

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 126-148 OXFORD STREET, LEVIN ON WEDNESDAY,
2 SEPTEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 4:15 PM**

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor, Mr B J Duffy (Chair)
Cr D A Allan (from 5.20 pm)
Cr D J Colling
Cr G G Good
Cr L E McMeeken (from 4.50 pm till 8.15 pm)
Cr A M Hunt
Cr B F Judd
Cr P K Keenan
Cr N D H Murray
Cr A D Rush
Cr R N Shaw

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr T Thomas (Environmental Services Manager)(to 7.40 pm)
Mr R R Nicholson (Infrastructure Assets Manager - Acting)
Mr D McCorkindale (Project Manager - District Plan Review)(to 7.40 pm)
Ms E Ganley (Wastewater Engineer)
Mr K I Hale (Water Supply Engineer)
Mr W D Crockett (Operations Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Miss C Carlyle (Group Support Officer)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Bell ("Chronicle")
Ms S Gillies ("Horowhenua Mail")

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were four members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness were recorded for Crs McMeeken and Allan.

Resolved

(Colling / Good)

"THAT the apologies for lateness be received."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Zealand Police

Senior Sergeant Willie Roy attending to speak on current policing issues within the District.

Sport Horowhenua

Moana Jarden-Osbourne, Sport Horowhenua Co-ordinator, attending to discuss the role she has recently been appointed to, together with current recreational events within the District.

Speaking Rights Requested

- Item 1764 Local Share Funding of Proposed Hokio and Waitarere Water Supplies
- Mr Lew Rohloff, Horowhenua Grey Power Inc
 - Mr Bert Judd

Conflict of Interest

- Item 1768 Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Cr Rush advised that following the comments he would be making in relation to his involvement with Keep New Zealand Beautiful (clause 3b), he would withdraw from the table for discussion and adoption of the proposed recommendations b. & c.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 5 August 2009 (Minute Items 1739-1753)

Resolved

(Colling / Good)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5 August 2009, as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

Cr Hunt advised that with regard to the proposed setting up of a Ratepayers Association at Foxton Beach, consideration was now being given to whether a separate group would be set up or whether those interested would join with another group.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

Item-1760 Proceedings Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee 24 July 2009 and 21 August 2009

File No 4005

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee meetings held on 24 July 2009 and 21 August 2009.

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

“THAT Report 4005 be received.”

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

*“THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee meetings held on 24 July 2009 and 21 August 2009.”*

Item-1761 Proceedings General Grants and Rural Halls Subcommittee 31 August 2009

File No 3994

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the General Grants and Rural Halls Subcommittee meeting held on 31 August 2009.

Resolved

(Good / Judd)

“THAT Report 3994 be received.”

Resolved

(Colling / Keenan)

*“THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the General Grants and Rural Halls Subcommittee meeting held on 31 August 2009.”*

Resolved

(Colling / Keenan)

“THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratify the following allocation of General Grants Funds for the 2009/2010 year totalling \$41,000:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation</i>
<i>Levin Returned & Association Inc</i>	<i>Month entertainment and refreshment to rest home residents</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Horse Drawn Tram Subcommittee (FTDA)</i>	<i>General maintenance for Clydesdales and paddock care etc</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Levin Community Service Inc</i>	<i>Grant towards fuel and operating expenses of hospital transport</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Birthright Levin Inc</i>	<i>Grant towards rental of rooms in Levin Mall</i>	<i>\$3,800</i>
<i>Friends of Horowhenua Health Centre</i>	<i>Grant towards walkway, handrails etc for stroke patients etc</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Levin Group Riding for the Disabled Assn Inc</i>	<i>Grant towards new saddles, bridles, stirrups etc</i>	<i>\$500</i>

