

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

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor, Mr B J Duffy (Chair)
Cr G G Good
Cr L E McMeeken (until 6.00 pm)
Cr A M Hunt
Cr B F Judd
Cr P K Keenan
Cr A D Rush
Cr R N Shaw

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr D M Clapperton (Strategic & Corporate Services Manager)(to
Mr T Thomas (Environmental Services Manager)
Mr W Potts (Community Assets Manager)
Miss M Franks (Community Development Officer)
Mr R R Nicholson (Infrastructure Assets Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr G O'Connor (Operations Manager)
Ms C Carlyle (Group Support Officer)
Ms J Ransom (Head of Libraries)
Ms N Moen

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

There were no media in attendance.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were 27 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Crs Allan and Murray.

Cr McMeeken advised she would be leaving the meeting at 6.00 pm and gave her apologies for the balance of the meeting.

Resolved

(Judd / McMeeken)

"THAT the apologies, as recorded, be received."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Speaking Rights

Item 1918 **Community Wellbeing Committee**

Margaret Robins

Item 1919 **Proposed Granting of Freedom Charter, Foxton**

David Roache

Item 1920 **Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy**

Margaret Robins

Item 1923 **Major Event Grant - Policy Guidelines**

David Roache

Item 1930 **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Christina Paton Page 153 Item 11 - Swimming Lessons & Drowning Prevention
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provision of Health Centre

Item 1929 **Shannon Water Wheel**

Ross Campbell (Chair) & Don Howie (Vice-Chair) - Shannon Progressive Assn
Jenny Campbell
Tony Cottle
Judy Drake

Late Items

There were no late items on the Agenda.

However, as advised, Item 1924 - Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Project - Update had been withdrawn from the Agenda to allow for further discussion to strengthen the proposed Trust Deed. This item would be brought back to the 4 August 2010 Council meeting.

Members' Conflict of Interest

Cr McMeeken advised an interest in Item 1926 - Speed Control at Schools, and would withdraw from the table for this item.

There were no other conflicts of interest recorded.

Citizenship Ceremony

A Citizenship Ceremony had been held prior to this afternoon's Council meeting, with new citizens being welcomed to the district.

New Staff Member

Mr Ward introduced Mr Wally Potts to the meeting. Mr Potts was Council's new Community Assets Manager, replacing Braden Austin. Mr Potts had previously been employed by the North Shore City Council and had an extensive background in local government.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 5 May 2010 (Minute Items 1891-1902)

Resolved

(Good / Keenan)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5 May 2010 (Minute Items 1891-1902), as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Ordinary Meeting 23 June 2010 (Minute Items 1910-1912)

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 June 2010 (Minute Items 1910-1912), as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

Item-1913 Open Minutes Foxton Community Board 3 May 2010

File No **4200**

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 3 May 2010.

Resolved

(Keenan / Shaw)

"THAT Report 4200 be received."

*"THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 3 May 2010."*

Item-1914 Joint Transport and Health Services Subcommittee 23 April 2010

File No 4202

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Joint Transport and Health Services Subcommittee meeting held on 23 April 2010.

Resolved

(Good / Judd)

“THAT Report 4202 be received.”

*“THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Joint Transport and Health Services Subcommittee meeting held on 23 April 2010.”*

Item-1915 Horowhenua Kapiti Coast District Councils Joint Economic Development Forum 19 May 2010

File No 4204

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Horowhenua/Kapiti Coast District Councils Joint Economic Development forum held on 19 May 2010.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Rush)

“THAT Report 4204 be received.”

*“THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Horowhenua/Kapiti Coast District Councils Joint Economic Development forum held on 19 May 2010.”*

Cr Rush commented that the minutes did not reflect the generally positive nature of the report from Nature Coast. In particular Nature Coast's approach to tourism and the Rugby World Cup was practical, but also involved cutting edge marketing tools. He was happy to support what Nature Coast, Te Aho and the joint Committee were doing.

