

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

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor, Mr B J Duffy (Chair)
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 D M Clapperton (Strategic & Corporate Services Manager)
Mr D Law (Finance Manager)
Mr R R Nicholson (Infrastructure Assets Manager)(from 5.20 pm)
Mr D J Tate (Parks Assets Officer)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms H Scott (Financial Accountant)
Mr G O'Brien (Operations Manager)
Ms C Carlyle (Group Support Officer)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors G G Good, D A Allan and L E McMeeken.

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

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

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Franklin ("The Chronicle")

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were 9 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaking Rights Requested

Item 1907 Report on Draft 2010/2011 Annual Plan Submissions

Mr Fyfe Williamson
Mr R Campbell, Shannon Progressive Association

Mr L Cooney, Levin BMX
Mr G de Castro, Levin Cricket Association
Mrs C & Mrs G Paton
Mrs J Harris

MEMBERS' CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no members' conflicts of interest recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Meetings 2 and 3 June 2010

Resolved

(Shaw / Keenan)

"THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on 2 and 3 June 2010, as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

Cr McMeeken, via e-mail, requested the following be noted in relation to the submission from the Levin Business Association:

When asked about considering rating as an option for funding due to the significant decrease with the rating review on commercial property in the CBD), Mr Murphy did not confirm that the LBA had discussed that option - he said that that particular option has been tried in the past but had not gained favour. The critical word here is "past" not present. He did not say that the current LBA had considered that option at all and that is what the current minutes incorrectly infer.

NOTED

REPORTS

Item-1905 Electra Trust - 2010 Trustee Elections

File No **4224**

Purpose

To decide Council's vote for two candidates for the Electra Trust election 2009.

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

"THAT Report 4224 be received."

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

Councillors recorded two votes each for the candidate of their choice. Upon the votes being tallied, there was a tie for two candidates. Councillors then re-voted for the tied candidates, with the result being:

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

“THAT Council votes for Ann Chapman and Judy Keall in the 2010 Electra Trust elections.”

Item-1906 MWLASS Exemption from CCO Status

File No **4222**

Purpose

To inform Council of an issue being collectively discussed and resolved by each of the shareholder Councils with regard to the CCO status of our Company MWLASS Ltd, and a proposal from the Directors of that Company that we seek support from our shareholder Councils to pursue exempt status.

Resolved

(Judd / Murray)

“THAT Report 4222 be received.”

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

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

“THAT Council has taken account of the matters in section 7(5) of the LGA and considers the organisation to be a small organisation; and Council exempts the small organisation under section 7(3) of the LGA, for the purposes of section 6(4)(i) of the LGA, from being a CCO.”

Item-1907 Report on Draft 2010/2011 Annual Plan Submissions

File No **4221**

Purpose

To provide staff comments on matters raised in submissions to Council’s draft 2010/2011 Annual Plan, to assist in discussions.

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

“THAT Report 4221 be received.”

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

“THAT submissions No.1 to 128 to Council’s Draft 2010/2011 Annual Plan be received.”

PARKS AND RESERVES

1.1 Issue(s): Increases to Cemetery Fees and Charges

Submissions 12 and 13 from local funeral directors oppose increases.

Submissions 6, 8, 39, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99 oppose fee increases.

Submission 26, Federated Farmers, supports making maximum use of fees and charges.

Councillors debated the issues in relation to adopting the proposed cemetery fees and charges for the 2010/11 year or having a stepped increase over three years, particularly noting the impact on ratepayers because of the size of the increase. Should the full increase not be adopted, finance staff would need to consider the implications of the decision on the rate increase proposed.

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

‘THAT a stepped increase over three (3) years be considered.’

Three (3) Councillors voted for the motion, with three (3) against. The Mayor used his casting vote in favour of the resolution, which was therefore CARRIED.

1.2 Issue(s): Development of Foxton Cemetery

Submission 38 from the Foxton Community Board requests that funding be bought forward for the Foxton Cemetery development.

Submissions 39, 90, 92, 96, 98 and 99 support the Foxton Community Board’s request for cemetery development.