Arthritis New Zealand	Grant to cover telecommunications for Manawatu Service Centre	\$1,000
Levin & Districts Befrienders Inc	Grant towards Annual Christmas Party for clients	\$340
Hearing Association Horowhenua Branch Inc	Grant towards meeting overhead expenses	\$3,000
Levin Christian Counselling Centre	Grant towards administration costs	\$1,500
Horowhenua District Health Transportation Trust	Grant towards operational expenses (rental, power, telephone)	\$3,800
Levin Citizens Advice Bureau Inc	Grant towards phones, advertising, insurance, subs and levies etc	\$1,250
Horowhenua Family Violence Intervention Programme	Grant towards operational costs	\$1,300
Shannon Christian Foodbank	Grant towards assisting in purchasing food etc	\$1,385
Contact Inc	Grant towards rental and operation of photocopier	\$1,000
Life Education Trust Kapiti/Horowhenua	Grant towards operation and administration costs	\$375
Levin Branch NZ Society of Genealogists	Grant towards rent, power and heating of premises	\$1,000
Mangaore Village Residents Assn Inc	Grant towards administration and operating expenses	\$500
Samaritans of Horowhenua	Grant towards advertising expenses	\$500
Birthright (Foxton) Inc	Grant towards pamphlet on Birthright services in the area	\$500
Levin Community Patrol	Grant towards phone and cellphone expenses of co-ordinator	\$500
Levin Stroke Support Group	Grant towards rental of rooms in Jack Allen House	\$1,000
Shannon Old Folks Club Inc	Grant towards exterior repainting of Old Folks Club hall	\$3,000
Diabetes NZ Horowhenua	Grant towards publishing/posting of magazine	\$600
St Marys Scout Group	Grant toward annual insurance and hall hire costs	\$350
Shannon Community Action Committee Inc	Grant toward administration and operational costs	\$300
Levin Model Railway Club	Grant towards rental of storage space for club layout	\$200
Levin Adventure Park Charitable Trust	Grant towards matting for infants playground area	\$1,500
Horowhenua Kids Teens & Family Trust	Grant towards teaching materials for afterschool activities	\$200
Levin and Districts Brass Band Inc	Grant towards operational and administrative expenses	\$1,500
Manawatu MS Society-Central Districts	Grant towards weekly Levin Yoga classes	\$1,600
Levin BMX Track	Grant towards building of start ramp area for BMX Track	\$2,000
Pounamu Country Music	Grant towards rental and hireage costs	\$500

<i>Club</i>		
<i>Levin Clothing Bank</i>	<i>Grant towards purchase of cloth/fabric and associated materials</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
	TOTAL	\$41,000"

Resolved

(Colling / Keenan)

"THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratify the following allocation of Rural Hall Grant Funds for the 2009/2010 year totalling \$22,000:

Hall	Project	Amount
<i>Mangaore Village Residents Assn</i>	<i>Sanding and polyurethaning of hall/supper room, vinyl on bar floor</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Koputaroa Hall Society Inc</i>	<i>Grant towards completing outstanding legal issues on hall site</i>	<i>\$2,673</i>
<i>Opiki Hall Society</i>	<i>Replacement of spouting and downpipes</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Poroutawhao Hall Society Inc</i>	<i>Stage One refurbishment of relocated hall</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Manakau District Community Assn</i>	<i>Replacement of rotten wooden window frames in aluminium</i>	<i>\$2,827</i>
<i>Tokomaru Hall Society</i>	<i>Revarnish floor and mark out, replace handbasins in toilets and upgrade kitchen cupboards</i>	<i>\$3,500</i>
	TOTAL	\$22,000"

Cr Murray declared an association with one of the applicant organisations in the following item and withdrew from the table.

Item-1762 Proceedings Local Events Marketing Grants Subcommittee 31 August 2009

File No **3995**

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Local Events Marketing Grants Subcommittee meeting held on 31 August 2009.

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

"THAT Report 3995 be received."

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

*"THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Local Events Marketing Grants Subcommittee meeting held on 31 August 2009."*

Resolved

(Rush / Hunt)

"THAT the Horowhenua District Council endorse grants to be made to the following events being held during 2009/2010 with the funding to be spent on marketing the selected event outside the Horowhenua District:

Name	Event	Amount
Foxton Tourist & Development Assn	Foxton Spring Fling Event 5 September 2009	\$1,500
Eco Fest Educational Charitable Trust	Organic River Festival January 2010	\$2,000
Manawatu Hunt Inc	Centennial Hunt Week April 2010	\$500
Shannon Progressive Association	Shannon Spectacular Car & Bike show February 2010	\$1,500
Levin Branch New Zealand Society of Genealogists	Medallist and Trophy Roadshow November 2009	\$400
Tararua Rodders Inc	Chrome-N-Custom Auto Festival September 2009	\$1,000
Te Iwi O Ngati Tukorehe Trust	"Kuku Rock" Maori concert - 2010	\$1,000
Horowhenua AP&I Assn	Annual AP&I Show 2010	\$1,000
Socks Committee	Coley Street School Half-Marathon/Run/ Walk event November 2009	\$250
Great Forest Events Inc	Great Forest Marathon/Half Marathon Event April 2010	\$1,800
Levin Hot Air Balloon Society Inc	"Lift Off Levin Balloon Fiesta" April 2010	\$3,000