Item-1916 Audit Subcommittee 5 May 2010

File No 4203

Purpose

To present to the Horowhenua District Council the minutes of the Audit Subcommittee meeting held on 5 May 2010.

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

“THAT Report 4203 be received.”

*“THAT the Horowhenua District Council **receive** the minutes of the Audit Subcommittee meeting held on 5 May 2010.”*

Mr Ward advised, because of the Councillors’ interest in the proposed changes to the Local Government Act, he was arranging a visit from one of the Government agencies in early August to talk about what was proposed.

REPORTS

Item-1917 Monitoring Report HDC to 7 July 2010

File No **4205**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

“THAT Report 4205 be received. “

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

Page 34 Item 2802 Hokio Water and Rating Issues

Mr Ward advised he was in the process of arranging a further meeting with representatives of the Hokio A Trust within the next few weeks. A number of matters of common interest had been identified. One matter that had been progressed was a dip in the road that Council had sought to correct for some time. Within 72 hours, a cooperative approach had resulted in that dip being filled.

Page 35 Item 1782 Environment Vision for coastal Lakes and Lowlands

Mr Thomas advised a project brief had been prepared. It had been to the consultants for costing. The wish list was somewhat bigger than the budget. This was a work in progress, with the brief still being finalised.

Page 39 Item 1894 Provision of Toilets in the Levin CBD

A resource consent had been lodged.
Cr Keenan commented that he had talked to the affected owner. The owner was delighted with Council staff and how he had been consulted. He was aware toilets were required somewhere and he had been kept well informed

Item-1918 Community Well Being Subcommittee

File No **4812**

Purpose

To formally disestablish the Joint Transport and Health Services Subcommittee of the Horowhenua District Council and to establish the Community Well Being Subcommittee of Council.

Resolved

(Judd / Rush)

“THAT Report 4218 be received.”

Mrs Margaret Robins and Mr Lew Rohloff were welcomed to the table to speak to this report.

Both Mrs Robins and Mr Rohloff spoke in support of the suggested proposal, giving a background to the process to date.

Mrs Robins, as a member of both the Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee and the HPHO Community Advisory Group, outlined the benefits she could see coming from a rationalisation of the time and resources that had gone into the two committees, together with an extension of advocacy into areas other than just health and transport. She could see the new Committee, on its implementation, having a more collaborative role which would strengthen the community voice and would involve decision making and assist navigation through a complex society. The committee structure allowed for engagement with the community which would focus energy and skills and get a better overall outcome.

Mrs Robins suggested that members of the Community Advisory Group could assist in identifying the skills required for the Community Wellbeing Executive Committee and would like to be involved in the selection process.

She hoped Council would support this proposal going through.

Mr Rohloff, as a fellow Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee member and also a member of Grey Power, endorsed Mrs Robin's comments. He emphasised his belief that this proposal needed to be moved forward promptly as there were currently a number of issues that were affecting the standard of aged care from the health perspective and a voice was needed to take up those, as well as other, issues.

Mr Rohloff also supported the suggestion that community groups be involved in the process of selecting the members of the Executive Committee as this would encourage buy in and support for the Executive Committee when it place. He also noted that Grey Power, which was the largest community organisation in the district, fully supported the proposal.

In response to a query about the make up of the Executive Committee and the importance of appointing the right people, and whether Mrs Robins saw members as representing the community groups to which they belonged, Mrs Robins said she saw the Executive Group as acting for the whole, with Committee members bringing issues to the table on behalf of their respective organisations.

His Worship the Mayor acknowledged the comments made by Mrs Robins and her passionate advocacy role on behalf of the community, particularly with regard to health. He highlighted some of the words used by Mrs Robins such as: strengthen; navigation; recognition; structure; focus; social capital; co-ordinate and develop partnership of trust; linkages; leap of faith. These made an important statement about what had already been achieved and the potential of what could be achieved.

Mayor Duffy also noted Mr Rohloff's comments and acknowledged Grey Power's very powerful advocacy role on both the community front and politically.

