	EM008	BOP - Rural Women NZ
<p>Brody Leathem</p> <p>This submitter did not appear.</p>	529	Individual
<p>Jo Gravit</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would end tenure as Chairperson of the Trust next month • Current residential developments did not alleviate the affordable housing crisis <p>4.05pm – Cr Rose <u>entered</u> the Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current economy created a growing inequity, in particular in the housing affordability market • Health markers for the lower socioeconomic parts of the region were deteriorating • Various funding options for housing, e.g. rent to buy/shared equity needed to be further explored to create affordable housing • Tauranga was experiencing challenges in the affordable housing area as there was no state owned land that could be developed, compared to Whakatāne and Rotorua • Considered there was potential in the Gate Pā area for intensification/affordable housing developments/special housing areas • Considered that Regional Council had the required tools to initiate and co-ordinate affordable and suitable housing development opportunities. 	EM011	Tauranga Community Housing Trust

<p>Awhina Ngatuere</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised that Māori was a 'curve below the curve' with regards to affordability and equity • Recognised the unique Māori profile of the Bay of Plenty • Sought funding of \$300k per annum for the next three years • The submission did not relate to the Māori business hub referred to by Priority One • Expected to meet all projected goals in the current year's work programme • Aimed for transformational shifts, rather than slow progress in the Māori economic development space • Would bring onboard fit-for-purpose school programmes in the STEM category • Confirmed that there were strong working relationships between Toi Kai Rawa, the four regional EDAs and Bay of Connections • Needed to be able to operate on both a strategic and operational level to be successful in Māori economic development in the region. 	EM054	Toi Kai Rawa
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4.45 pm – the hearing adjourned.

Open Minutes (Day 2)

Commencing: Tuesday 13 April 2021, 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chambers, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga

Chairperson: Chairman Doug Leeder

Deputy Chairperson: Deputy Chairperson Jane Nees

Members:

- Cr Andrew von Dadelszen
- Cr Matemoana McDonald
- Cr David Love
- Cr Norm Bruning
- Cr Bill Clark
- Cr Stuart Crosby
- Cr Kevin Winters
- Cr Lyaall Thurston

Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti
 Cr Stacey Rose
 Cr Paula Thompson
 Cr Te Taru White

In Attendance:

Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive, Tone Nerdrum Smith – Committee Advisor

Submitters and presenters as listed in the minutes

Apologies:

Nil

1.00 pm – Chairman Leeder **reconvened** then **adjourned** the Hearing until the first submitter arrived.

1.20pm – the Hearing **reconvened**.

1. Chairman's Opening Statement

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2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Cr von Dadelszen: For submission from Bay Conservation Alliance (Chair of Kopurererua Valley Wetlands - a volunteer organisation).

3. Hearing of Submissions on the Consultation Document for the Proposed Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and the Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy - Continued

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Name	Sub#	Organisation
Anne Tolley – Commission Chair and Marty Grenfell – Chief Executive Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the Commission had been appointed due to TCC's inability to develop a sustainable LTP Tauranga could not succeed without cross-regional support and co-operation Councils needed to 'speak as one' at a regional level to be successful in its relationship with Central Government Recognised the challenges in modeshift from private to public transport Positive and cohesive cooperation in public transport/urban design would maximise the Central Government funding opportunities 	452	Tauranga City Council (TCC)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any public transport/urban design discussions would include TCC's parking strategy, in particular in the CBD Welcomed the opportunity to work with Regional Council in the emission reduction/climate change space Wider engagement with tangata whenua was an integrated component of the LTP consultation process There was a lack of understanding in the Tauranga community with regards to UFTI/TSP, which needed to be addressed. 		
<p>Alison Cowley</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission pertained to the industrial site at Te Puna Station Road, where there had been ongoing compliance issues The high level of liquefaction risk on the site meant commercial development had not progressed Prime opportunity to develop wetlands/botanical park on the site Historical/cultural significant site; opportunity to restore to original ecological site Opportunities for partnership with tertiary education providers Pirirākau Hauora Charitable Trust supported the concept of restoring the site and had opposed the industrial zoning. 	347	Individual
<p>Debz Turner</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cared about the climate and was a frequent public transport user Supported opportunities for parks; recycling; public art etc. that encouraged environmental initiatives and positive human interactions Public transport fares should be kept low for all users/frequent-user discounts could be applied Concerned regarding the effectiveness of the bus service and the requirement for transfers between routes that could be challenging for those with additional needs. 	420	Individual
<p>Jos Nagels</p> <p>Provided Tabled Item 4</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission sought diversification of the transport network by moving away from the current roading approach and instead focus on railway opportunities Suggested utilising the existing railways and introduce a light/passenger rail service, supported by cycle/walking access points Positive interaction, rather than indecisive inaction 	HC001	Individual