Verbal submission 39 from David Roache questioned the reasons for uplifting road on the new lawn at Foxton Cemetery.

Resolved

(Rush / Murray)

‘THAT Officers prepare and present a report to the Foxton Community Board on opportunities to extend the life of the existing cemetery and that the report give consideration to bringing forward funding of \$100,000.00 for the development of new land at Foxton Cemetery from years 2013/14 to 2012/13 and also the option for the provision of a toilet at Foxton Cemetery.’

1.3 Issue(s): Half Pipe Project – Holben Reserve

Submission 38 from the Foxton Community Board, verbally requested funding for a half pipe skateboard ramp at Holben Reserve funded from the Foxton Beach Free holding account.

Resolved

(Judd / Rush)

‘THAT funding of \$30,000.00 sourced from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account is committed to the construction of a concrete half pipe at Holben Reserve.’

1.4 Issue(s): Petanque Horowhenua – Request for building funding

Submission 10 – Petanque Horowhenua requests funding for the completion of its clubrooms.

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

“THAT Council offer to the Club support for any future funding applications or assist in the submission of funding applications associated with sourcing funds for the lining and insulation of the ceiling at the pavilion at Western Park and that Council considers contributing \$5,000.00 toward these projects.”

1.6 Issue(s): Gladys Taylor Park - Playground Upgrade

Submission 33 from Grey Power proposes that funding of \$77,000.00 for the upgrade/renewal of the Playground be deferred until the economy picks up again.

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

“THAT funding is retained for this Project.”

2.1 Issue(s): Shannon Water Wheel

Submission 22 verbally questioned the Shannon Water wheel project.

Mr Ross Campbell joined the table to speak to this item. He queried why this project, which was funded and managed by the Shannon Progressive Association, had been raised during the Annual Plan process as it was not an Annual Plan issue. He also queried why submissions supporting the project had not been read out at the meeting, where those in opposition had. Since the matter had been highlighted he had received many letters in support of the project.

Mayor Duffy clarified that while the matter was not an Annual Plan issue it was on Council land and was therefore of public interest.

Mr Campbell further commented:

- why was it that the Shannon Progressive Association had to have 100% support from all Shannon’s residents as that was not part of the criteria for a building consent or an excuse for not issuing a building consent;
- could the suspension of the building consent be withdrawn;
- on the issue of safety, this had been comprehensively covered and that was when it was 100k area, not the 70k it now was;
- if any submitter wanted to have a water wheel in Te Maire Park they could organise that themselves.

Mayor Duffy said he was not aware of any activity that required 100% support and he did not understand that comment. The recommendation was that the CEO be requested to bring back a report on the project at Council’s July 2010 meeting to provide an update and to also include an explanation of any suspension of the building consent.

Resolved

(Hunt / Murray)

“THAT a report be brought back to the 7 July 2010 Council meeting to provide a full update on the background and a way forward for the water wheel project in Shannon.”

3.1 Issue(s): Netball Hoops in Parks

Submission 104 proposes that Netball or similar type ball shooting facilities be placed in neighborhood parks to provide more variety with play and skill development facilities.

Resolved

(Keenan / Rush)

“THAT two “shooting hoops” up to the value of \$1,500.00 each be provided next year and funded from the District Play equipment allocation for 2010/11.”

4.1 Issue(s): Parsons Avenue Kindergarten – request for additional land

Submission 108 from Parsons Avenue Kindergarten ask Council to consider granting additional land for use.

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

“THAT Officers continue to work with the Wellington Free Kindergarten Association in renewing the lease, with a view to offering additional lease land and the site for disposal.”

5.1 Issue(s): Oxford Street Plane Trees

Submission 37 comments that the maintenance of the Oxford Street Plane trees should be changed.

Mr Tate confirmed that he would contact Mr Everton to advise him of Council's regime surrounding the management of the Plane trees, including the fact that Council undertakes clearing of the gutters on private properties at its cost.

Resolved

(Judd / Murray)

“THAT Council supports the significant management of the Plane trees as proposed in the 2010/2011 year and officers will liaise with the submitter and make him aware of the service provided.”