AND FURTHER

THAT the allocations as made by the Subcommittee be conditional upon the successful applicants meeting the following requirements as determined by the Subcommittee:

1. FTDA - funding tagged towards them undertaking radio advertising given the closeness to the event date with a balance sheet to be provided before funding being released.
2. Eco Fest Educational Trust - an audited balance sheet being provided before the release of funds.
3. Manawatu Hunt Inc - provision of quotes together with a balance sheet prior to the release of funds.
4. Shannon Progressive Association - provision of both a balance sheet and quotations prior to the release of funds.
5. Levin Branch - New Zealand Society of Genealogists - provision of balance sheet and quotes prior to the release of funds.
6. Socks Committee - advertising to be undertaken through Walking New Zealand together with the use of signage and flyers.
7. Great Forest Events Inc - advertising to be undertaken in the Walking New Zealand publication and advertising within the greater Wellington area using the Dominion Post.
8. Levin Hot Air Balloon Society Inc - advertising to be confined to the "Dominion Post."

Resolved

(Rush / Hunt)

"THAT Council authorise the Local Events Marketing Subcommittee to conduct a further round in early 2010 to disperse, under the approved funding criteria, the balance of the amount outstanding, being \$4,450.00, together with any funds forfeited by the above organisations through not meeting the Subcommittee's requirements."

Cr Murray rejoined the table.

New Zealand Police

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Senior Sergeant Willie Roy to the table.

Senior Sergeant Roy commented on a number of issues and responded to Councillor queries:

- there were positive results coming from the Memorandum of Understanding between the Police and Council;
- the Police had been involved with the Pool Party for young people which had been very successful;
- there had been more issues at the Sailing Club. Whilst it appeared the Police were being slow to act they were in fact waiting on a legal opinion to ensure the matter was handled properly;
- the Police were liaising effectively with Council's Animal Control staff;
- Project K was another initiative where the Police were working with Raukawa, Council and other agencies to identify areas where they could work collaboratively for the benefit of the local community. Arrangements were being made to launch that in Hinemoa Street;
- EMO meetings were being held on a monthly basis;
- the Police were involved with Council and other agencies in Life to the Max, which was a project recognised nationally as one of the better youth initiatives in the country. A letter had recently been received from the Chief Youth Judge expressing gratitude for what Life to the Max was doing and suggesting it be implemented in other areas. Whilst it was difficult to quantify the results, progress would now be monitored to see if families that had been through Life to the Max came to Police attention again;
- one of the areas that caused the Police the most concern was family violence and alcohol related offences;
- the Police were looking at possibly objecting to one or two local liquor licenses to endeavour to get people to take more responsibility;
- Neighbourhood Support was extremely effective in this community and the Police had used it during last year's flooding as well as an urban search last week for an elderly lady who was missing;
- the Crime Prevention Cameras would be a very good tool if some issues were ironed out. Maintenance had occurred over the past few months. Unfortunately the cameras were not monitored often enough. Ten new volunteers had recently been trained which would help. It would also be helpful to have more 'hot spots' covered, particularly on Friday nights (which were the busiest night of the week). Trees obscuring cameras was an issue in some locations;
- as well as the Community Constable, the Police also had a Community Liaison Officer, with one looking after the main part of the town and the latter being a problem solver, identifying issues and looking for solutions;
- there had been no success as yet identifying the person responsible for shooting cattle but the Police did have some strong leads.

Senior Sergeant Willie Roy was thanked for his attendance and report, with Mayor Duffy complimenting him on keeping himself and the CEO advised on matters of importance.

Sport Horowhenua

Ms Moana Jarden-Osbourne, Sport Horowhenua Coordinator, accompanied by Kathy McMillan, joined the table.

