MINUTES OF MEETING OF TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ONLINE 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

Present

Mayor T. Gibson (GDC), Mayor H. Lash (WDC), Cr A. Gibson (GDC), Chair C. Smith (WCRC) R. Williams (Chairman), Cr G. Maitland (WDC), Kaiwhakahaere Madgwick (Makaawhio), Cr. P. Rutherford (BDC alternate)

In attendance

Matt Smith (WCRC), Darryl Lew (WCRC), Jo Armstrong (TTPP Project Manager), Carissa du Plessis (BDC), Doug Bray (WCRC), Chu Zhao (WCRC), Joanne Soderlund (GDC), Michael McEnaney (GDC), Lois Easton (TTPP), Olivia Anderson (WDC)

Welcome

Chair Williams welcomed attendees

Apologies

Mayor Russell (BDC), Kaiwhakahaere Tumahai (Ngāti Waewae), Cr A. Cassin (WCRC), Cr L. Webb (BDC),

Moved (Chair Williams/Mayor Lash)

That the apologies be accepted *Carried*

Chair Williams and other members of the Committee acknowledged the passing of Graeme Neylon. He was remembered as a highly respected long-time servant of the Buller community and the West Coast. Graeme provided valuable insights and expertise during his term on the TTPP Committee.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

None raised

Confirm minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 June 2026

Moved (Mayor Lash/ Chair Smith)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2026 are confirmed.

Carried

Matters arising from previous meetings

None raised

Chair Williams asked Jo Armstrong for updates about the next meeting to be held on 15 October 2026. Mrs Armstrong explained that the first financial report for the 2026/27 financial year will be presented at the October meeting. Financial statements have not yet been compiled due to the end of year processes being undertaken to finalise the 2026 financial year.

Mrs Armstrong informed the meeting that a staff report about national planning reforms will be presented in October. Ms Easton confirmed that this will include analysis of the impact the legislation will have on TTPP. Mrs Armstrong also noted that the planned TTPP Committee meeting for 15 December 2026 has been cancelled due to unavailability of staff who will be in a mediation meeting on that date.

Chair Williams raised the expectation from previous discussions that a budget report, estimating the range of expenses expected to achieve an operative TTPP, would be presented at the 15 October 2026 meeting.

D. Lew provided an undertaking to deliver this paper.

Report – Minor Amendments

Ms Easton explained that it is a normal part of embedding a new plan to find minor errors as Plan users access the new provisions. She drew the meetings attention to a recommended change to the Strategic Direction Overview. This amendment would make the TTPP easier to implement, as some of the current text is causing confusion.

Two suggested mapping changes at Okarito and Snodgrass Rd are to correct the zones which have been incorrectly mapped over these areas.

Ms Easton said that changes to the Plan text can be made quickly, but mapping changes require input from a third party and are likely to take longer.

Moved (Chair Williams/Mayor Lash)

1. *That the Committee receive the report.*
2. *That the Committee resolves to approve the correction of minor errors and make changes of minor effect in accordance with Clause 16(2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, as identified in the table within this report.*

Carried

Notice of Motion to Exclude the Public

A motion to exclude the public was presented

Moved (Mayor Lash/Cr. Gibson)

That the public is excluded from discussion on the confidential report – Variation 3 Update to enable the TTPP Committee to consider any changes to the content of Variation 3 in response to staff advice following appeals mediation. This is to ensure any discussion or agreements relating to appeals remains confidential and does not disadvantage any party's negotiations.

Carried

The meeting returned to a public meeting at 11.00am

Chair Williams thanked everyone for their attendance.
Meeting ended at 11.01am.