6.1 Issue(s): Heating Foxton Pool

Submission 102 – rates should pay for heating the Foxton Pool and opening the facility all year round, not activities in Levin.

It was noted that the annual operating cost for the Foxton Pool currently was \$200,000.00. For the pool to be open all year round, the cost would be in the vicinity of \$500,000.00, which was unaffordable.

Cr Hunt said that there had been a misunderstanding in the community when the pool was upgraded that it would be a heated pool, open all year round and this was still an aspiration.

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

"THAT submission 102 is noted and no further action is taken."

7.1 Issue(s): Swimming Lessons and Drowning Prevention

Submission 123 requests that consideration is given to Swimming Classes to encourage drowning prevention.

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

"THAT Officers liaise with Mid Central Health Staff on the proposed project."

8.1 Issue(s): Provision of Playgrounds

Submissions 22, 48, 75, 78, 79, 80, 81, and 84 object to the provision of a playground in Te Maire Park.

Submission 85 and 86 support the provision of a playground in Te Maire Park.

Cr Shaw expressed the view that a playground in Te Maire Park would be dangerous because of the proximity of the highway.

Resolved

(Shaw / Hunt)

"THAT funding for the provision of a playground in Shannon be revisited as part of the LTCCP."

9.1 Issue(s): Waitarere Beach General, Dune Management, walkway/cycleway development and general recreational asset upgrades

Mr Ward tabled an updated report, including recommendations for this item.

Submissions 11 & 31

Because the Waiwarara Stream came under the Department of Conservation's control, Council would need to work in with DoC on any proposed project.

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

"THAT Council funds the project of a new resource consent for dune modification and stabilization from available Parks and Recreation budgets in the 2010/11 year."

*“THAT matters identified in submissions 11 and 31 are addressed in the next LTCCP review.
“THAT Officers investigate and bring back to Council a report on the Waiwarara Stream Walkway project to Council identifying the scope and relevant costs to be included as part of the next LTCCP review.*

10.1 Issues: Deterioration of Donnelly Park Netball Courts and future commitment to Netball

Submissions 14, 32 and 105 raise concerns regarding the condition of the courts' surfaces, including the relative danger of the courts currently, and the future maintenance of these assets.

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

“THAT Officers work with the Levin Netball Club to determine the best options for repair or renewal of the courts; and that Officers report back to Council as part of the LTCCP review process with recommendations and accurate renewal requirements.”

“THAT Officers report back to Council with funding options, should an opportunity exist before the next LTCCP review to rectify the Courts faults.”

11.1 Issue(s): Levin BMX Club

Submission 18 from the Levin BMX Club requests maintenance funding for the BMX track at Donnelly Park.

Mr Ward tabled an updated report on this submission, a copy of which had been provided to Mr Cooney.

Mr Cooney, in speaking further to this submission, advised that he had received apologies from Council officers earlier in the day on the inaccuracies contained in the original report. He did note that the amount of \$2,000.00 recommended in the officer report was well short of the amount the Club had requested and would not be sufficient for the required maintenance.

It was clarified that resurfacing of the track was required two or three times a year, as a cost of \$5,000.00 per time. This had not been identified when the track had been installed and there was now a challenge for both the Club and Council when it came to on-going maintenance. If the track was used by Club members only then the need for resurfacing would be reduced to perhaps once a year. However, it was also used by the public and would continue to be a public asset.

It was queried if the Club had had a business plan when the track was proposed and surely maintenance would have been part of that plan.

Mr Cooney said that since its installation, the track had been resurfaced three times. The Club was willing to maintain the track and the knowledge that Council was behind the Club with funding assistance would help put in place an annual financial plan. As an incorporated society, the Club was now able to apply for grants and Council's financial support would supplement any grants received. Up until now the Club had wheeled and dealt and received assistance from contractors and others who were able to assist.

Mayor Duffy suggested that Council make a commitment for this year and for the Club to come back to Council next year with a robust plan so that Council could consider a more longstanding resolution.