To accommodate the desire of the Community Advisory Group to be involved in identifying the skills required and the selection process for the Executive Committee, Mayor Duffy suggested the inclusion of a further resolution to that effect.

Mr Clapperton, in speaking to this report, noted that the next step would be to put in place protocols for the forming of the Executive Committee, but initially what was required was for Council to agree to the disestablishment of the Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee and establishment of the new committee. However, a suitable resolution for that 'next step' at this stage could facilitate the process.

Councillors spoke in support of the proposal, with it also being noted that during the Annual Plan Process, Youth Voice had expressed a desire to be more involved at Council level. Perhaps there was a potential for youth to have some involvement with this Committee, as health, transport and social issues not only affected our older residents, but other groups as well. Economic development was also raised as an issue and perhaps there could be some appropriate business connections.

It was also noted that having the Mayor as a member (or Chair) of the Committee would enhance the Committee's ability to work at regional and government level for the benefit of the community.

Resolved

(Judd / Good)

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

"THAT Council agrees that the Joint Transport and Health Services Subcommittee of the Horowhenua District Council be disestablished."

"THAT a new subcommittee of Council be formed to combine the functions of the Joint Transport and Health Services Subcommittee and the Horowhenua Primary Health Organisation Community Advisory Group, and include a new mandate for social development advocacy."

"THAT a working party of Council, Joint Transport & Health Services Subcommittee and Community Advisory Group representatives be formed to establish protocols and procedures for forming the Executive Committee of the Community Wellbeing Committee."

CARRIED

Item-1919 Proposed Granting of Freedom Charter Foxton - Update

File No **4235**

Purpose

To update the Council on the progress made in advancing the proposal to grant a Freedom Charter to 21 Supply Company in recognition of its long involvement with Foxton.

Resolved

(Rush / Hunt)

"THAT Report 4235 be received."

Mr Roache, in exercising his speaking rights, queried if it would be possible to discuss with the Army the possibility of coinciding the Proposed Granting of the Freedom Charter with the Spring Fling, which was scheduled for early September. He believed it would give a boost to the Spring Fling event and be great promotion for the Army.

Mr Clapperton said he was more than happy to take it back to the Army; however it had been the Army that had suggested the 8 December 2010 date. Formal agreement was not far away and the RSA in Foxton had indicated their willingness to host the Army on the day.

Resolved

(Rush / Hunt)

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

“THAT Council pass the following resolution to comprise part of the Charter Documents as well as being submitted to the Colonel Commandant, Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment for the final approval required by the Chief of Army:

“THAT in appreciation of the honourable traditions of the 21st Supply Company of 2nd Logistic Battalion and in recognition of its long association with the town of FOXTON from the District of HOROWHENUA, the Council confer upon 21 Supply Company, the rights, privilege, and honour of marching through the streets of FOXTON on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, drums beating, and colours flying; that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the necessary Deed of Grant and that the name of 21 Supply Company be inscribed on a panel within the Foxton Memorial Hall.”

Item-1920 Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy 2010

File No **4233**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider the adoption of the Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy and Implementation Plan 2010-2013.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Judd)

“THAT Report 4233 be received.”

Mrs Robins and Mr Rohloff again joined the table to speak to this item.

Mrs Robins extended her congratulations to those who had written the Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy and Implementation Plan 2010-2013. She commented the proof would be in the implementation, which she summed up under the following headings: attitude, availability, accessibility and affordability.

Mrs Robins further commented:

- There were over 900 frail elderly (over 85 years), in our community; by 2025 that number would double;
- We were just learning now what that would mean for the community;
- The implementation of the Strategy would take a while and she trusted that Council would receive the document positively.

Mr Rohloff also commended the document, saying that this was a governance strategy and it was good news for an organisation such as Grey Power to see Council aligning itself with the document and adopting the implementation plan. The ten tenets listed in the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy, included on page 9, were set by Government and underpinned what Grey Power was trying to do throughout New Zealand. If this updated document was adopted,

Horowhenua District Council would join a very small band of local authorities that had actually picked this issue up and decided to move forward with it. He extended Grey Power's congratulations on this positive move.

