

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 126-148 OXFORD STREET, LEVIN ON WEDNESDAY,
14 APRIL 2010 COMMENCING AT 4:15 PM**

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor, Mr B J Duffy (Chair)
Cr D A Allan
Cr G G Good
Cr L E McMeeken
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 B H Austin (Manager - Community Assets)
Mr D M Clapperton (Strategic & Corporate Services Manager)(until 7.12 pm)
Mr D Law (Finance Manager)
Mr T Thomas (Environmental Services Manager)
Mr R R Nicholson (Infrastructure Assets Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms C Carlyle (Group Support Officer)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms K Gazley ("Horowhenua Mail")
Mr P Franklin ("Chronicle")

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were 11 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaking Rights Requested

Item 1873 Proceedings Local Events Marketing Grants Subcommittee
Mrs Julie Harris

Item 1877 Monitoring Report - Item 1833 (page 68) - Proceedings Major Events Subcommittee
Mrs Julie Harris

Item 1880 Shannon Wastewater Treatment Plant - Update
Mrs Christina Paton
Mr Bert Judd

Item 1882 Adoption of Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011
Mr Bryan Ten Have

Late Items

There were no late items for consideration.

Member's Conflict of Interest

Mr Ward thanked members for providing information to update the Interest's Register.

Item 1872 Proceedings Creative Communities NZ Scheme Local Assessment Special Committee - 22 March 2010
Cr L E McMeeken

Item 1881 Remuneration Authority Determination
Cr G G Good

Presentation from Keep Levin Beautiful's Chair, Cr A D Rush

The meeting commenced with a PowerPoint presentation from Cr Rush on behalf of Keep Levin Beautiful (KLB). KLB put forward a proposal to deal with litter, particularly cigarette butts, with Cr Rush making the point that people who smoke do not tend to regard the residue of their habit as litter.

A copy of Cr Rush's PowerPoint presentation is **attached** to the official minutes.

In response to a query, Cr Rush said he believed the proposed butt receptacles were sturdier than those currently in use and would be less susceptible to vandalism.

Mayor Duffy complimented Cr Rush on the positive work done by Keep Levin Beautiful which was a brilliant example of working collaboratively for the community.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 3 March 2010 (Minute Items 1851-1860)

Resolved

(Allan / Judd)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 March 2010 (Minute Items 1851-1860), as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Extraordinary Meeting 30 March 2010 (Minute Items 1865-1868)

Resolved

(Judd / Allan)

"THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30 March 2010 (Minute Items 1865-1868), as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

Item-1871 Proceedings Foxton Community Board 22 March 2010

File No **4154**

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 22 March 2010.

Resolved

(Allan / Judd)

"THAT Report 4154 be received."

*"THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 22 March 2010."*

In response to a query as to the status of Item 459 - Foxton River Loop Reserve Gravel Track Closure, Mr Ward advised that this would be an item on the 5 May 2010 Council Agenda.

Mr Clapperton confirmed that the resolution in relation to the retention of the existing façade of the present Foxton Service Centre in any new building for the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Project was an existing resolution of Council and did not require further debate.

In response to queries, the meeting was advised:

- the need for the names to be provided by Cr Hunt in relation to the Foxton Youth Council had been overtaken by other events and was no longer required;
- a copy of the report on the Pinewood Motor Camp to be circulated by Mr Vertongen to Community Board members would also be provided to Councillors.

In relation to Item 452 (page 12) - Foxton Youth Council Committee, Cr McMeeken expressed her concern that the provision of youth services in the district was being fragmented. Mr Ward commented on the presentation made by members of the Foxton Tourist & Development Association supporting the establishment of a Youth Council for Foxton at the February 2010 Community Board meeting. Further discussions would be held with this group.

Cr McMeeken withdrew from the table.

Item-1872 Proceedings Creative Communities NZ Scheme Local Assessment Special Committee 22 March 2010

File No 4157

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme Local Assessment Special Committee meeting held on 22 March 2010.

Resolved

(Rush / Keenan)

"THAT Report 4157 be received."

Cr Hunt noted that she had been unable to attend this meeting. However, she had gone to the original workshop. Concern had been expressed that some funding recipients did not acknowledge the source of funding received, and this had been brought to the Committee's attention.