Resolved

(Rush / Keenan)

"THAT funding of \$5,000.00 for the 2010/11 be provided to the Levin BMX club, administered by Council for track maintenance and that the Club work with Council officers to develop a robust business plan emphasising the maintenance needs in the years ahead, and that corporate sponsorship is sought."

12.1 Issue(s): Manakau Soccer

Submission 15 from the Manakau District Community Association support the Manakau United Football Club.

Submission 19 from the Manakau United Football Club request assistance and funding for field development at Manakau Domain.

Councillors expressed concern that this Council asset had not been sufficiently maintained.

It was noted that Council was looking at concentrating its activities and this property had been identified for disposal because it was not being used. This would have released capital for other projects. However, the use of the Domain by this enthusiastic group had caused a rethink of the Domain's immediate future.

Resolved

(Hunt / Rush)

"THAT Council funds \$2,000.00 towards paint and roofing materials and assists that club and other potential users of the domain with funding applications."

"THAT no action is to be taken with respect to disposal of the Manakau Domain, and Officer's re evaluate the Domain in view of the interest in its present use."

"THAT Officers develop a formal lease arrangement with the Manakau United Football Club."

1.5 Issue(s): Cricket – Proposed Fees and Charges

Submissions 106 and 107 – Horowhenua Kapiti Cricket Association and Weraroa Cricket Club oppose fee and charges increase.

In speaking to this submission, Mr Gerald de Castro said that there was no problem with the grass wickets and Horowhenua had a far better set of grass wickets than Kapiti. He suggested that in terms of further funding to assist with the renewal of existing artificial wickets, this may be available from the Sports Foundation as it had been in the past. The New Zealand Cricket Council could also be a further source of funding.

Resolved

(Keenan / Rush)

"THAT the fee for junior cricket for the 2010/11 financial year is not increased from \$150 to \$350."

"THAT there be no increase to twilight cricket fees."

"THAT the new fee for casual cricket use of \$50 is adopted."

"THAT Council officers liaise with the Levin Sports Foundation to obtain funding to assist with the renewal of the existing artificial wickets at Donnelly Park."

"THAT Council officers work with the Horowhenua Kapiti Cricket Association with the objective of establishing funding sources for additional wickets."

13.1 Issue(s): Manakau Playground

Submission 19 requests that Manakau Domain is considered for the first Council owned Manakau Playground at Manakau Domain.

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

"THAT submission 19 is noted and the provision of playground equipment is reviewed as part of the next LTCCP review for Manakau."

14.1 Issue(s): Pistol Club Site

Submission 20 from the Levin Pistol Club is seeking Council support for assessing the suitability of Target Reserve, Foxton as a potential site for a Pistol Club range.

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

"THAT Council Officers assist the Pistol Club in its assessment of a site for a pistol range at Target Reserve."

PROPERTY

15.1 Issue(s): Foxton Memorial Hall Upgrade

Submission(s): 38, 39, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99

Resolved

(Rush / Murray)

"THAT Council reinstates an amount of \$34,000.00 into 2010/11 for interior refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, and that Officers find this funding from existing property funds."

16.1 Issue(s): Pinewood Motor Camp Development

Submission 100 objects to a suggestion that the Board may push for a name change to the Motor Camp from Pinewood to an alternative name. The submitters also request better community consultation over any capital investment in the Camp.

Cr Hunt queried the costs for this project and said that a feasibility study was still awaited. She expressed her disappointment that the excess income in the reserve fund was only \$16,000.00.

Mr Ward said that a report to the Foxton Community Board would be prepared addressing the issues raised by Cr Hunt.

Resolved

(Hunt / Shaw)

"THAT submission 100 is noted and will be referred to the Foxton Community Board."

17.1 Issue(s): Churchill Street Pensioner Flat Sale

Submission 109 objects to the sale of the old timber Churchill Street Pensioner Flats in Shannon.

Mr Ward said it was his understanding that present tenants of these flats would be re-accommodated.

Resolved

(Shaw / Murray)

“THAT submission 109 is noted.”