Mayor Duffy noted that the Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy had been produced by one of Council's younger members, Monique Franks, and he welcomed her to the table to speak to the report.

Miss Franks focused on the wide amount of consultation and conversation that had gone into producing the revised Positive Ageing Strategy document, in particular citing the Local Services Mapping exercise that had been undertaken in 2009. She had taken a similar approach to that undertaken when she reviewed the Horowhenua Young Strategy. She believed it was important to adopt a strength based approach to attract future Central Government support and funding.

Page 12 of the Strategy recognised some of the achievements of positive agers in our community and this was the essence of the Strategy - to focus on what was being done rather than what was not. She saw the objective of the review being to identify the common needs in our whole community and these would be looked at in a Social Development Strategy that would be coming to Council at a future date.

In response to a query, Miss Franks confirmed that should Council adopt the Strategy, discussions would be on-going with the various interested parties. The implementation plan was a living document and would be subject to regular change.

Cr Good acknowledged Miss Franks' input into not only the Youth and Positive Ageing Strategies, but also the Education Strategy, and he commended her on an excellent job.

Resolved

(McMeeken / 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 Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy and Implementation Plan 2010-2013."

"THAT the Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy and Implementation Plan 2010-2013 replaces the Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy adopted in 2006."

Item-1921 Horowhenua District Library Services Review

File No **4237**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on progress made by the Horowhenua Library Trust/Horowhenua District Council Working Party in considering the recommendations of the Horowhenua District Library Services Review report (November 2009).

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

"THAT Report 4237 be received. "

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

Mr Clapperton advised that this report was to provide Councillors with an update on the Library Services Review. Nicky Moen was at tonight's Council meeting and was currently undertaking design concepts for the Levin Community Centre.

In response to a query in relation to consultation for the library design and whether this would include non-library users as well those who used the library, Mr Clapperton said there was a large input from existing users. Part of process, however, would not necessarily target non-users, but would involve talking to groups within the community that might have a use for services within the library.

Cr Shaw expressed a concern about the changes at the Shannon Library and requested more community involvement when it came to making changes in the library.

Mr Clapperton noted that the Head of Libraries, Joann Ransom, was in attendance and he was sure she would raise the issue with library staff.

Item-1922 Horowhenua Library Trust - Statement of Intent 2010-2011

File No **4238**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Good / Judd)

"THAT Report 4238 be received."

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

Mr Clapperton distributed an updated copy of the Horowhenua Library Trust's Statement of Intent for 2010-2011, directing Councillors' attention to page 13 and a change to the Budget figures. The Library Trust had indicated it wished to retain the budgeted expenditure as originally indicated of \$1,199,000.00, which produced a deficit of \$32,000.00. The Library had made a business decision to operate with a projected deficit.

The meeting adjourned briefly (5.20-5.23 pm) for the figures to be considered, as the expenditure figures did not appear to balance. An amendment was required to the Staff cost under Expenditure. The amount should read \$729,210.00 (not \$697,210.00).

The lack of comment involved in the Revised Budget was raised, and while it was suggested that it was up to the Trust to balance the books, it would be good accounting practice for comments to be included.

Mr Ward felt this was a valid observation and the Trust could be requested to give consideration to enhancing the document in the future.

Cr Rush commented on the significant improvement in the relationship between the Library Trust, Library Management, Council staff and Council representatives on the Trust. The Relationship was one of cooperation and working well together. One aspect of that was the degree to which the Library Trust had made the decision to reflect many of Council's community outcomes in its Statement of Intent. In terms of the deficit, it was a management decision of the Trust to manage

the deficit down. The Trust was aware what the reaction would be if it came back to Council with a deficit and he was confident that would not happen.

Resolved

(Rush / Good)

“THAT Council adopts the Horowhenua Library Trust’s Statement of Intent for 2010/11.”