Resolved

(Good / Hunt)

*"THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme Local Assessment Special Committee meeting held on 22 March 2010."*

"THAT the recommendations made by the Creative Communities New Zealand Local Assessment Special Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2010 be accepted:

"THAT the Small Claims Grant Fund be topped up by \$1,500 to make the fund stand at \$1,830."

"THAT it be recommended to the Horowhenua District Council that it ratify the following applications totalling \$7,531.74 from the Creative Communities New Zealand Local Assessment Fund as follows:

Name	Project	Amount
Horowhenua Arts Society Inc	Grant Lodge - Oil Painting Workshop 24 April 2010	\$465.00
Foxton Festival of Murals Trust	4 th Foxton Fantastic Festival of Murals - 1-4 April 2010	\$335.74
Joan O'Dea	Publication of book on Martin Butler, Levin's pioneer aviator	\$1,500.00
Events Unlimited Leigh McMeeken	Horowhenua Star Search 9-10 July 2010	\$1,200.00
Taitoko Dance Theatre Trust	Dancing through the Decades 2010 Show 5-11 September 2010	\$2,531.00
Horowhenua Floral Art & Garden Club Inc	Costs associated with demonstrator Mary McGregor 6 May 2010	\$1,500.00

AND FURTHER

That the balance remaining from the total amount available for allocation (\$2,506.40) be carried over to the next funding round in September 2010."

Cr McMeeken rejoined the table.

**Item-1873 Proceedings Special Meeting Local Events Marketing Grant Subcommittee 1
March 2010**

File No **4156**

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of Local Events Marketing Grant Subcommittee special meeting held on 1 March 2010.

Resolved

(Murray / Shaw)

“THAT Report 4156 be received.”

Mrs Harris was invited to the table to exercise her speaking rights. Mrs Harris expressed confusion about the application of the Local Events Marketing criteria in relation to the grants made in this round and requested clarification. She also queried how this fitted in with the Major Events Subcommittee.

Cr Rush clarified that the two Grant Schemes were totally different schemes. In terms of the Local Events Marketing Grants made, the Subcommittee had looked at the applications and in each case an event had been involved and the Subcommittee believed they had met the criteria.

Cr Hunt also confirmed that the Subcommittee had been comfortable that the grants allocated had been appropriate. She also noted that the Major Events Subcommittee had recently met to review the role of the Major Events Grant and its criteria and a report on that would be coming to the May 2010 Council meeting.

After further discussion, when it was noted that it would be helpful, for Councillors' information, to have the criteria included with reports to Council on grants allocated, it was:

Resolved

(Allan / Rush)

“THAT reports to Council of the Local Events Marketing Grant and Major Events Grant Subcommittees include the criteria.”

Resolved

(Allan / McMeeken)

“THAT the grants allocated by the Local Events Marketing Grant Subcommittee on 1 March 2010 be referred back to the Subcommittee for further consideration.”

It was clarified that the Subcommittee did not have delegated authority to make the grants without Council sign off, so it was appropriate, if there were concerns, that the grants be reconsidered.

It was noted that Creative Communities Grants were not funded by Council.

Item-1874 Proceedings Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee - 12 December 2009, 19 February 2010, 19 March 2010

File No **4143**

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee meetings held on:

- i. 18 December 2009
- ii. 19 February 2010,

Resolved

(Judd / Good)

“THAT Report 4143 be received.”

*“THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Joint Transport & health Services Subcommittee meetings of 18 December 2009 and 19 February 2010.*

Cr Judd noted the resolution in the 19 February 2010 Minutes that “The Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee recommends to Council that the budget of \$10,000.00 set aside for the community bus be transferred to the Horowhenua District Health Transportation Trust” and suggested this should be addressed sooner rather than later.

Item-1875 Proceedings Hearing Committee - 10 November 2009

File No **4172**

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Hearing Committee meeting held on 10 November 2009 in relation to SUB 2196 - Leopard Subdivision Application - Objection to Fees.

Resolved

(Allan / McMeeken)

“THAT Report 4172 be received.”

*“THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Hearing Committee meeting held on 10 November 2009.”*

Item-1876 Hearing Committee Proceedings 17 September 2009 and 10 November 2009

File No **4170**

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Hearing Committee meetings held on 17 September 2009 in relation to applications for Special Exemptions under the Requirements of the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 and LUC/2712/2008 - Application for Land Use Consents to Establish an Early Childhood Care and Education Facility at 73 Whelans Road held on 17 September 2009 and 10 November 2009.

