

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held to Discuss Road Closures during the Rally of Hawke's Bay in the Wairoa District Council Chambers Queen Street, Wairoa on Thursday 12 February 2009 at 1.52pm.

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Mr L Probert JP (Chair)

**COUNCILLORS**

B Cairns, D Caves, D Eaglesome, J Heron, B McKinnon

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P J Freeman  
N Cook

Chief Executive Officer  
Engineering Manager

**ROAD CLOSURES**

**B 03.02.10.03**

Council further discussed the pros and cons of the rally and the timing of road closures.

The Engineering Manager advised that following on from the discussion held at Council on 10 February, the organisers had now received objections from two people on Hereheretau Road and one person on the Mohaka Coast Road.

Councillor McKinnon again spoke against closing the roads where residents objected as rural people could be significantly inconvenienced by road closures, particularly on Saturdays.

Subsequent discussion indicated that the remaining Councillors felt the length of closure for individual roads was reasonable to allow residents their use of the road, it was only one day(4 hours) and enough notice had been given to allow people to work around the rally. It was also noted that emergency provisions were in place.

**Resolved:**

*That Council rescind the resolution of 10 February 2009 relating to road closures and to approve closures (as listed below) as per the Operation Manager's report of 10 February 2009.*

***Heron/Caves***

**AGAINST: Cr McKinnon**

***WAIREKA ROAD***

*From the intersection of Putere Road to the intersection of Waihi Road  
9.15am to 2.00pm*

***WAIHI ROAD***

*All of the gravel section, from the intersection of Waireka Road to the start of the seal.  
9.15am to 2.00pm*

***HEREHERETAU ROAD***

*From the intersection of Mangapoike Road to the intersection of Harrison Road  
10.50am to 3.00pm*

***CRICKLEWOOD ROAD***

*All of the gravel section from the end of the seal to the intersection of Putere Road, covering approx. 27kms.  
12.00am to 4.00pm*

***WOODLANDS ROAD***

*All of Woodlands Road  
12.30pm to 4.30pm*

***MOHAKA COACH ROAD***

*From the intersection of SH2 to the intersection of Mohaka Coast Road.  
1.20pm to 5.30pm*

Council further instructed that a letter is to be sent to those objecting advising Council's decision and that following the rally another letter be sent to ALL residents of rally roads to seek feedback on problems they may have experienced.

**CLOSED:**           The meeting closed at 2.00pm.