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon emission was increasing at rate and other solutions must be pursued. 		
Karen Gilby <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission related to free bus fares for students Worked with school children with higher needs whose access to education was already under threat through social challenges Free school buses made it possible for at-risk students to get to school Recognised that there was financial cost to continue the free school fares, however the positive flow-on effect of making education accessible was significant Had been tracking the increased attendance by at-risk students since the introduction of free fares, which underpinned her submission. 	473	Individual
Glen Crowther <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Transport discounts and free fares investment would have significant social benefits Flat fares required further investigation to clearly identify benefits; differing fares may be appropriate for the various parts of the region Supported the climate change initiatives proposed Concerned regarding differences in priorities between the Regional Council and Tauranga City Council's LTPs, which could represent challenges in co-operation and deliveries Queried whether the various draft Plans (UFTI/LTPs/TSP) supported the sustainability/carbon reduction/affordability the community was seeking Concerned regarding a lack of alignment between the various LTPs and what Central Government wanted to achieve nationwide with regards to sustainability, transport, climate change, regional co-operation etc. 	505	Individual
		5 mins
Peter Holyoake Wilson Provided a PowerPoint presentation. <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measuring carbon dioxide could predict climate change for the future The current readings indicated a future climate that had not been experienced previously Offered to work as a volunteer with Council when needed in the climate change field. 	532	Individual
		5mins

Carole Gordon <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council should actively seek opportunities to unlock the unlimited power of the community and those who wanted to make a difference/contribute, in particular in the volunteer field • Commended Council on its investment in climate change and its commitment to public transport • Recommended that a contextual introduction be included in the LTP regarding Covid and its ongoing impact on the region, as well as nationally • Had undertaken a survey of the elderly on the impact of Covid, identifying that it had resulted in ongoing isolation • The aging population would have a significant impact on the services/facilities offered by Council in the future and planning and investment should be tailored accordingly. 	520	Individual
		5 mins
Melissa Casey <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported favourable loans towards sustainable housing initiatives, e.g. solar panels • Supported free school buses for school children, but also encouraged discounts for parents of primary school children who accompanied them • A discounted school bus fare for accompanying adults would have increased benefits compared to free fares for the disabled • Did not consider a flat fare rate to be a viable option, rather there should be discounts offered as suggested. 	517	Individual
Afternoon tea break		
Laura Wragg/Mary Dillon/Joy Muir Provided Tabled Item 5 and a PowerPoint Presentation. <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding sought for the Waiariki Park Region project came in addition to the base funding currently provided by Council to EnviroHub • Was also seeking funding from the Jobs for Nature programme • Worked closely with Bay Conversation Alliance to ensure work and initiatives were not duplicated • Positive engagement with Iwi. <u>Key Points - Members:</u>	EM021/ 537/EM 015	Envirohub/W aiariki Park Region