18.1 Issue(s): Pensioner Flat Fee Increases

Submission 8 verbally questioned the increases of \$10 to all pensioner Flats.

The officer error was NOTED.

Mr Ward confirmed that the report on pensioner housing was in train and would be completed as early as possible, but this was dependent on staff workloads.

19.1 Issue(s): Levin Hall Charges

Submission 35 makes comment that Council is pricing the cost of hall hire out of peoples reach.

A verbal submission made by the submitter requested greater consultation during proposed renewal works.

Mrs Julie Harris, in speaking further to her submission, provided copies of hall hire forms to support her contention that hall hireage was becoming unaffordable. For some hirers the fee had almost doubled. Although a concession could be sought, she had been told that a booking she had wished to make to hold an event in the Levin Memorial Hall was not eligible for a concession as the Orchid Society did not meet the criteria. The event did not proceed. She wondered how many other clubs were in that position. The Levin Memorial Hall was an ideal venue with its natural lighting, it was easy find, good parking, disability access. The fee was now putting that venue out of the reach of many people.

As an alternative, Mrs Harris suggesting suspending the fee and requesting an appropriate koha.

Cr Murray supported Mrs Harris's comments as the Levin Karate Club had also sought an alternative venue because of the rise in Hall hireage.

Mrs Harris suggested that Councillors had not been aware of the increase to hall hire fees and these had been introduced without appropriate consultation and resolution.

Because of the confusion that existed in relation to the imposition of charges and just what the increases were, Mayor Duffy suggested that before any new charges were adopted some discussion with Council officers would be helpful. This matter would be 'parked' to allow Mr Tate to further discuss the issues with Mrs Harris and would be addressed further after the tea break.

20.1 Issue(s): Toilets in Shannon

Submissions support the retention of public toilets in Ballance Street.

Submissions support the provision of public toilets in Te Maire Park.

Resolved

(Shaw / Rush)

“THAT funding for the refurbishment and construction of toilets district wide be retained.”

“THAT submissions 2, 3, 8, 10, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 are noted.”

ROADING

21.1 Issue: Walking and Cycling

In Submission No 11, the Waitarere Progressive Association seeks increased provision of walking and cycling facilities in Waitarere and through to Waitarere Rise.

Submission 113 from Mrs Margaret Jeune supports the walking and cycling strategy with links to other districts.

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

“THAT the submissions are noted.”

21.2 Issue: Moutere Road extension

In Submission No 110 Mrs Ann Topp asks about the potential for forming a road between Hokio Beach and Waitarere Beach.

It was noted that this road was shown on maps as existing. Formal clarification was needed as to its status.

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

“THAT Mrs Topp is advised that there is no likelihood of this road being formed in the foreseeable future.”

“THAT staff investigate whether the road reserve between Waitarere Beach Road and Moutere Road is an existing road and Mrs Topp is advised of the investigation.”

21.3 Issue: Taylor Street, Foxton Beach

In Submission No 34 Mr and Mrs Paton submit that the traffic exiting Taylor Street onto Seabury Avenue (and the traffic in the opposite direction) has increased with the development of Foxton Beach and that therefore the section between Seabury and Pratt should be upgraded.

Mrs Christina Paton reiterated concerns about Taylor Street safety issues (a copy of Mr & Mrs Paton's further comments are **attached** to the official minutes), noting the significant amount of traffic in this locale. She queried if funding could come from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account or from Council's road safety budget.

Mr Nicholson noted that Council had no crash record on Taylor Street. Council did, however, acknowledge that this was an area that needed to be upgraded in due course.

Cr Hunt supported the use of the Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund for this purpose as it was precisely what the Fund had been set up to do. However the Freeholding Fund policy made it quite clear that any spending must go through the Annual Plan process. In her view this was a greater priority than erecting a show home.

Council Officers were requested to provide a priority list as to where this matter sat, with this to come to the 23 June 2010 meeting. This would clarify whether this could be addressed in the 2010/2011 year or rolled out further.

