



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 12.30 PM

The Council Meeting was live-streamed to the Westland District Council YouTube Channel and presentations were made available on the Council Website.

1. KARAKIA TĪMATANGA OPENING KARAKIA

The opening Karakia was led by Her Worship the Mayor.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Chairperson:	Her Worship the Mayor
Deputy and Northern Ward Member:	Cr Burden
Northern Ward Members:	Cr Maitland, Cr Mackenzie (via zoom)
Hokitika Ward Members:	Cr Gillett (via Zoom), Cr Martin, Cr Walker
Southern Ward Members:	Cr Manera, Cr Munns

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Kw Tumahai.

Moved Cr Burden, seconded Cr Manera and **Resolved** that the apology from Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

ABSENT:

Kw Madgwick.

STAFF PRESENT

B. Phillips, Chief Executive; J. Birnie, Strategy and Transformation Manager; S. Hewett, Governance Administrator; T. Suchanek, Senior Administrator.

Staff present for part of the meeting:

Nil

3. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated to the Mayor and Councillors.

There were no changes made to the Interest Register.

**4. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE
URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Nil

**5. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA
PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI
STAFF REPORTS**

- **Simplifying Local Government**

The Chief Executive introduced the report, stating that the finalised report that the Council submits to Government will be made available on the Council website. The Strategy and Transformation Manager then spoke to the report.

Councillors expressed concern around the lack of detail provided by the Government on how the Combined Territories Board (CTB) would function in practice and where the financial burden would sit within them and agreed that the draft report largely reflected their viewpoints but requested that further emphasis on affordability be added in the closing statement.

Moved Cr Maitland, Seconded Cr Munns and Resolved that:

1.1 The Simplifying Local Government Report be received.

1.2 The Council approve the submission on the Government's Simplifying Local Government proposal on the condition that:

1.2.1 The closing comment include the addition of "in an affordable manner."

The motion was carried unanimously.

MEETING CLOSED AT 12.58 PM

**DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 26 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 1.00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

Confirmed by:

**Her Worship the Mayor
Chair**

Date: 26 February 2026