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognised the significant work undertaken by EnviroHub and its reach and impact on the community. 		
		5 mins
<p>Debbie Borrell and supporters</p> <p>The submission was opened with a Karakia, which was responded to by Cr Te Taru White</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission related to Te Puna Business Park The spirituality of the sea, land and air needed to be taken into consideration When the land was unwell, kaitiaki/the people were also unwell The environment needed to be looked after for children and grandchildren Sought an opportunity to meet and work with Councillors with regards to Te Puna Business Park and its importance to Pirirākau. <p><u>Key Points - Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that an analysis of all submissions would be undertaken as part of the LTP deliberations process. 	PO001	Individual
<p>Debbie Ireland</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation was focussed on youth and complimentary to the other Search and Rescue organisations The various organisations worked co-operatively to ensure alignment, rather than duplication Funding of \$150k over three years was sought to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide robust systems and processes Enabling new branches in the Bay of Plenty region Build closer relations with Civil Defence. 	EM005	Youth Search and Rescue
<p>Michelle Elborn and Julian Fitter</p> <p>Cr von Dadelszen declared a <u>conflict of interest</u> (Chair of Kopurererua Valley Wetlands - a volunteer organisation).</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission focussed on the recruitment and development of volunteers BCA was expanding into other areas of conservation, e.g. fundholding for various projects Provided administrative support to volunteer groups 	519	Bay Conservation Alliance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing desire and requirement to meet Treaty obligations across all sectors and sought to partner with Council with its expertise in Māori engagement Investing in volunteers also provided social benefits BCA and EnviroHub complimented each other but did not overlap The first cadets from the Jobs of Nature programme were about to graduate from the BCA programme There were ongoing discussions with regards to advantageous resource sharing in the land management/catchment/volunteer space. 		
<p>Emma Jones, co-presenting with Joel Ngātūere</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to yesterday's media release regarding contamination of the groundwater at Mount Maunganui Residents at Whareroa Marae were experiencing a multitude of health issues, including respiratory difficulties; asthma; emphysema; headaches, and mental health challenges Considered that the national air quality standards were not fit for purpose in the Mount industrial area Air quality monitoring stations should also be placed by schools More substantial fines/penalties should be introduced for significant resource consent breaches Setting a timeline regarding potential withdrawal of heavy industrial activity next to residential areas would provide certainty for the industries operating there and enable planning for the future Encouraged a potential rezoning of the Port area land to support future change into more sustainable business practices Implored Council to listen; take a pause when considering consent applications being granted and their impacts on the environment. 	EM016 524	Clear the Air Mt / Whareroa Marae

4.00 pm – the hearing adjourned.

Open Minutes (Day 3)

Reconvened:

Wednesday 14 April 2021, 1.00 pm

Venue: Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Mataatua Room, 5 Quay Street, Whakatāne

Deputy Chairperson: Deputy Chairperson Jane Nees

Members: Cr Norm Bruning
Cr Bill Clark
Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti
Cr Matemoana McDonald
Cr David Love
Cr Stacey Rose
Cr Paula Thompson
Cr Lyall Thurston
Cr Andrew von Dadelszen – via Zoom
Cr Te Taru White
Cr Kevin Winters

In Attendance: Chris Ingle – General Manager Integrated Catchments; Tone Nerdrum Smith – Committee Advisor

Submitters and presenters as listed in the minutes

Apologies: Chairman Leeder and Cr Crosby for absence; Cr White, Cr Iti and Cr von Dadelszen (via Zoom) for late arrival

1. Opening Statement by Deputy Chairperson

Cr Nees, as the Acting Chairperson, welcomed those present and advised that the Hearing was being recorded and would be made available on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website following the Hearing and archived for a period of three years

2. Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Cr Thurston.

3. Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Chairman Leeder and Cr Crosby for absence, and Cr White and Cr Iti and Cr von Dadelszen (via Zoom) for late arrival tendered at the hearing.**

**Nees/Rose
CARRIED**

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Cr Bruning: Submission from Kaituna River Catchment Control Scheme (Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust Chairman).

Cr McDonald: Submission from Kaituna River Catchment Control Scheme (Te Maru o Kaituna Advisory Board Member).

Cr Iti: Submission from Film Bay of Plenty (Trustee).

Cr Clark: Submission from Kawerau Trails Trust (Trustee).

5. Hearing of Submissions on the Consultation Document for the Proposed Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and the Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy - *Continued*

Minute Note: A complete index of all presentations and tabled information provided at this hearing can be found at the end of the minutes.