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

"THAT the Foxton Community Board be asked to comment on the priority for upgrading Taylor Street and to identify the appropriate source of funding."

The meeting adjourned for a meal break at 6.37 pm and resumed at 7.05 pm.

19.1 Issue(s): Levin Hall Charges (resumed)

Mayor Duffy, after having discussed the concerns raised with Mrs Harris and Mr Tate, clarified that Council had formally adopted the new fees in June 2009 (with the resolution being moved and seconded by Crs Colling and McMeeken). What appeared to be the problem was that Council had not provided anything that could be distributed to the public upon enquiry at Customer Services.

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

"THAT submission 35 is noted."

21.4 Issue: Motuiti Road extension to Round Bush

In Submission No 29, Mr Ivan George suggests forming a road from Motuiti Road intersection with SH1 through to Round Bush.

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

"THAT Mr George is invited to consider proposing to DOC that they form a footpath from the highway to the bush."

21.5 Issue: Speed restrictions – Manakau School

In Submission No 15, Manakau District Community Association asks for speed restrictions outside Manakau School.

Resolved

(Murray / Judd)

"THAT the Manakau District Community Association is advised that Council is actively considering this matter, and that they will be advised of the outcome at the conclusion of those considerations."

21.6 Issue: Speed restrictions – District wide

In Submission No 15, Manakau District Community Association asks that all of the Districts roads be reviewed for setting speed limits lower than the 100kph default limit.

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

"THAT the Manakau District Community Association is advised that a district wide review is impractical, but that where they have concerns about specific sections of road, Council will consider them."

21.7 Issue: Road Safety Targets

In Submission No 123, MidCentral Health suggests that performance targets around road safety should be adopted.

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

"THAT Council continues to support road safety initiatives through our Road Safety Co-ordinator, and through appropriate engineering solutions."

21.8 Issue: Road safety - Oxford Street, cycling

In Submission No 123, MidCentral Health notes the injury accident statistics relating to cyclists in Oxford Street.

Resolved

(Keenan / Murray)

"THAT the submission is noted."

21.9 Issue: Road safety - Active Transport

In Submission No 123, MidCentral Health submits that council adopt a target to complete at least one infrastructure project that improves the safety of cyclists, pedestrians or other people using active transport.

Resolved

(Murray / Hunt)

"THAT Council give consideration to adopting a target to complete at least one infrastructure project that improves the safety of cyclists, pedestrians or other people using active transport in the context of the next LTCCP."

21.10 Issue: Otauru Stream Bridge

In Submission No 75, Mrs Marilyn Cranson has concerns relating to the narrow bridge over the Otauru Stream on Margaret Street, where the footpath is adjacent to the carriageway.

Resolved

(Shaw / Judd)

"THAT Mrs Cranson is invited to address her concerns directly to the New Zealand Transport Agency."

"THAT Council officers discuss this matter with NZTA during their next liaison meeting."

21.11 Issue: Margaret Ballance Street Intersection

In Submission No 75, Mrs Marilyn Cranson considers that a 'No Entry' sign should be placed on the Margaret Ballance Street intersection.

Cr Shaw said whilst there had not been any serious accidents at this intersection, there had been some near misses. NZTA were going to change the whole intersection, but to date nothing had happened.

Resolved

(Shaw / Murray)

"THAT a 'No Entry' sign as appropriate be installed following consultation with the New Zealand Transport Agency."

21.12 Issue: Ballance Street Lighting

In Submissions 47 and 78, Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Joanne Roache ask for an improvement in street lighting in Ballance Street.

Resolved

(Shaw / Judd)

"THAT the submissions are noted."

21.13 Issue: Ballance – Plimmer Intersection

In Submission No 75, Mrs Marilyn Cranson considers that barriers should be placed at the Plimmer / Ballance intersection to control pedestrians.

Resolved

(Shaw / Rush)

"THAT the submission is noted and officers engage with NZTA to determine the need for, or not, for pedestrian improvements."

21.14 Issue: Plimmer Terrace Facilities

In Submissions 85 and 86, Mrs Suzie Johnson and Mr Kiwi Johnson request increased signage, flowers and seating areas in Plimmer Terrace, Shannon.