Resolved

(Allan / McMeeken)

"THAT Report 4170 be received."

*"THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Hearing Committee meetings held on 17 September 2009 and 10 November 2009."*

REPORTS

Item-1877 Monitoring Report Horowhenua District Council to 14 April 2010

File No **4158**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Judd / Keenan)

"THAT Report 4158 be received, including the late item tabled in relation to Item 1782 - Environmental Vision for Coastal Lakes and Lowlands."

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

Mrs Harris joined the table and reiterated her concerns in relation to the Major Events Grant. She queried where the report was that was supposed to come to Council on 3 March 2010.

It was noted that a meeting had been held last week on this matter and a report would be included on the 5 May 2010 Council Agenda.

Mr Ward updated the meeting on Monitoring Report items as follows:

Page 62 Item 2802 Hokio Water and Rating Issues

Following up discussions were being held with Mr Bradley Taueki to move this matter forward.

Page 64 Item 1799 Field Street Extension, Foxton - Uplifting of Road Reserve and Dedicating as Road

"December 2009" should be moved from the 'Date Completed' column to 'Date to Action by'.

This matter was not get completed, but it was hoped to have a conclusion by 30 June 2010.

Page 66 Item 1819 Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee

The report would be an agenda item on the May 2010 Council meeting.

Item 1821 Waitarere Wastewater

It was noted that there were those at Waitarere that thought there was a credit in the Wastewater Account.

Resolved

(Keenan / Murray)

"THAT officers advise the Waitarere Progressive Association of the status of the Waitarere Wastewater Account."

CARRIED

Page 69 Item 1837 Horowhenua District Plan Changes 20 and 21
Item 1938 Mr Thomas advised that three (3) appeals had now been received.

Page 70 Item 1853 Queen Street Pathway
Rather than 'completed', this matter was on-going.

Item 1854 Education Horowhenua
This matter was now completed.

Item-1878 Horowhenua Library Trust - Draft Statement of Intent 2010-2011

File No 4147

Purpose

For the Council to consider the Draft Horowhenua Library Trust's Statement of Intent for 2010/11 as required by Section 65 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Resolved

(Good / McMeeken)

"THAT Report 4147 be received."

Mr Clapperton, in speaking to this report, noted that whilst the recommendation in the Agenda was to accept the draft Statement of Intent as submitted, upon consideration of the fact that the Draft Annual Plan only provided for funding of \$1,006,000.00, and the Sol provided for an amount of \$1,070,000.00, the Horowhenua Library Trust should be requested to recalculate its budgets for 2010/2011 and make a submission through the Annual Plan process for any additional funding. The Trust could then clarify its reasons for seeking an increase in funding.

Whilst appreciating the issues behind Mr Clapperton's suggested change, Cr Good said Council had commissioned a report on the Library's operation, with suggestions coming out of that that did impact heavily on the Library. He had been impressed by the effort made by the Library staff to implement the many of the recommendations contained in the review, with a lot of successful things happening. He could not support Mr Clapperton's revised recommendation as Council had commissioned a report and having received the report, it should now be prepared to fund it.

Cr Good's comments were also supported by Cr Rush, who noted that the Library now was not just about books but also provided many other services. He believed that in recent years there had been no increase in funding apart from inflation, and if the Library was to supply additional services, such as internet access, additional funding was required.

The following was raised in discussion:

- a concern in the community in Shannon that the Library would be closed and located at the school, with reassurance required that this would not happen:

- a lack of books for adult readers at Shannon had also been suggested;
- Councillors had been of the understanding that a report would be received in tandem with Jan Bierman's review so that this matter could be further discussed;
- if the funding allocated in the Draft Annual Plan was changed, Councillors would need to consider where this would be funded from.

Resolved

(Judd / McMeeken)

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

"THAT Council receives the draft Statement of Intent 2010/2011 from the Horowhenua Library Trust."

"THAT Council advises the Horowhenua Library Trust that it does not accept the draft Statement of Intent for 2010/2011."

"THAT Council requests the Horowhenua Library Trust to modify the draft Statement of Intent, specifically on the following aspect:

(i) Funding

The Trust to recalculate budgets for the three years of the Statement of Intent based on the following Council grant:

21/10/11 \$1,006,000.'