Name	Sub#	Organisation
Richard Weld, Roger Hintz and Barry Roderick <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pump station that required replacement was installed in the 1950s and reaching its end of life Noted that the re-diversion of the Kaituna River project had been prioritised. Now that this had been completed, the need for replacement of the pump station was being revisited <p>1.11pm – Cr White <u>entered</u> the hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new developments along the Kaituna River added pressure to the existing pump station and there was concerns with regards to the increased pressure expected from the Rangiuru Business Estate development The pump was currently working significantly above that estimated, which emphasized the need for replacement. <p>1.14pm – Cr Iti <u>entered</u> the hearing.</p>	543	Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme - Advisory Group
Mawera Karetai <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the use of buses and free fares as it created a life time of habit There was a lack of outdoor biking opportunities in the Whakatāne area, which in a wider context was an unfriendly bike environment Concerned regarding fishing of unsustainable fish species – Council needed to consider the long term health and supply of kaimoana. 	131	Individual
Karen Summerhays	536	Individual

<p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that NZ was currently GE free, which had enhanced its economic; social; environmental and reputational status to the rest of the world • Had accumulated significant information in the GE field and would ensure this research was made available to Councillors • The Regional Policy Statement should have more rigour with regards to GE • Encouraged Council, through Quayside, to promote sustainable and environmental direction for the Port of Tauranga, in particular in the use of methyl bromide. 		
		5 mins
<p>Jason Kurei and Supporters</p> <p>Noted that this presentation was provided in Te Reo (in parts) and that translator Paiheke McGarvey interpreted via the translation equipment provided to Councillors.</p> <p>A responding mihi was provided by Cr Te Taru White.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke on behalf of Ngāti Ira Hapū and the land issues over the previous 150 years • Worked closely with Toi Moana and the Māori Policy unit • Had commenced the process of healing; sought access to opportunities and resources; sought enabling of relationships and co-operation with Toi Moana • Sought to build the hapū's capacity and abilities in the Eastern Bay of Plenty • A partnership opportunity would enable the hapū's voice to be heard and included • Needed additional resources to be able to have a meaningful and beneficial relationship with Toi Moana • Sought a kaitiaki role/management hub structure • Had mana whenua of their rohe and could speak on behalf of the Iwi when required and appropriate. 	EM050	Ngāti Ira Hapū
<p>Norman Izett</p> <p>Provided a Slide Display and Tabled Item 6.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought the establishment of a 'dark sky reserve' <p>2.05pm – Cr von Dadelszen <u>entered</u> the hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light pollution minimised people's ability to see the sky at night • Creating a Dark Sky Reserve would place the Eastern Bay of Plenty on the international radar as a visitor attraction 	PO003	Whakatāne Astronomical Society

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged 'best lighting practices' for outdoor LED lights, i.e. low glare, amber lights. 		
<p>Anton Steele</p> <p>Cr Iti declared a <u>conflict of interest</u> (Trustee of Film Bay of Plenty)</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation and a video.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bay of Plenty Film Trust was a volunteer based organisation New Zealand had become the go-to place for international film makers during Covid, due to the relative normality here Significant fiscal opportunities There was an estimated 2-1 return on every dollar spent in the region Wairakei Film Studios stage 1 establishment had been completed - enabling the TV series Vegas - and stage 2 was about to commence Emphasised the workforce development opportunities within the film industry. 	EM017	Film BOP
<p>Paul Charteris</p> <p>Cr Clark declared a <u>conflict of interest</u> (Trustee of Kawerau Trails Trust)</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the areas in Kawarau, including two waterways, that made it favourable for recreational cycle/walking trials The trails would create job opportunities; environmental benefits through rejuvenation of land; financial and tourism benefits Recognised the alignment with a number of Council's Strategic Priorities The trail network would provide connectivity between Eastern Bay of Plenty and Rotorua Sought financial support from Council towards planting, restoration planning and consents Would like Council and the Trust to apply a joint leadership approach to the development of the trails. 	537	Kawerau Trails Trust
<p>Sarah Jones, Katherine Hall and Mayor Lyn Riesterer</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation and Tabled Item 7.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p>	EM044	Ōpōtiki District Council