Item-1923 Major Event Grant - Policy Guidelines

File No **4215**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider amendments to the Major Event Grant - Policy Guidelines.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Judd)

“THAT Report 4215 be received.”

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

Mr Roache, in speaking to this item, raised the fact that the Organic River Festival, Foxton Mural Competition and the Medieval Market had been mentioned in the report, but no mention had been made of two other major events in the district that drew considerable patronage, the Foxton Spring Fling and Easter Fair. Whilst he was not on either of the Committees that ran those events, he was concerned at their omission.

Mr Clapperton clarified that the events mentioned in the report had been ones that had been recipients of the Grant in the past, whilst the two events mentioned by Mr Roache had not.

Cr McMeeken suggested, on page 20 of the Policy Guidelines that it could be made clearer by having ‘Priority A’ and ‘Priority B’ categories.

Mr Clapperton said he would be happy with the amendment if Council agreed.

The positives noted with the amendments were the carrying forward of unallocated grant monies to the following year and the criteria was less restrictive than previously.

Resolved

(Hunt / McMeeken)

“THAT Council amends the Major Event Grant Policy Guidelines as recommended by the Major Event Grant Subcommittee, with the further amendment of ‘Priority A’ and ‘Priority B’ categories.”

Item-1924 Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Project - Update

File No **4217**

This had been withdrawn from the Agenda to allow for further discussion to strengthen the proposed Trust Deed. This item would be brought back to the 4 August 2010 Council meeting.

Item-1925 Proposal to Stop Part Of Field Street, Foxton

Purpose

To obtain Council's formal resolution to the stopping of part of Field Street, Foxton proposed extension.

Resolved

(Hunt / McMeeken)

"THAT Report 4232 be received."

Mr Ward confirmed that in terms of the one ratepayer who had raised questions, the matters raised did not affect this proposal.

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

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

"THAT in view of the fact that no objections were received to the stopping of part of the proposed Field Street, Foxton extension the Horowhenua District Council hereby resolves that the part of Field Street, Foxton, described as Lot 3 DP 57409 is now stopped."

"THAT the required Public Notice of part of Field Street, Foxton, being stopped be advertised."

Cr McMeeken withdrew from the table for the following item.

Item-1926 Speed Control at Schools

File No **4231**

Purpose

This report arises from submissions to council and individual councillors from concerned school officials and parents. It is intended to brief Council and commence a process for altering speed limits at two locations.

Resolved

(Keenan / Rush)

That Report 4231 on Speed Control at Schools be received.

Mr Nicholson, in speaking to the report, advised that feedback had been received from three schools:

- Shannon School - a request had been made to move the pedestrian crossing further to the east and this would be looked into.
- Levin Intermediate - the location of the raised pedestrian platform across Collingwood Street needed to be decided.
- Waiopēhu College - with the query being why the speed trial was not being done outside this school.

Cr Keenan noted the difficulty getting to the current stage with this proposal. He felt it was important to put pressure on local politicians to get a law change so that councils could impose speed limits outside schools as of right. Whilst he was pleased with what had been achieved, he looked forward to this being extended to all schools.

Resolved

(Keenan / Hunt)

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

“THAT procedures are initiated for the application of variable speed limits in the vicinity of the schools on Weraroa Road – Horowhenua College and St Joseph’s and Ladys Mile – Robinson Street Foxton – Manawatu College and Foxton.”

“THAT it is noted that additional traffic calming measures are proposed by means of adding a central island at the school crossings in Grey Street, Weraroa Road, York Street, Fairfield Road, Tiro Tiro Road and Bartholomew Road.”

Cr McMeeken rejoined the table.

Item-1927 Amendment to HDC Skateboard Bylaw 2007

File No 4225

Purpose

To propose an amendment to the Horowhenua District Council Skateboard Bylaw 2007 prohibiting the use of skateboards in the Cenotaph area of the Levin Public Gardens.

Resolved

(Shaw / McMeeken)

“THAT Report 4225 be received.”