Crs Good and Rush recorded their votes against the motion.

It was noted that there was a targeted rate for the Library and clarification was requested on the deductions made before the amount that was finally apportioned to the Library. It was queried if a deduction for rates was also included.

Mr Law said the targeted rate, shown in the Funding Impact Statement, was \$1,390,122.00. Costs that were borne by the Council such as interest on loans, insurance, depreciation, maintenance of the building, were deducted from this; costs that were not directly met by the Library Trust.

His Worship the Mayor, whilst noting the issues around the table, said he did not believe Councillors had any option but to go with the amended recommendation. Whilst the Library Trust may not be happy, if the original recommendation had been adopted then the Draft Annual Plan would need to be revisited.

Item-1879 Amendment to Horowhenua Development Plan

File No 4139

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider an amendment to the Horowhenua Development Plan adopted by Council in 2008.

Resolved

(Murray / Shaw)

"THAT Report 4139 be received."

Resolved

(Allan / Judd)

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

“THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the amended Horowhenua Development Plan.”

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the Chief Executive Officer's report would be received prior to the meeting adjourning for a meal break.

Item-1883 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 14 April 2010

File No **4163**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Allan / Rush)

“THAT Report 4163 be received.”

Mr Ward spoke to his report, commenting on the various issues for consideration.

3.a. Building Act Review

Mr Ward acknowledged particularly the work of Council's Senior Building Advisory Officer, who had been organising lunch time meetings for builders, which had been well attended. Good support and a good response had also been received from the Department of Building and Housing.

3.c. Totalspan - Undercover Kids Programme 2010

Resolved

(Allan / Rush)

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

“THAT the Horowhenua District Council again support the Totalspan Undercoverkids Bus shelter programme and work with Totalspan on any shelters selected for our area.”

3.d. 2009-2010 LTCCP Monitoring Report

Page 127 Item 9 Consultation with Māori

Mr Ward advised that earlier in the day he had attended a meeting with Te Mauri O Rangitaane O Manawatu Tanenuiarangi where very positive comments had been received. It had been very interesting to hear a presentation from Rangitaane staff acknowledging how they had benefited from the relationship with Council.

The last hui with Te Ao Māori had been held at Ngatokowaru Marae, and this was to be amended in the Monitoring Report.

Item 19 Waste Management

This report was scheduled for the May 2010 Council meeting.

Cr McMeeken declared an interest in the next item and withdrew from the table.

Page 22 Item 22 School Speed Zones

Mr Ward provided the following update:

Vehicle speed and volume data was gathered during March 2010 and has been forwarded to a Traffic Engineer for review and analysis. The Traffic Engineer's draft report is due by 30 April 2010. The final report will be forwarded to NZTA for decisions on speed restrictions at the various school sites, which are anticipated around the end of April 2010.

Cr McMeeken rejoined the table.

The meeting adjourned for a meal break at 6.00 pm, reconvening at 6.37 pm.

To allow Mr Ten Have the opportunity to speak to the Adoption of the Draft Annual Plan before he had to leave for a further engagement, Mayor Duffy proposed that the Adoption of the Annual Plan be the next Agenda item.

Item-1882 Adoption of Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011

File No **4168**

Purpose

To formally adopt the Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011 and the policy changes proposed therein for public consultation purposes.

Resolved

(Allan / Rush)

"THAT Report 4168 on the adoption of the draft Annual Plan be received."

Mr Ten Have was welcomed to the table.

With regard to the Levin's cinema, Mr Ten Have queried if any money had been set aside by Council in the Annual Plan to upgrade the facility, which was in a bad state of repair.

His Worship the Mayor responded that a sum in the region of \$300,000.00 had been budgeted.

At the last Council meeting Crs Judd and McMeeken were awaiting a report on pensioner flats and Mr Ten Have enquired if the report would be available to the public.

Mayor Duffy said that was unlikely as there were issues of confidentiality and commercial sensitivity.

Mr Ten Have said that while he applauded the fact that the forecasted rates increase had been reduced, why was it not made 4.98% across the board, as the beaches had a 10% rise and lifestyle blocks a 7% increase.

Mayor Duffy suggested Mr Ten Have make a submission to the Annual Plan process.