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought Council to revisit its population assumption for the Eastern Bay/Ōpōtiki District • Ōpōtiki was one of the most deprived areas in New Zealand • Had sought an affordability review pertaining to targeted rates for river schemes for more than a decade, as these rates were unaffordable for large parts of the community • The recommended minimum ground level of 3.6m above the Moturiki Datum was 1.6m above the current 2m ground levels in Ōpōtiki, which did not support sustainable development • Concerned regarding the change to rate collection in that Regional Council would collect its own rates, rather than this being contracted to the TAs, which represented a loss of revenue • Considered that the options with regards to funding of rescue services at a regional level were not well defined in the Consultation Document, which made it difficult to provide a considered submission. 		
<p>Mayor Judy Turner supported by Deputy Mayor Andrew Iles, Chief Executive Steph O’Sullivan and Manager Policy, Planning and Consents Compliance Nicholas Woodley</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised the cross-council co-operation in the Spatial Planning field where RMA reforms were an integral part • Regional co-operation should reach beyond local authorities and extend to Waka Kotahi, DHBs, MfE and MoE • Important to identify what should be classified as regional significant infrastructure in the Bay of Plenty • Housing affordability/availability was a significant component of social deprivation • There was a lack of reliable data with regards to social deprivation in Whakatāne, which made planning and addressing the issue challenging • Sought to advance climate change initiatives; and recognised the vulnerability of the Eastern Bay region in this regards. 	EM053	Whakatāne District Council
<p>Heyden Johnston</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned regarding the apparent lack of a regional tsunami recovery plan • Recognised the nationwide nature of a tsunami and its recovery, however there needed to be local/regional plans in place that the communities were well aware of and could plan accordingly • An improved bus service for school children to reduce vehicle movements to and from schools would make a significant difference to the local community. 	396	Individual

<p><u>Key Points - Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Love, as the Chairperson of the CDEMG, provided an outline of emergency management processes and would respond more comprehensively post-Hearing. 		
<p>Tina Armstrong</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned an organic farm on the edge of Kopeopeo Canal and was concerned regarding flooding risks and how it was managed • Concerned regarding the increasing costs of Council's river schemes and it becoming unaffordable for the affected property owners • Suggested the introduction of incentives for farmers to create wetlands areas which would increase water storage capacity and create diversity opportunities • Concerned regarding contamination risk if Kopeopeo Canal breached its banks. 	535	Individual
<p>Linda Conning</p> <p>Provided Tabled Item 8.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change: Public Transport was where the greatest difference could be made in the carbon emission space • Sought increased consideration of rail as an alternative to roading for transport • Coastal vegetation restoration had broad benefits • Unintended consequences in pest management was the increase in bird population who spread seeds, i.e. weeds increased and was not controlled. 	EM022	Forest and Bird - Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch
<p>Pia Bennett (via Zoom)</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workload for an Iwi RMA technician/advisor was significant and current resources did not meet requirements • The expectation to provide input into local and central government processes was causing significant pressure, stress and burnout • The recent discovery of groundwater contamination around Whareroa Marae was hugely concerning and queried the lack of direct communication with the Marae. 	EM047	Ngai Te Rangi
<p>Gray Southon (via Zoom)</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although a co-ordinator of the Carbon Reduction Group, this was a personal submission 	527	Individual

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Climate Emergency Declaration should be brought to the forefront • Courageous leadership was required • The question to consider should be: "How can we best protect the environment for our children?" 		
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3.50pm – the hearing adjourned.

Open Minutes (Day 4)

Reconvened: Thursday 15 April 2021, 1.00 pm

Venue: Monarch Hall, Princes Gate Hotel, 1133 Hinemaru Street, Rotorua

Chairperson: Chairman Doug Leeder

Deputy Chairperson: Deputy Chairperson Jane Nees

Members:

- Cr Andrew von Dadelszen
- Cr Matemoana McDonald
- Cr David Love
- Cr Norm Bruning
- Cr Bill Clark
- Cr Kevin Winters
- Cr Lyall Thurston
- Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti
- Cr Stacey Rose
- Cr Paula Thompson
- Cr Te Taru White

In Attendance: Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive, Chris Ingle – General Manager Integrated Catchments; Karen Aspey – Director, People & Leadership, Tone Nerdrum Smith – Committee Advisor

Submitters and presenters as listed in the minutes

Apologies: Cr Crosby (absence) and Cr von Dadelszen (late arrival)

1. Conflicts of Interest

Cr Te Taru White – Submission from Te Tatau Te Arawa and submission from Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa Rotorua Museum (Trustee).