Ms Jarden-Osbourne gave a brief background to herself and what her role as Coordinator encompassed, which included:

- linking people in the district to services provided by Sport Manawatu;
- providing support or links to schools, clubs and RSOs in the Horowhenua;
- working collaboratively with health organisations in the district;
- running events and supporting community projects that promote activity and provide opportunities to be active.

Currently she was working on events, such as the Children's Top Town games at the Foxton Spring Fling, that encouraged people to lead active lives, which were family friendly and catered to the varying needs of the community, and which targeted priority groups identified in the Horowhenua Physical activity strategy.

Ms Jarden-Osbourne gave further examples of the projects with which she was involved.

A copy of Ms Jarden-Osbourne's comments are **attached** to the official minutes.

Ms McMillan supported Ms Jarden-Osbourne's comments noting that there was 28 Sport Manawatu staff working throughout the area. She also noted that they were linking in with the Great Forest Marathon, to hold a night run to attract people to the area and to get those in the area active.

In expressing his appreciation for the presentation and the good work done in the community, Mayor Duffy requested that the Foxton Pool when it opened for the season was not forgotten.

REPORTS

Item-1763 Monitoring Report Horowhenua District Council to 2 September 2009

File No **3988**

Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of Council

Resolved

(Colling / Keenan)

"THAT Report 3988 be received."

Page 18 Item 1655 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 4 February 2009

The Operations Manager advised that maintenance contracts would expire on 30 June 2010 and a procurement strategy for new maintenance contracts had been developed, with Crs Judd and Shaw having been involved in the process. The strategy did provide an opportunity for some of the smaller local contractors to bid for contracts as they came up for tender. Contract specifications would now be developed and a further round of workshops would shortly take place to consider how contracts could potentially be broken up to give smaller contractors the opportunity to bid. Contracts were due to go out for tender in late January/early February 2010.

Once the draft contract specifications were available, some of the smaller contractors would be given the opportunity to evaluate what would be involved in bidding for contracts (such as Health & Safety, Quality Plans, Asset Management) and how officers could assist. To ensure this process was widely advertised, the "Community Connection" and local newspapers would be used and known interested local contractors would be written to.

Item 2802/ Hokio Water and Rating Issues

2918 Mr Ward commented on the complexities that had attended this matter with the next phase being a hui which could take place before the end of this year.

Resolved

(Duffy / Colling)

"THAT the Chief Executive Officer report to the October 2009 Council meeting on Hokio Water and Rating Issues and advising a date that a joint meeting between Council and representatives of the Hokio A Trust will take place."

Item 1690 Multi-Purpose Facility in Foxton

His Worship the Mayor noted that this project was not being driven by Council, with Council's connection being in terms of its Service Centre and its commitment was only that identified in the Annual Plan.

Resolved

(Duffy / Hunt)

"THAT, when appropriate, a report be made to Council to provide an update on the progress in relation to the Multi-Purpose Facility in Foxton."

Page 19 Item 1698 Moutoa Hall and Moutoa Recreation Hall

It was noted that the frame was going up for the Moutoa Hall and good progress was being made.

Page 22 Item 1731 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 1 July 2009

In relation to establishing enforceable speed limit restrictions in designated areas around school zones, Mr Ward advised that staff were drafting letters and copies would be provided to Cr Keenan.

Item-1764 Local share funding of proposed Hokio and Waitarere water supplies.

File No 3986

Purpose

To seek Council approval to make subsidy applications for the proposed Waitarere and Hokio water supplies and a commitment to fund the local share(s).

Resolved

(Colling / Keenan)

“THAT Report 3986 on Local share funding of proposed Hokio and Waitarere water supplies be received.”

GreyPower’s Local Government Spokesman, Mr Lew Rohloff, joined the table to present Grey Power’s views in relation to this matter. Mr Rohloff commenced by enquiring if Councillors were aware that the Minister of Health had suspended the small community assistance programme and what affect, if any, that had on the status of this item on the Agenda.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Council was aware of the review announced by the Minister of Health; however consideration of this item would continue.

Mr Rohloff expressed GreyPower’s concerns in relation to this item suggesting that if Council decided to proceed with these schemes and if they were dependent upon cross-subsidisation, it would be ‘putting the cart before the horse’ (a copy of Mr Rohloff’s verbal submission is **attached** to the official minutes).