Mr Ten Have said he had spent a lot of time involved with the last Annual Plan round and the result had been a token gesture, which he had found disappointing. Out of that process had come the Levin Ratepayers' Association. He said he would like to know that there was going to be open and honest consultation this time around.

His Worship the Mayor said he did not know how it would be possible to get the consultation more open and honest. Audit New Zealand had approved Council in terms of how it had undertaken the process. Next week Council was distributing a summary document on the Draft Annual Plan for the community to digest. That would be followed by five weeks of consultation. During that process, as an individual Mr Ten Have would have the opportunity to speak to whomever he wished, and he would be treated with respect.

Mr Te Have stated that the most complaints to the Ombudsman had come from the Horowhenua.

His Worship the Mayor queried that that in fact was the case.

With regard to the issue of the cinema, Mayor Duffy declined to answer on the grounds of commercial sensitivity.

Mr Ward then spoke to the report advising that Council had received an Unqualified Audit Opinion from Audit New Zealand, with regard to policy changes, with Audit New Zealand stating that the District Council had complied with the requirements of the Act in all material respects demonstrating good practice for a Council of its size and scale within the context of its environment.

Mr Ward acknowledged the huge cast of people involved in putting together the Draft Annual Plan, with particular reference to staff input. The document would be available on Friday 16 April 2010, which would be followed by five weeks of consultation; a week longer than required. Public meetings would be held during the earlier part of the process. The Summary Document would be posted mid next week, and he had made sure that RD4 people would get copies.

Cr Shaw requested on page 7 of the Draft Annual Plan amendments, Item 52, "new public toilets", the inclusion 'or refurbishment and retain façade'.

Mayor Duffy said he could not emphasise enough the value of the Unqualified Audit Opinion. He tendered his compliments to Councillors and Council staff on a job well done.

Resolved

(Judd / McMeeken)

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

"THAT the proposal to introduce a revised Development Contributions Policy from 1 July 2010 be adopted by way of special consultative procedure in conjunction with the Draft Annual Plan."

"THAT a proposal to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy by introducing a targeted rates for the Foxton Community Board from 1 July 2010, be adopted by way of special consultative procedure in conjunction with the Draft Annual Plan."

"THAT a proposal to amend the Liability Management Policy from 1 July 2010 be adopted by way of special consultative procedure in conjunction with the Draft Annual plan."

"THAT a proposal to change various User Fees and Charges from 1 July 2010 be adopted by way of special; consultative procedure in conjunction with the Draft Annual Plan."

"THAT the audited Draft Annual Plan for 2010/2011 be adopted by way of the special consultative procedure."

Item-1880 Shannon Waste Water Treatment Plant - Update

File No 4166

Purpose

This report is intended to cover an update on the current situation with respect to the Shannon Wastewater treatment plant. The attached report provides a review of the past decade and a proposal for working with Horizons Regional Council to make progress with this facility. A further report containing commercially sensitive information is included in the "in committee" agenda. This report enables the context surrounding that report to be discussed in public for the information of interested citizens.

Resolved

(Shaw / Keenan)

"THAT Report 4166 on Shannon Waste Water Treatment Plant - Update be received."

His Worship the Mayor advised that Mr Ten have would be recording the responses to Mrs Paton's comments.

Mr & Mrs Paton were welcomed to the table. Mrs Paton prefaced her comments with a request that in relation to the Draft Annual Plan, the size of the print be increased to make it easier to read.

In commenting on Council's proposal to establish a floating wetland at the Shannon Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mrs Paton said she had visited the Carterton District Council website where wastewater was called a 'resource' and she queried if there would be an opportunity for Council to compost and market any material out of the floating wetland.

A copy of Mrs Paton's comments is **attached** to the official minutes.

Mr Austin and Mr Nicholson joined the table to respond to some of the issues raised by Mrs Paton.

Mr Nicholson commented:

- stormwater was an issue;
- the proposed floating wetland was a better solution than a fixed wetland;
- Council hoped to learn sufficient in the first twelve months of operation to get itself up to speed;
- in relation to the issue of wild fowl, because there was an existing pond he did not anticipate there would be any increase in bird numbers;
- he had not considered the possibility of harvesting and composting and would investigate that aspect;
- with respect to UV disinfection, trials would indicate whether a UV plant was needed.

Mr Bert Judd, in exercising his speaking rights, gave a background to the Shannon Wastewater project, mentioning a possible subsidy from the Crown, which he felt Council might still be able to access.