Cr Lyall Thurston – Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa Rotorua Museum (Trustee).

Cr Winters – Submission from Coastguard NZ (Board Member). Rangitāiki River Forum (Member – noted for information, rather than conflict).

Cr Matemoana McDonald – Submission from Te Maru o Kaituna (Member – noted for information, rather than conflict).

Cr Jane Nees – Submission from Te Maru o Kaituna (Alternate Member – noted for information, rather than conflict).

2. Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Council

- 1 **Accepts the apology from Cr Crosby for absence and Cr van Dadszen for late arrival tendered at the Hearing.**

**Leeder/Nees
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3. Hearing of Submissions on the Consultation Document for the Proposed Long Term Plan 2021-2031 and the Statement of Proposal: Fees and Charges Policy - *Continued*

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Name	Sub#	Organisation
Graham Hopkins <u>Key Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the concept of subsidised loans for ventilation systems that assisted in providing dry, healthy homes Creating a warm healthy home consisted of three parts: heating, insulation and moisture control A dry home was easier to heat than one with excessive humidity Ventilation systems varied in price between \$3-\$6k for a 3-bedroom home. 	273	Proven Systems Ltd T/A DVS
Maramena Vercoe	EM001	Rangitāiki River Forum (RRF) and Te

<p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the submission was presented on behalf of both entities • This was the first TMoK application for funding of its own programme • Funding application was to establish an independent secretariat to report to the respective entities' Chairs and to provide advice • Noted that Council provided governance services support, however the independent secretariat would address expectations that sat outside what was currently provided • A joint application between the entities signalled the desire to co-operate and utilise commonalities. 		<p>Maru o Kaituna River Authority (TMoK)</p>
<p>Raewyn Bennett and supporters</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation and Tabled item 9.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Pīkiao Iwi Water Management Plan would be a win-win situation • Clean, sustainable waterways was the vision for future generations • Partnership between Council and iwi needed to be at all levels, not limited to governance level • Council had the mandate to enable and develop Iwi partnerships and management plans • The proposal would enable Council to meet its objectives in both the Iwi relationship and the water management space. <p>1.34pm – Cr von Dadelszen <u>entered</u> the Hearing.</p>	EM018	<p>Ngāti Pīkiao Environmental Society</p>
<p>Phill Thomass</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged Council to be brave and make genuine changes in the public transport sector in Rotorua, in particular with regards to free fares for school children • An improved and more accessible public transport system would make a positive difference to affordable travel and traffic congestion in Rotorua. 	EM019	<p>Rotorua Lakes Community Board</p>
<p>Eugene Berryman</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Forum was an inclusive and wide-reaching group that focussed on 'action', i.e. making positive change • Councils should be community leaders in the climate change space 	EM027	<p>Rotorua Climate Action Forum</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the three objective and transformational shifts as set out in the Consultation Document, but they should be considered as starting points, rather than end points Intended to connect with a range of community based groups across the region, as well as nationally Forum was established in 2020, was volunteer based and self-funded Had a large youth membership component, i.e. under 25 years of age. 		
<p>Laura Jefferies – Policy Planner and Daryn Jensen – Provincial President</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represented farmers in the Bay of Plenty region Farmers in the region were already struggling to meet current rate levels, including targeted rates for the region's river schemes Direct benefits should form the basis for cost allocations Acknowledged that the Consultation Document was kept relatively short to be widely accessible, however concerned that the examples used within the CD with regards to cost allocations were not relevant to the farming community The wider community would benefit from a higher level of understanding with regards to Council's allocation of rates Recognised the significant costs associated with the river schemes which enabled river adjacent land to continue to be used for farming purposes. 	EM031	Rotorua/Taupō Federated Farmers
<p>Lachlan McKenzie and supporter</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission pertained to Detainment Bunds (DB) Resource consent was not needed to build DBs as it was a permitted activity Key requests were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent review of WQ R16 (Rule 46) Provide an interim measure to enable low cost DB rollout Include recognition of the benefits of innovative mitigations Include strategic planning for DB applicability in BOP catchments using GIS and LiDAR data modelling Complete an MOU for continued PMP / BOPRC collaboration Three of the four common contaminants of water were captured by DB 	EM033	Phosphorus Mitigation Project Inc.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rollout of DB was currently curtailed by WQ R16 (Rule 46) Permitted Activities: Damming of Surface Runoff Water If the regulatory/cost barrier was removed, the DB could become the best practice for the future. <p><u>Items for Staff Follow-up:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Executive to provide a timeline indication for a review of WQ R16 (Rule 46). 		
<p>Jude Pani and Eugene Berryman</p> <p>2.19pm – Cr Te Taru White declared <u>a conflict of interest</u> and <u>withdrew</u> from the Hearing.</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission focussed on the relationship between Council and Te Arawa Te Tatau had an established relationship with Rotorua Lakes Council, however its boundaries extended beyond the Rotorua district Outlined the deliverables and the associated timeline (five phases). The overarching intent and the current prioritisation of project investment in the LTP, particularly as it pertained to Te Arawa rohe, needed to be more reflective of the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Funding Sought: \$158,610 + GST. <p>2.34pm – Cr Te Taru White <u>entered</u> the Hearing.</p>	EM037	Te Tatau Te Arawa
<p>Claire Scott and Dr Erin Eggleston</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$80k p.a. ACC funding would end in April 2021 Had managed to secure three major sponsors Successful Club Owned Event - Profit Rotorua Lakes Council provided contribution via the Forrest Ranger role Worked in synergy with St. John Funding from Regional Council would assist the continued operation of the First Response Unit, making the Whakarewarewa Forest safer for the increasing number of visitors. ACC required national contracts with national suppliers, and the local nature of the First Response Unit meant funding was no longer available. 	502	Rotorua Mountain Bike Club Inc. (Charitable Trust)
Danielle Marks	468	Individual