Mr Thomas spoke to this report, saying it was self explanatory, with the aim being to extend the Bylaw to preclude skateboarding in the Cenotaph area.

The following was raised in discussion:

- To reflect the proposed name change for the area, Remembrance Park should be included in the recommendation rather than the Levin Public Gardens;
- There was the possibility that bicycles could also be inappropriately ridden in the area and these should be covered in any bylaw change.

To allow investigation into the exclusion of bicycles from the area as well as skateboards, this matter was laid on the table, to come back to the August 2010 Council meeting.

Item-1928 NZ Planning Institute International Conference 21-23 April 2010 Report - Cr David Allan

File No **4216**

Purpose

To present to Council Cr David Allan's report on the NZ Planning International Conference held in Christchurch on 21-23 April 2010.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Judd)

"THAT Report 4216 be received."

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

Cr McMeeken left the meeting (6.00 pm).

Item-1929 Shannon Water Wheel

File No **4236**

Purpose

This report has been prepared to provide elected representatives with information on the current status of this project and identify matters for consideration and/or response by the promoters of the project.

Resolved

(Shaw / Keenan)

"THAT Report 4236 be received. "

Mr Ross Campbell and Mr Don Howie joined the table to speak on behalf of the Shannon Progressive Association.

Mr Campbell, in querying this matter had been brought to Council at all as it was not a Council project, expressed his dissatisfaction and concern at the long drawn out process to progress this project and challenged some of the content of the CEO's report.

Mr Howie reiterated many of the matters raised by Mr Campbell, further querying if Council had purchased the land for the project, why had the zoning not be changed at the time to accommodate what was proposed.

His Worship the Mayor clarified that it was the public interest that had appropriately brought this matter before Council so the project could be further progressed and matters of concern addressed

Mr Ward responded to the concerns raised by Messrs Campbell and Howie, providing clarification in terms of the matters still outstanding.

Mr Thomas provided input into what Council could and could not do in terms of its role as both owner of the property and as regulator, whether or not it supported a project. He was satisfied that this proposal did not fit within the spectrum of activities under a Residential 1 zoning. He

also noted that in terms of the resource consent process, if an applicant wished, it could apply to both Horizons and HDC for certificates of compliance, which would preclude having to go through the whole consent process. As far as he was aware, this had not been applied for in this instance.

Mrs Jenny Campbell and Mr Tony Cottle also spoke in support of the proposal, saying that there was considerable support in Shannon for the proposal and funds had been raised from within the community so there was no requirement for ratepayer funding. They could not understand why Council appeared to be continually blocking the project.

Mrs Drake, a member of the Shannon Community Action Committee, said she was not opposed to the project per se as a waterwheel would be an iconic feature, but was concerned about traffic safety issues with the site currently proposed. She also felt the amount identified as the yearly cost for operating the water wheel had been underestimated.

Responding to queries from Councillors, Mr Thomas said there was also the question of whether public notification would be required, which would extend the time for any consent process. He also acknowledged that whilst Council could not provide any dispensation when it came to the requirement for a resource consent, there was the possibility that costs could be reviewed upon application.

In looking at the recommendations, it was suggested that working with just representatives of the Shannon Progressive Association was too narrow, and other affected parties, such as the Shannon Community Action Committee, Horizons Regional Council, and New Zealand Transport Agency, should also be involved. It was also requested that a report on the matter be brought back to the 4 August 2010 Council matter.

Resolved

(Hunt / Keenan)

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

“THAT the Council Officers continue to work with representatives of Shannon Progressive Association and other directly affected parties who have been identified to complete outstanding matters for this project, and that the Mayor be party to the discussions.”

“THAT this matter be brought back to Council at its August 2010 meeting.”

Item-1930 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 7 July 2010

File No **4207**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Good / Rush)

“THAT Report 4207 is received.”

Mr Ward expanded on the matters raised in his report where appropriate.