Mayor Duffy stressed that there was presently no Central Government subsidy on offer and Council would be pursuing such funding should it again become available.

Mr Judd further expressed his concern that there was no-one in New Zealand using the proposed system and Council would be guinea pigs. It may never get off the ground and nothing would have been achieved. He believed a system such as used at Waitarere would be more suitable. Whilst what was proposed appeared the cheapest option, he was not sure it was going to work. Council had an obligation to its ratepayers for sewerage and water and he felt these things could be done a lot better. He suggested there was a need for further consultation. He also suggested that Council apply to the Crown for a debenture and buy a farm to provide a disposal site.

Mr Nicholson reiterated his earlier comments that, whilst they were not sure how well the proposed floating wetland would perform, it would certainly be better than a fixed wetland.

In response to a query as to why Kauri Park representatives were not at the meeting to respond to questions, Mr Nicholson said they had not been invited, but would have been willing to come if required.

After further discussion, whilst Councillors generally expressed their support for the concept, it was suggested that representatives from Kauri Park, Horizons Regional Council and Council's consultants, MWH, be invited to Council's May 2010 meeting to give Councillors the opportunity to raise various issues and gain feedback.

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

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

"THAT Council work with Horizons Regional Council to develop a series of trials to establish the viability of land disposal of Shannon effluent."

"THAT Council install floating wetlands on the existing oxidation pond, along with an aerator, inlet screen and pumping station, as detailed in the attached report."

"THAT staff be requested to invite representatives of Kauri Park Ltd and Horizons Regional Council and consultants MWH to this Council's meeting of 5 May 2010 to further explore the floating wetlands proposal."

Cr Good withdrew from the table for consideration of the next item.

Item-1881 Remuneration Authority Determination

File No **4175**

Purpose

To consider a proposed salary for the Deputy Chairperson of the Hearing Committee

Resolved

(Judd / Allan)

"THAT Report 4175 on Remuneration Authority Determination be received."

Mr Thomas spoke to this report, saying it was a straightforward matter to acknowledge the extra responsibility undertaken by the Deputy Chair of the Hearing Committee.

Mr Ward also noted:

- the allocation of monies in the pool was very much in the hands of the Remuneration Authority;
- 12 months ago Councillors very clearly indicated that any unused portion from the pool should be carried over;
- the additional work falling to the Hearing Committee had been acknowledged at that time;
- Council could decide what it wanted to do with any unallocated funding.

Resolved

(Shaw / Allan)

THAT the Chief Executive Officer advise Council of the protocol in relation to the use of surplus funds from the Councillors' remuneration pool."

The following was raised in discussion:

- next year the Remuneration Authority would be reconsidering the remuneration pool following the elections;
- the level of complexity and the important role undertaken by the Hearing Committee's Deputy Chair was noted;
- this role was a microcosm of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor relationship;
- whilst it was correct that a number of hearings were charged to the applicant, the Hearing Committee also dealt with a number of other matters the costs for which were not recoverable.

Resolved

(Allan / Murray)

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

"THAT the Council recommends to the Remuneration Authority that the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Hearing Committee be remunerated at a salary of \$22,667 per annum."

"THAT the Policy Manual be amended accordingly."

Cr Good rejoined the table.

Cr Keenan declared an interest in Item 1884 and withdrew from the table.

Item-1884 Resource Consents Considered Under Delegated Authority

File No **4161**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(McMeeken / Allan)

"THAT Report 4161 be received."

Resolved

(McMeeken / Allan)

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

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

All Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 19/2/10 to 18/3/10

Granted Date	File Ref	Subdivider	Address
25-Feb-10	SUB/2883/2009	William Coleman	29 Wylie Road, Foxton Beach Rural
2-Mar-10	SUB/2885/2009	Otaura Farm Company Limited	178 State Highway 57, Shannon Rural
8-Mar-10	SUB/2891/2010	Peter Krivan	19 Kent Street, Levin
9-Mar-10	SUB/2896/2010	Melvyn & Claudia Eveleigh	12 Mangahao Road, Shannon Rural
17-Mar-10	SUB/2907/2010	Jerona Limited	18-28 Heatherlea West Road, Levin Rural

All Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 19/2/10 to 18/3/10

Granted Date	File Ref	Applicant	Address
19-Feb-10	LUC/2887/2010	Kevin & Elaine Feck	668 Waitarere Beach Road, Waitarere Beach
19-Feb-10	LUC/2897/2010	Landcorp Farming Limited	Whirokino Road, Foxton Rural
22-Feb-10	LUC/2705/2009	Harshad & Pritibahen Patel	87 Bartholomew Road, Levin
26-Feb-10	LUC/2898/2010	Paul Hunt	26 Hokio Beach Road, Levin
5-Mar-10	LUC/2821/2009	William & Kay Williams	10 Tui Glen Drive, Levin Rural
8-Mar-10	LUC/2903/2010	John & Margaret Barber	256 Kuku East Road, Ohau Rural
11-Mar-10	LUC/2874/2009	Roger Hill	398 State Highway 1, Ohau (Muhunoa West Rd intersection)
16-Mar-10	LUC/2798/2009	James Burke & Christine Helm	23 Brown Terrace, Foxton Beach
16-Mar-10	LUC/2914/2010	Ernest & Linda James	63 Manakau Heights Drive, Manakau Rural
16-Mar-10	LUC/2915/2010	Restaurant Brands Properties Limited (KFC)	297-301 Oxford Street, Levin
17-Mar-10	LUC/2911/2010	Leslie & Jan Thomas, & Karen McErlean	32 Palmer Road, Foxton Rural
17-Mar-10	LUC/2916/2010	Glenn Ryan & Rochelle Smith	95 Manakau Heights Drive, Manakau Rural
18-Mar-10	LUC/2904/2010	Harold Dykstra	126 State Highway 1, Foxton/Himatangi Rural
18-Mar-10	LUC/2912/2010	Ronald Sanson	97-99 Bruce Road, Levin Rural
18-Mar-10	LUC/2921/2010	Paul & Lynne Juno	9 Tunbridge Wells, Ohau”

Cr Keenan rejoined the table.

Item-1885 Documents Executed and Electronic Transactions Authorities Signed

File No **4160**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Judd / McMeeken)

“THAT Report 4160 be received.”

Resolved

(Judd / McMeeken)

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

“THAT the Horowhenua District Council hereby ratifies the signing of the documents and electronic transactions authorities as scheduled:

- i) Electronic Transaction Authority relating to a sewage drainage easement shown "D" on Plan 392195 being the property of Barry James Holden, Edinburgh Terrace, Foxton Beach*
- ii) Electronic Transaction Authority relating to transfer of former Williams land to Council and easements for water, electricity and Telecom over adjoining property, Gladstone Road, Levin.”*

“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. 09/01 : Footpath Renewals 09/10
Contract No. 09/05 : Spring Road
Contract No. 09/12 : Whirokino Seal Extension.”*

Mayor Duffy noted that Item 1889 would be removed from the In Committee Agenda for this evening.

Prior to the meeting moving In Committee, His Worship the Mayor publically acknowledged the significant contribution Braden Austin had made to the organisation during his 4½ years with Council. Council had been dealing with mammoth issues during Mr Austin’s tenure as Manager - Community Assets and he had come to grips and dealt with an enormous array of challenges, floods included. He wished Braden well for the future.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved

(Judd / Rush)

"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 3 March 2010 (Minute Items 1861-1863)

Confirmation of Minutes Extraordinary Meeting 30 March 2010 (Minute item 1870)

Item 1885 In Committee Proceedings Foxton Community Board 22 March 2010

**Item 1886 In Committee Proceedings 17 September 2009, 10 and 16 November 2009
Hearing Committee**

Item 1887 In Committee Proceedings Hearing Committee 10 November 2009

Item 1888 In Committee Proceedings Hearing Committee 4 February 2010

**Item 1889 Proposed contract for the provision of floating wetland at Shannon Waste Water
Treatment Plant (withdrawn)**

Item 1890 In Committee Horowhenua District Council Monitoring Report to 14 April 2010

Reasons for Confidentiality

*These Reports 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.*
- 48(1d) That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings to which this paragraph applies.*

Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17 of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987, the withholding of the information is necessary to:

- 7(2a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.*
- 7(2b) Protect information where the making available of the information-*
 - (i) Would disclose a trade secret; or*
 - (ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*
- 7(2i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).*

7(2j) *Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.*

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.32 pm.

CONFIRMED this day of

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Chairperson