<p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission focussed on climate change • Concerned regarding the coastal areas in the Bay of Plenty, which would be (and was being) affected by climate change • Queried the Consultation Document's lack of reference to tangata whenua and their commitment to the environment/climate change adaption and mitigation • Encouraged more targeted and interactive approach by the Councillors in the consultation/Māori engagement space. 		
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2.50pm – The hearing **adjourned**.

3.10pm – The hearing **reconvened**.

Name	Sub#	Organisation
<p>Stavros Michael, John Paul Gaston and Mayor Steve Chadwick</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised the collaborative relationship between Rotorua Lakes Council and Regional Council • Would like Regional Council to support the RTALSG's application for funding from the Ministry for the Environment for the wastewater reticulation system • Sought Regional Council's support towards ongoing flood management and mitigation, and affordable/suitable housing initiatives • RLC supported the First Response Unit application for funding, as this was recognised as an important and valuable service • Cost of infrastructure was increasing, however Central Government funding had not increased. The application to the MfE was to enable continued infrastructure investments, with funding borrowed at a favourable rate until additional funding was made available. 	422	Rotorua Lakes Council
<p>Janie Stevenson/Christine Paterson</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined the purpose of Catchment Groups; their co-operation and networks; and the groups in Bay of Plenty and Hauraki • Hauraki Catchment Group had been established in 2020 and was relatively small with a large 	508	NZ Landcare Trust

<p>component of femoral areas, i.e. still water, which required scientific input for safe and effective land management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought the establishment of a Bay of Plenty Catchment Group Coordinator role • The Catchment Groups were volunteer based and needed external input and support • Was well aligned with Bay Conservation Alliance as the potential for overlap was recognised, and used the similarities as opportunities to co-operate. 		
<p>Darren McGarvie and Rachael McGarvie</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the Trust and its activities were to connect and inspire Rotorua's commercial and social leaders and entrepreneurs • Covid19 had significantly affected the nature of events, with webinars and digital events being incorporated • All Trust events were free • Sought financial support of \$10k split over three years to assist delivery of events for the benefit of the business sector and the wider community. <p>3.43pm – Cr von Dadelszen <u>withdrew</u> from the Hearing.</p>	EM049	Rotorua X Charitable Trust
<p>Libby Fletcher</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tarawera wastewater reticulation scheme had been in the planning and development stage for a number of years, yet construction had not commenced and the cost had increased significantly • Current cost per household in the Tarawera catchment was estimated at \$33k, which would be an excessive costs to many residents in the area • 5% of catchment residents had not yet agreed to the scheme or its cost, which had prevented progression • Funding was sought to cover the shortfall and facilitate the scheme going ahead • Understood that the OpEx would be compatible with the other established scheme in the Rotorua district • Concerned that Regional Council's \$6.5m funding that was granted in 2016 towards the scheme might be withdrawn unless progress was made. 	EM014	Lake Tarawera Ratepayers Association
<p>Mayor Steve Chadwick, Monty Morrison and Tim Cossar</p> <p>3.52pm – Cr Thurston declared a <u>conflict of interest</u> (Trustee) and <u>withdrew</u> from the Hearing.</p> <p>Cr White declared a <u>conflict of interest</u> (Trustee).</p>	EM034	Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa Rotorua Museum Exhibition Development Project

