

Council meeting 26th February 2025 – Summary News:

Below is a brief summary of the decisions from the Council meeting held on the 26th of February 2025. You can read the full reports online in our agenda:

<https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/council/meetings-calendar-agendas-minutes>

Temporary accommodation Decision:

Seven temporary accommodation units are located on 34 Beach Road and are currently leased by Te Whare Putea. The lease arrangement expires on Friday 28 February 2025.

At the Council meeting on the 26 June 2024, Council agreed to:

- a) sell the seven units to Te Whare Putea (TWP) and
- b) extend the use of the land at 34 Beach Road for up to 4 years (2 x 2 years)

At the Council meeting on the 29 January 2025, Council was provided the opportunity to review and confirm that the terms and conditions of the new lease arrangement and sale contract were satisfactory before the current lease expires at the end of February. No changes were requested, and no changes have been made.

The initial licence term will run until 28 February 2027. Te Whare Putea (at its discretion) can renew the license for a further two years, provided it has obtained Community Housing Provider status and is compliant with the licence terms which will be subject to Council approval. If Council decides to allow a renewal/extension before Community Housing Provider status is attained (because Council is satisfied that is in progress), then that would be a Council prerogative.

The recommendations from the report were as follows:

- a) Receives this report
- b) Accepts the Sales and Purchase Agreement without changes for decision and approves the Senior Manager Corporate Services to sign the agreement.

Outcome:

These recommendations were agreed by Council.

Innovative Waste Kaikōura Ltd – Letter of Expectation 2025/26 – 2027/28:

The purpose of the report was to present the Letter of Expectation (LOE) from Kaikōura District Council (KDC) to Innovative Waste Kaikōura for 2025/2028 which will be used to prepare the Innovative Waste Kaikōura (IWK) Ltd's draft Statement of Intent for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028.

The Letter of Expectation sets out high level shared priorities and specific areas of focus for IWK from a Council perspective.

There was a very minor change to the IWK LOE to further promote the importance of the environment to the district.

Outcome:

With that amendment, the LOE was accepted to be shared to IWK which will be used to create their draft statement of intent.

Road Name Change – Topline Road to Topline Road North:

With some historic issues arising, there have been a few double-ups with numbers alongside “Top Line Road.” To provide less confusion, the proposal is to make changes to the road name. The intention is for “Topline Road” to become “Top Line Road North.”

Topline Road is a formed and unformed road that exists from the Kowhai River to opposite Kanuka Lane see Annex 1 figure 3. Sections of this road have been formed which do not join creating confusion for street numbering.

Topline Road North is proposed to be the northern section of Topline Road, a 280m portion of road branching off Parsons Road. This road naming change is to help with Emergency response, as there is the potential for similar numbers in a more southern section of Topline Road, branching off Mt Fyffe. There already is a 28 Topline Road with no dwelling on it as of yet but this could change with a future subdivision.

It was recommended that the Council

- a) Receives BACKGROUND to the change from Topline Road to Topline Road North.
- b) Makes a decision on the following road name changes:
 - I. Topline Road to become Topline Road North

Outcome:

The name change was approved by Council who noted the importance of addresses that will not create confusion with emergency services.

Road naming – Whaleway Station Road:

Whaleway Station Road, although commonly used in our District, does not exist in LINZ records. Whaleway Station Road is the name given to the portion of road branching off SH1 and heading to the Railway and Whalewatch stations.

Previously known as the Railway Station Road, it has evolved into Whaleway Station Road with the addition of the Whalewatch station. Although previously known as Railway Station Road and now commonly referred to as Whaleway Station Road, it has never had an official name.

An archive search has found mention of the Railway station Road in an old document but none of the historical maps show a name associated to the road. This road name change is to help with postal service, after a direct request from NZPost.

It was recommended that the Council:

- a) Receives BACKGROUND to the naming of Whaleway Station Road.
- b) Officially names the section of road as Whaleway Station Road.

Outcome:

This was agreed by Council.

Request for Road Closure and Exchange at 1695 Puhi Puhi Road – NR McArthur (2007) Investment Trust:

A request has been made by NR McArthur (2007) Investment Trust to have an area of paper road stopped and to exchange some land which would allow for the road corridor to continue.

An application for road exchange was received on 15th January 2025.

Initial discussion occurred with Te Runanga o Kaikōura and Herenga a Nuku (Walking Access Commission and the feedback at the staff level included:

- Ensuring that esplanade provisions still apply once the road is closed
- Ensuring the road stopping will not limit access to conservation land In order to progress any road stopping Council must pass a resolution to instigate the road-closing procedure and Council must follow the statutory process as set out in Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act.

A workshop was held at Council on 12th February 2025 to discuss the roading options.

A number of key aspects were discussed at the workshop which can be viewed in the Council Meeting Minutes at <https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/council/meetings-calendar-agendas-minutes>

Outcome:

At the February 25th meeting, Councillors decided they wished to lay the report on the table for next month and all visit the site before making a final decision.

Local Government 2025 Triennial Elections and Order of Candidates:

The purpose of the report was to provide Council with information regarding the election process and for Council to make resolutions which are required for the 2025 local body elections.

The recommendations were as follows:

- a) This report be received
- b) Council resolves that candidate names on the voting paper for the Kaikōura District Council be listed in random order, for the Local Government 2025 and 2028 Triennial Elections and any subsequent By-Elections
- c) That Council-funded newsletters to constituents and Mayoral or Members' columns in Council publications be suspended during a pre-election period beginning on 11 July 2025
- d) Notes that the CEO has already advised staff regarding communications in a pre-election period (see Attachments 1 & 2)
- e) Council notes that the final Mayor's column in the newsletter and in the Kaikōura Star would be listed in the June edition
- f) Council notes that the Chief Executive will complete and publish a pre-election report no later than the 18 July 2025
- g) Council notes the election timeline and key dates
- h) This matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Outcome:

The local Government paper was accepted and approved, and the details can be viewed in the full Council meeting minutes at: <https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/council/meetings-calendar-agendas-minutes>