It was noted that the first sentence in the analysis should be removed.

Resolved

(Shaw / Hunt)

"THAT the submission is noted and Council acknowledges that funding of \$29,500.00 is provided in the 2010/11 year for the work on Ballance Street & Plimmer Terrace.

"THAT staff ensure that international signage be installed to identify existing toilet facilities in Shannon."

FOOTPATHS

22.1 Issue: Foxton and Shannon – 'opposite side' paths

In Submission No 25, Mr PJ McDonnell notes that there are footpaths only on one side of the streets in Foxton.

In Submission No 25, Mrs Jenny Forman submits that a footpath is required on the north side of Stout Street between 15 Stout Street and the intersection of Stout and Vogel in Shannon.

Resolved

(Rush / Keenan)

"THAT the submission is noted."

The reference made by Mrs Forman to a crossing that was unsafe for pushchairs and mobility scooters was again raised and it was requested that this be looked into.

Cr Shaw said he had spoken to a long-time resident from Stout Street who had advised that when it was originally done the residents at the time did not want it. It had now become a vital piece of footpath that was missing.

Mr Nicholson noted that this was not on Council's footpath list and did not exist under our current policy.

22.2 Issue: Rummel Street, Waitare Beach

In Submission No 31, Mrs Raewyn Tate requests the formation of a footpath between Rua and Park Avenues in Waitare Beach. This is the unformed part of Rummel Street.

Resolved

(Keenan / Hunt)

"THAT the views of the Waitare Progressive Association are sought and that consideration be given to the matter in the context of the next LTCCP."

22.3 Issue: Maintenance

In Submission No 8, Mrs Olwen Burbery notes that there are to be no new footpaths this year and wonders whether maintenance will be curtailed.

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

"THAT Mrs Olwen Burbery is advised that the funding provided for maintenance of footpaths in the 2010/2011 year is considered to be adequate to maintain the current level of service."

22.4 Issue: Ballance Street, Shannon

In Submission No 47, Mrs Joanne Roache expresses concerns about the state of repair of the Ballance Street footpath in the vicinity of the toilet block.

Resolved

(Shaw / Hunt)

"THAT Mrs Roache is advised that the Ballance Street footpath (north side, west end) is on the current renewal schedule and the works will be done during next summer's construction season."

WATER SUPPLY

23.1 Issue: Shannon upgrade

In Submission No 78, Mrs O'Connor suggests that the resolution of the Shannon Water Supply matter is high priority. In Submission no 46 Ms Rosa Gray submits that the upgrading of Shannon's water supply should take precedence over the Levin water upgrade, since the latter is subject to a permanent boil water notice.

In speaking to submission 22 Mrs Drake drew attention to siltation that occurs on the pump station during flooding, which can lead to silt entering the pump station.

Resolved

(Shaw / Hunt)

"THAT the submissions are noted."

"THAT officers investigate issues relating to silt build-up around the Shannon Water Supply Intake and report their findings back to Council's July 2010 meeting."

Mr Ward advised that officers would make a site visit next week in relation to the silt build-up issue.

23.2 Issue: Shannon trunk main renewal

In Submission No 123, MidCentral Health expresses concerns about the deferral of the replacement of the Shannon Water Supply Trunk Main.

Resolved

(Keenan / Rush)

"THAT the submission is noted."

23.3 Issue: Kuku Water Supply

In Submission No 123, MidCentral Health notes that they have always considered the Kuku Water Supply to be non-potable and seeks clarification.

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

"THAT MidCentral Health is advised that the Kuku Water Supply is non-potable."

23.4 Issue: Rain water tanks

In Submission No 8, Mrs Olwen Burbery suggests that rainwater tanks should be installed as a supplementary source for watering gardens.

Resolved

(Shaw / Judd)

"THAT the submission is noted."

WASTE WATER

24.1 Issue: Exfiltration - Levin

Submission 4: Mr Fyfe Williamson notes that exfiltration of raw sewage is occurring in the Levin network, and suggests that this is a pathway for contaminants reaching the Lake.