3.b. Law Commission Report - Alcohol in our Lives

Cr Good, who had been on the Subcommittee looking at Council's submission to LGNZ's Draft Paper, suggested it would be helpful to know the views of our local Members of Parliament on this matter. He believed it would not be inappropriate for this Council to get a feel for where local members sat as a decision from government was awaited.

NOTED

3.d. Old Levin Courthouse

Mr Ward confirmed that the proposal for the Model Railway Society to have the use of the old Courthouse for a 12 month period did not preclude other options, with the possibility of other groups using the side rooms also being explored.

3.f. Foxton Beach Coastal Sand Dune Management

Cr Hunt advised she had received a telephone call from a Beach Warden about people going into areas that had been planted, with the wardens not having the 'clout' to deal with the problem.

Mr Ward requested that Beach Wardens be advised to telephone Council in such circumstances. Council's phone number was a 24 hr a day service.

3.g. Monitoring Report

Mr & Mrs Paton joined the table to speak to the following:

Page 153, Item 11 - Swimming Lessons and Drowning Prevention

Mrs Paton noted that in a former life she had been an instructor for the Lotto Swim Safer Programme, which had been discontinued. She found it odd that the Ministry of Health was concerned about potential drowning statistics when it was the weakest opponent to pollution in our waterways where swimming was compromised year round. There also used to be a New Zealand Swimming Council. School Pools were being closed and she believed it would not be long before there would be an epidemic of drownings. She requested that Council be proactive in this matter.

Cr Good supported Mrs Paton's concerns saying it was tragic that many swimming programmes no longer existed and so many schools were closing their swimming pools because of the stringent management requirements of bodies such as MidCentral. He believed this was also an issue that needed to be taken up by central government and should be raised with our local mps.

Page 160, Item 39 - Waitarere WWTP Development

The Patons expressed concern about this matter being on an open agenda without full supporting information. They suggested that the matter be withdrawn from the open agenda.

NOTED

Page 161, Item 42 - Targeted Rate for Health Centre in Foxton and provision of Health Centre

Mr and Mrs Paton reiterated their opposition to pursuing the matter of a targeted rate for a Health Centre in Foxton suggesting this was the role of Central Government, not Council. The matter had been going on for years and they suggested it be raised with our local members of parliament.

A copy of Mr & Mrs Paton's submission is **attached** to the official minutes.

Mr Ward said dialogue would continue as to a suitable location and this would be included in next year's Annual Plan round.

Resolved

(Judd / Good)

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

"THAT Council review the HDC Gambling Venue Policy early in 2011."

Item-1931 Resource Consents Considered Under Delegated Authority

File No 4209

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

"THAT Report 4209 be received."

"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 Resources be received as listed:

***All Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
23/04/10 to 24/06/10***

| Granted Date | File Ref | Subdivider | Address |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| 30-Apr-10 | 2422 | Christopher Jennings & Kylie Tamakaha | 8 Muhunoa West Road, Ohau |
| 30-Apr-10 | 2765 | Tulloch & Egley | 238 Kanuka Drive, Waitarere Beach |
| 30-Apr-10 | 2778 | Waitarere Rise Limited (was A & R Special Trust) | 204 Waka Tete Place, Waitarere Beach |
| 30-Apr-10 | 2929 | Peter & Dennis Everton & Desmond Rolfe | 115-117 Hokio Beach Road, Levin Rural |
| 13-May-10 | 2936 | Wayne Bishop | Lot 16 (43?) Buckley Road, Shannon Rural |
| 10-May-10 | 2937 | Colin Cook & Paul Pearce | 29 Roore Street, Foxton Beach |
| 29-Apr-10 | 2938 | Coastal Classics Limited (Cara Pietersma) | 6 Andrews Street, Foxton Beach |
| 17-May-10 | 2939 | Robert & Carol Bloomfield | 279 Tararua Road, Levin Rural |
| 20-May-10 | 2940 | Peter Goodyer & Donna Kjestrup | 120 Potts Road, Levin Rural |
| 2-Jun-10 | 2947 | Peter Krivan | 90 Parker Avenue, Levin |
| 2-Jun-10 | 2948 | Alan Jamieson | 48-56 Heatherlea West Road, Levin Rural |
| 4-Jun-10 | 2955 | McDonnell Property Managers Limited | 80 Motuiti Road, Foxton/Himatangi Rural |