<p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum had closed following the 2016 Kaikoura earthquake with extensive repairs being required • Had raised \$53.7m and sought \$4.1m from Council to commission the opening exhibition • The museum building was recognised as historically significant and had been the heart of tourism in Rotorua, i.e. it was essential for economic rebuild • The funding sought was towards the infrastructure surrounding the exhibition, i.e. interactive/digital/audio aspects. <p>4.04pm – Cr Thurston <u>entered</u> the Hearing.</p>		
<p>Callum Gillespie and Bill Martyn</p> <p>Cr Winters declared a <u>conflict of interest</u> (Trustee).</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national drowning rate in the Bay of Plenty region was above the national average • A large number of fatalities related to boating, which was where the Coastguard could make a significant difference • Would be seeking funding in the vicinity of \$200k per annum. 	530	Coastguard NZ (Eastern Region)
<p>Nicky Douglas (via Zoom)</p> <p>Provided a PowerPoint presentation.</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined TALT's main priorities • Sought to restore Te Arawa's ability to exercise their kaitiakitanga responsibilities in relation to the lakes • Noted the award winning Catkillas programme • Aquatic Plant Management – Cultural Monitoring Plan had currently no funding allocated • Supported free public transportation for socially challenged areas • Encouraged investment in young people to become the next leaders of the region through the Taiao scholarships • Sought unity and resourcing so iwi/hapū could progress their own matters when TALT did not have mandate to represent. 	EM051	Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT)
<p>Katerina Pihera</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p>	EM046	Ngāti Rangiwewehi + NR Entities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not resourced to respond to environmental issues as required in the current environment • The resourcing of Regional Council's Māori Unit was inadequate and increased resourcing would enable better outcomes • The voluntary nature of those providing advice and input into Council processes meant there was insufficient resourcing available. 		
<p>Gordon Mock - Late Submission</p> <p>A late submission from Gordon Mock on the Fees and Charges Policy was tabled for receipt and acceptance (<i>refer Tabled Item 10 in the schedule below</i>).</p>		

4. Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Cr Te Taru White.

4.33 pm - the Hearing closed.

CONFIRMED

Chairman Doug Leeder
Chairperson, Regional Council

5. TABLED ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Tabled Items and Presentations Provided by Submitters - Listed in Chronological Order

- Presentation - Day 1.01 9.40am_460_Western Bay of Plenty Neighbourhood Support_presentation PDF: Objective ID A3778872* [⇒](#)
- Presentation - Day 1.02 9.50am_514_Discovery Through Nature_presentation PDF: Objective ID A3778879* [⇒](#)
- Presentation - Day 1.04 10.10am EM006_Taonga Tauranga Heritage BOP Charitable Trust_presentation PDF: Objective ID A3778884* [⇒](#)
- Presentation - Day 1.05 10.20am_EM012_Water Safety Bay of Plenty_presentation PDF: Objective ID A3778908* [⇒](#)
- Presentation - Day 1.06 10.30am_EM043_Ngai Tamawhariua ki Rereatukahia April_presentation PDF: Objective ID A3778971* [⇒](#)
- Presentation - Day 1.10 11.30pm_533_Tourism Bay of Plenty_presentation PDF: Objective ID A3778975* [⇒](#)
- Presentation - Day 1.16 1.10pm_EM026_Carless Wednesday_presentation PDF: Objective ID A3778977* [⇒](#)
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