Cr Allan joined the meeting at this stage of proceedings (5.20 pm)

Mr Bert Judd spoke in relation to the Waitarere Drinking Water project expressing his concerns:

- in noting an article in the newspaper that “Beach Votes Yes for Water”, he did not believe that there had been any public approval;
- who were the people involved in the group that was talking on behalf of the Waitarere community?
- he believed that the letter and ballot paper that had been distributed were not legal documents;
- people should not be required to sign ballot papers - this was undemocratic and highly illegal;
- from his discussions with people at Waitarere Beach, he believed two thirds of the people were opposed to the scheme;
- there has been no public meetings held on this issue;
- Waitarere people had spent a considerable amount of money on water tanks which provided them with better water quality than could be supplied by the Council;
- there was a feeling in the area that a meeting held by Council would help resolve matters.

In response, Mayor Duffy commented that a public meeting had been held at Waitarere Beach during the Annual Plan process. It had been made clear to the Waitarere Beach community that if it wished, it could explore the opportunity to have a water reticulation system that could be subsidised by the Government. Documentation was provided for each of the eligible beach communities to enable each community to make a decision about what it wished to do. There had been approximately 850 voting papers posted to Waitarere Beach ratepayers, with 490 valid

papers returned. Of that 490, 282 had voted "Yes", with 206 in the negative (copies of the Ratepayer's Poll Results for Waitarere Beach, together with a copy of the Waitarere Beach Progressive and Ratepayers' Association Special Meeting minutes, were distributed to the meeting).

The following was raised in discussion:

- there had been some confusion expressed about the question asked in the Waitarere Beach ballot;
- clearly this was a community driven initiative; however, Council must have faith in the process and that there had been adequate community consultation;
- had the process been fair and robust?
- this was the first step in a long process;
- names and address had been taken off ballot papers before votes were counted.

It was noted that a Community Consultation meeting was to be held at the Waitarere Beach Bowling Club on Sunday 13 September 2009 at 11.00 am.

The meeting adjourned for a meal break at 5.55 pm and reconvened at 6.30 pm.

Upon the meeting resuming, Mr Ward recapped:

- the Capital Assistance Programme had not been dropped, it was being reviewed;
- there had been no funds allocated from the March application round;
- he was extremely concerned with respect to the Minister's message, particularly at a time when this district had four schemes that wished to apply for funding;
- Council and the communities concerned had invested hugely in these proposals;
- with regard to Shannon, that application would be filed on Friday of this week (4 September 2009).

Mr Ross Nicholson, Council's Acting Infrastructure Assets Manager, introduced Ms Erin Ganley to the meeting. Ms Ganley, whilst being Council's Wastewater Engineer, had had previous experience with Capital Assistance Programme applications and had therefore assisted with Council's applications.

Ms Ganley reiterated the matters covered in the report.

Mr Nicholson said that officers were seeking guidance from Council. If Council's response was no, that would be the end of the matter; if Council wished to proceed then these applications would be factored into the Annual Plan/LTCCP process, with full public consultation still being involved. Putting in the applications was only one part of the process.

Mr Nicholson did not believe that Shannon's application would be disadvantaged by putting in a number of applications together as any competition for funding would not be amongst the four being submitted.

In relation to the status of the Hokio application, Ms Ganley said that it was her understanding that the Hokio group had been supported by officers from the Ministry of Health. There had been changes in staff at the Ministry of Health and the Hokio group had come to the realisation that some of the verbal assurances received from Ministry staff could not be relied on.

In relation to the estimated cost of the Waitarere Beach scheme, Ms Ganley confirmed that the \$8.5m estimate should include the cost of water meters.

Cr Shaw expressed his concern at hearing of the review of the subsidy, particularly as Shannon had taken 14 years to reach this point. Whilst he did not believe the Government had the funding to subsidise these schemes, he also did not believe that communities would be able to upgrade their water supply systems from rates.

His Worship the Mayor acknowledged the presence at the meeting of Judy Drake of the Shannon Community Action Group.

Mayor Duffy commented on the actions taken over the past 24 hours:

- immediately upon receipt of the Minister's announcement, a meeting of key personnel was held in the CEO's office for briefing and consideration of options;
- at 7.00 this morning he had attended a business breakfast in Kapiti where he had spoken on the matter with Nathan Guy, MP for Otaki, and with Minister Brownlee;
- at 9.30 am he had received a response from Minister Guy, who had spoken to the Minister of Health to seek an indication of where this matter was sitting;
- Mr Ward had exchanged messages with Nathan Guy.