**All Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
23/04/10 to 24/06/10**

| Granted Date | File Ref | Applicant | Address |
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| 23-Apr-10 | 2931 | Hillview Investments (Andrew & Maire Bain) | 70A Potts Road, Levin Rural |
| 23-Apr-10 | 2926 | Mitchpine Products Limited | 929 State Highway 1, Foxton Rural |
| 7-May-10 | 2934 | Grefor Limited (Angela Greig) | 75 Waitarere Beach Road, Levin Rural |
| 7-May-10 | 2932 | Stephen & Anne Corkran | 5 Williams Road, Tokomaru Rural |
| 17-May-10 | 2935 | Crusader Buildings Limited (Peter Krivan) | 19 Kent Street, Levin |
| 20-May-10 | 2901 | M J Davie Builder | 63 Winchester Street, Levin |
| 24-May-10 | 2944 | Raymond & Elise Cooper | 15 Gordon Place, Levin |
| 26-May-10 | 2943 | Robert Walker & Derek Dilks | 28 Dewe Terrace, Foxton Beach |
| 3-Jun-10 | 2954 | Francis & Shiree Hamlin | 11 Low Avenue, Foxton Beach |
| 3-Jun-10 | 2945 | Glen & Colleen Hitchcock | 137-139 Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach |
| 4-Jun-10 | 2957 | Helen Hanify | 43 Kingi Street, Hokio Beach |
| 4-Jun-10 | 2942 | Robert & Rosalynne Lammas | 173 Whakahoro Road, Levin Rural |
| 16-Jun-10 | 2952 | Neil & Margaret Collis | 28 Hulke Street, Foxton |
| 23-Jun-10 | 2946 | Kiaran King & Sarah Martin | 191 Hokio Sand Road, Levin Rural.” |

Item-1932 Documents Executed and Electronic Transactions Signed

File No **4208**

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

(Good / Keenan)

“THAT Report 4208 be received.”

“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. Transmission Application pertaining to Sec652 Town of Foxton with an area of 435m³ contained in Certificate of Title 31B/773 - Johnston Street, Foxton*
- ii. Electronic Transaction Authority relating to transfer of Sec 652 town of Foxton with an area of 435m³ contained in Certificate of Title 31B/773 at Johnston Street, Foxton to Dean William Stella and Angela Marie Cook.*
- iii. Electronic Transaction Authority relating to settlement for land purchased from adjoining owners for the realignment and legalisation of Waitohu Valley Road, Manakau South over recent years.*

- iv. Bond binding GM & RB Limited to pay a Development Contribution for each lot within the subdivision of Lot 1 DP 45603 Honi Taipua Street, Manakau
- v. Bond binding Timothy John and Robyn Avis Ralton to Horowhenua District Council in the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to comply with conditions set for the shifting of a building onto Mana Kuku 4E3 2A1B with an area of 42108² comprised in Certificate of Title WN 972/26 - 820 State Highway 1, Manakau
- vi. Bond binding Stephen William and Anne Therese Corkran to Horowhenua District Council in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to comply with conditions set for the shifting of a building onto Lot 2 DP 70948 with an area of 43480m² and comprised in Certificate of Title WN 41D/310, 5 Williams Road, Tokomaru rural."

"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 9/16 : WINZ Building Reroof Stage 2
Contract No. 9/27 : Levin Wastewater Renewals Stage 2."

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved

(Keenan / Good)

"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 May 2010 (Minute Items 1903-1904)

Item 1933 - Foxton Community Board In Committee Minutes 3 May 2010

Item 1934 - In Committee Horowhenua District Council Monitoring Report to 7 July 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.

Subject to sections 6, 7 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 8.16 pm.

CONFIRMED this day of

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Chairperson