Mayor Duffy's expectation was that there would probably not be any action on this matter in the next twelve months. As far as Hokio and Waitare Beach were concerned, those communities should continue, although more slowly, to explore their options to be prepared for any opportunity when it may arise. If there were no subsidies available, no money would be spent.

Resolved

(Colling / McMeeken)

"THAT this matter or decision be recognised as significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002."

Resolved

(Colling / McMeeken)

"THAT Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to make an immediate capital assistance subsidy application to the Ministry of Health for the provision of a reticulated water supply to the Shannon Community."

"THAT Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to make a capital assistance subsidy application, to the Ministry of Health before 23 September 2009, for the provision of a reticulated water supply to the Hokio Beach Community."

"THAT Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to have officers continue to meet and consult with water committees that wish to continue to have an active role in water scheme implementation."

Item-1765 Shannon Discharges from Treatment Ponds and Manholes

File No **4010**

Purpose

To respond to concerns raised by Mr Wayne Rider at the Council meeting of 5 August 2009 in which it was resolved that the Chief Executive Officer further investigate matters around manhole discharges.

Resolved

(Colling / Keenan)

“THAT Report 4010 be received.”

Mr Ward advised that a copy of the report had been provided to Mr Rider.

Resolved

(Shaw / Allan)

“THAT the Council take no further action on this matter at this time.”

Item-1766 Proposed Plan Change 22 to the Horowhenua District Council Operative District Plan

File No 4008

Purpose

To obtain a Council resolution to publicly notify Proposed Plan Change 22 relating to Outstanding Natural Features (ONF), Outstanding Natural Landscapes (ONL) and High Amenity Landscapes (HAL) within the District.

Resolved

(Colling / Judd)

“THAT Report 4008 on Proposed Plan Change 22 to the Operative District Plan, and the tabled addendum, be received.”

Mr Thomas and Mr McCorkindale joined the table to speak to this report, with Mr Thomas giving an explanation with regard to the addendum tabled and advising that since the last workshop, meetings had been held with Paul Thomas and Nicky Treadwell and a whole day had been spent with Council’s legal advisor, Andrew Cameron.

Cr McMeeken raised the issue of the Notable Trees Register and commented that this Plan Change seemed to fall short of promoting that. A lot of good work had been done by Cr Hager and she did want to see that lost.

Mr McCorkindale said that the Notable Trees Register did not form part of Plan Change 22, with Plan Change 22 being limited to Section 6 of the RMA. He would see this as being part of the District Plan Review and he had sought over recent months to clean up the Schedule in the District Plan, with trees that had been blown down in recent storm events being taken off the Register.

In terms of how much the amended version of the Assessment of the Outstanding Landscapes and Natural Features had changed from that which had been workshopped, Mr Thomas advised that to some extent the changes were grammatical and some of the features had been reclassified.

Cr Murray commented that, whilst he understood what Council was trying to achieve, he had expressed some concern during the workshops. He believed that any issues would be raised through the submissions process, particularly around outstanding natural features and farmland.

There were going to be some strong controls in those areas that had not been there in the past and he looked forward to some good public feedback.

Resolved

(Good / Allan)

"THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002."

Resolved

(Good / Allan)

"THAT the Horowhenua District Council Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes document be amended as follows:

- 1. Proposed maps 32 and 33 be amended in accordance with the proposed maps 32 and 33 tabled at the meeting.*
- 2. The definition of a "Coastal foredune outstanding natural feature" be added to the amendments to Section 25, General Provisions: Definitions, of the District Plan, as follows:
"Coastal foredune is a shore-parallel dune ridge formed on the top of the backshore of a beach by wind and sand transportation and deposition and where any vegetation consists of sand colonising flora such as pikao or pingao (*Desmoschoenus spiralis*)/ spinifex (*Spinifex sericeus*); sand tussock (*Austrofestuca littoralis*) or marram grass (*Ammophila arenaria*)".*
- 3. The first paragraph of proposed section 22.1.10 be amended to add the words "or specified" so as to read as follows: "....shown **or specified** on Planning Maps 32 or 33.*
- 4. Proposed section 19.9.3 be amended to add the words "or specified" so as to read as follows "..... on any land shown **or specified** as Outstanding Natural Landscape or"*

CARRIED

Resolved

(Good / Allan)

"THAT subject to any amendments resolved upon, Proposed Plan Change 22 as set out in the Attachments to this report be publicly notified in accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act prior to 1 October 2009."

Resolved

(Good / Allan)

"THAT the Hearing Committee undertakes the necessary hearings for the Proposed Plan Change and makes its recommendation to the Council in due course."

Resolved

(McMeeken / Allan)

"THAT the Notable Tree Register be updated and be included in the review of the District Plan."

Item-1767 Proposed Plan Change 23: Financial Contributions

File No **4007**

Purpose

The report is to seek the Council's approval to commence public notification of Proposed Plan Change 23 to the Horowhenua District Plan (hereafter referred to as the "District Plan") under the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This proposal was together with Proposed Plan Change 22 (Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes) the subject of a Council workshop on the 10 August 2009 and is referred to as Plan Change 23 (Financial Contributions).

Resolved

(Allan / Hunt)

"THAT Report 4007 on Proposed Plan Change 23: Financial Contributions be received."

Mr McCorkindale advised that what was proposed was a technical plan change to remove reference to financial contributions in the District Plan, which has been superseded by Development Contributions.

Resolved

(Allan / Hunt)

"THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002."

"THAT officers be authorised, pursuant to the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act, to publicly notify Proposed Plan Change 23 as set out in the attachments of this report, subject to any amendments considered appropriate."

"THAT the Hearing Committee undertake the necessary hearings for the Proposed Plan Change and make its recommendation to the Council in due course."

Item-1768 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 2 September 2009

File No **3990**

Purpose

This report is prepared to update Councillors on a number of current matters that the Chief Executive Officer is dealing with.

Resolved

(Keenan / Murray)

"THAT Report 3990 be received."

3b. Keep New Zealand Beautiful

Cr Rush gave a verbal report in relation to his involvement with Keep New Zealand Beautiful, commenting:

- half a lifetime ago he had been the first Director of Keep New Zealand Beautiful;

- he had great pleasure when the Mayor asked him to become the Chair of Keep Levin Beautiful;
- he had been asked to become the Zone representative on the Board, which was a very active group;
- there were some major changes underway;
- it was Clean Up New Zealand Week this week with technology being used to enrol organisations and individuals;
- New World was the sponsor for Clean Up New Zealand Week.

Cr Rush withdrew from the table for consideration and resolution of the recommendations.

Resolved

(Allan / Colling)

“THAT Council nominates Councillor Tony Rush as the Horowhenua District Council representative at the Annual General Meeting of Keep New Zealand Beautiful to be held in Rotorua on 25 September 2009.”

Resolved

(Allan / Colling)

“THAT Council nominates Councillor Tony Rush as the Zone 2 representative on the Board of Keep New Zealand Beautiful.”

Cr Rush rejoined the table.

3c. Neighbourhood Support Group

Resolved

(McMeeken / Keenan)

“THAT Councillor Hunt be nominated to replace Cr McMeeken as the Council's representative on the Neighbourhood Support Group.”

3f. Youth in Transition

Mayor Duffy commented that this group wanted to find a mechanism to look after young people who fell through the cracks and he strongly believed it was the responsibility of Council to work in partnership with other organisations to find the best way possible to assist these young people. In terms of the Mayors Task Force, there was funding available to assist. Support was also coming from the Principal of Manawatu College who was very much behind such an initiative.

Cr Good provided copies of the Horowhenua Education Strategy Consultation Notes (**attached** to the official minutes) for Councillors' information.

Cr Good further commented, in looking at the gaps that existed in the system, the extent of the problem was not known, e.g. how many 15 year olds did not attend school; how many 16-18 year olds were not in education, but were unable to get the dole; how many older youth were not able to get jobs? The intention was to scope the extent of the problem and what could be done to address it. Training was an issue that would be explored as there were insufficient training places currently available in the district.

3g. Rating Review Workshops
Mr Ward suggested that Councillors kept Wednesdays free for the foreseeable future to accommodate these workshops.

3i. Review of Alcohol Legislation

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

“THAT Officers in conjunction with Councillors McMeeken, Rush and Good provide a submission on the Review of Alcohol legislation on behalf of the Horowhenua District Council.”

3j. 2009/2019 LTCCP Monitoring Report

Page 55 Item 2 Request for Funding Events Centre
Not yet completed.

Page 59 Item 6 Projects for Shannon CBC

It was suggested that Transit should be responsible for the basic lighting costs in Plimmer Terrace, with Council paying for any extra that may be required for the type of lights chosen.

Page 65 Item 28 Provision of Walking and Cycling Strategies

A report back to Council was requested and an indicative date.

It was further suggested that this matter be renamed as it was about strategies which would give effect to our vision for environmental wellbeing. Plan Change 21 would also feed into this matter.

Item-1769 Resource Consents Considered Under Delegated Authority

File No 3992

Purpose

To consider the Land Use and Subdivision Resource Consent applications approved under delegated authority by the Environmental and Regulatory Services Department.

Resolved

(Good / Rush)

“THAT Report 3992 be received.”

Resolved

(Good / Rush)

“THAT the Land Use and Subdivision Resource Consents be received as listed:

***All Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
24/07/09 to 21/08/09***

Date	File Ref	Subdivider	Address
24-Jul-09	2788	Glynn & Diana Harrison	178 Tokomaru East Road, Tokomaru Rural

**All Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
24/07/09 to 21/08/09**

Date	File Ref	Applicant	Address
3-Aug-09	2800	Trevor & Mina Teal	14A Robbie Street, Foxton Beach
12-Aug-09	2812	Ross Brannigan	2 Hart Street, Foxton Beach
18-Aug-09	2815	Seventh Day Adventist Church	56-58 Cambridge Street, Levin
19-Aug-09	2804	Ann-Maree, Brian & John Thomas	104 Gladstone Road, Levin Rural
19-Aug-09	2801	Scott Batie	843 Hokio Beach Road, Hokio Beach
21-Aug-09	2803	Whaioranga Rangiuia	18 Mako Mako Road, Levin."

Item-1770 Documents Executed and Electronic Transactions Authorities Signed

File No **3993**

Purpose

To present to Council the documents that have been signed, Electronic Transactions Authorities that have been signed and Contracts that have been signed by two elected Councillors, which now need ratification.

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

"THAT Report 3993 be received."

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

"THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratify the signing of the documents and electronic transactions authorities as scheduled.

- i. Consent to the Adverse Possession Application by the executor of the estate of Ralph Fuller Barnett of Part of Section 344 Township of Foxton and shown as Palmerson Street on DP 138 and the Adverse Possession of Lot 9 DP 138 held in Certificate of Title WN21/283 pursuant to an application under the Land Transfer Amendment Act 1963.*
- ii. Bond binding Larry Stewart and Jane Ellison to Horowhenua District Council in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00 GST inclusive) to complete the conditions as set out in Resource Consent LUC/2774/2009 - 51 Hartley Street, Foxton Beach.*

"THAT the Horowhenua District Council confirms the decision in accepting the following contracts and that authority be given to the signing of Electronic Transactions Authorities:

Contract No. 08/32 : Shannon Watermain Renewal."

Item-1771 Survey Plans Approved by Delegated Authority Pursuant to Section 223

File No 3991

Purpose

To present to Council for certification the list of survey plans approved by delegated authority pursuant to Section 223 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Murray)

“THAT the following subdivisions approved under delegated authority and s223 of the Resource Management Act be noted:

Date	File	Subdivider	Address
24-Jul-09	2722	David J Honore Limited	87 Kuku East Road, Ohau Rural
24-Jul-09	2708	Eric & Joan Clarke	191 Roslyn Road, Levin
24-Jul-09	2345	Stephen & Maureen Laing	45 Fairfield Road, Levin Rural
14-Aug-09	2604	Richard & Anne Broadley	506 Hickford Road, Foxton Rural
18-Aug-09	2661	Alex & Joan Hogg	48-58 Hoggs Road, Levin Rural
18-Aug-09	2601	Barbara Timms	1035 Queen Street East, Levin Rural.”

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved

(Colling / Hunt)

“THAT the Horowhenua District Council pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.”

Confirmation of Minutes Ordinary Meeting 5 August 2009 (Minute Items 1754-1759

Item-1772 Chief Executive Officer's Report In Committee

Item-1773 In Committee Horowhenua District Council Monitoring Report to 2 September 2009

Reason for Confidentiality

These report are **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following grounds: -

- 48(1a) *That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.*