Mr Williamson said he did not entirely agree with the officer's comments and reiterated his concerns in relation to pipe renewals, exfiltration and infiltration (a copy of Mr Williamson's further notes is **attached** to the official minutes).

Mayor Duffy thanked Mr Williamson for his observations. He further commented that Minister Guy and MP Katie Wilkinson had visited Council this afternoon. Very high level discussions had been held and the issue of the Lake had been raised and he was hopeful that some traction would occur. He was well aware of the challenges with Council's underground infrastructure and respected the observations made by Mr Williamson.

In response to a query about the monitoring of shallow bores, Mr Nicholson advised that that Council did evaluate water levels, but did not sample ground water for quality.

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

"THAT the submission is noted."

24.2 Issue: Shannon WWTP upgrade

Submission 78: Mrs O'Connor suggests that the resolution of the Shannon Waste Water issues are high priority.

Submission 23: Horizons Regional Council look forward to receiving Council's application for resource consent for the Shannon Sewage Treatment Plant, and to continuing the good progress made to date in resolving what has been a complex issue for Shannon.

Submission 8: Mrs Olwen Burbery expresses concerns that the Floating wetlands at Shannon will give rise to odour.

Submission 124: DOC notes that the Shannon WWTP continues to discharge into the Mangaore Stream and observes that the system needs to be upgraded.

Mr Ward advised that the floating wetland project for Shannon was underway and installation would occur next month. He would follow up with submitters with more information at the appropriate time.

Resolved

(Shaw / Judd)

"THAT the submissions are noted."

24.3 issue: Waitarere WWTP development

Submission 123: MidCentral Health offers to assist Council in carrying out a Health Impact Assessment of the Waitarere Sewage project.

Submission 8: Mrs Olwen Burbery is concerned about the sudden unavailability of land for the Waitarere waste water treatment plant, and suggests that plans should have been put in place years ago.

Resolved

(Keenan / Murray)

"THAT MidCentral Health is invited to provide further information relating to their offer to assist Council in carrying out a Health Impact Assessment of the Waitarere Sewage project. Particular information needed for Council to evaluate this proposal is what the relevance of the assessment would be to the existing Waitarere Scheme and future planning for the scheme, also what the costs would be to Council of carrying it out."

24.4 Issue: Levin WWTP relocation

Submission 23: Horizons Regional Council supports the long-term relocation of the Levin Sewage Treatment Plant.

Submission 40: Ms Michelle Raill on behalf of the Otaki Greens is concerned about the delay in the relocation of the Levin Waste Water Treatment plant. She also indicates some technologies that could be incorporated into the new treatment plant for Levin.

Submission 124: DOC expresses concerns about the deferment of the relocation works (especially with the Waitarere sewage being redirected into the Levin system). They observe that waste water continues to be discharged from the oxidation ponds to shallow groundwater and thence to Lake Horowhenua.

Resolved

(Murray / Judd)

"THAT the submissions are noted."

24.5 Issue: Levin – Gladstone Green

Submission 23: Horizons Regional Council notes with concern the proposal to defer new wastewater reticulation to Gladstone Green.

Resolved

(Judd / Rush)

"THAT the submission is noted"

24.6 Issue: Foxton WWTP upgrade

Submission 8: Mrs Olwen Burbery suggests that the land at Foxton Beach should be used for the disposal of Foxton waste water.

Resolved

(Hunt / Shaw)

"THAT the submission is noted."

24.7 Issue: Infiltration

Submission 34: Mr and Mrs Paton note the absence of budgetary provision for infiltration surveys in certain waste water schemes.

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

"THAT the submission is noted."

24.8 Issue: Waste Water assessments

Submission 123: MidCentral Health submits that council assess non-reticulated communities for waste water.

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

"THAT the submission is noted."

SOLID WASTE

25.1 Issue: Waste minimisation

In Submission No 123, MidCentral Health notes that Council has responsibilities to meet with respect to the requirements of the Waste Minimisation Act and considers that Council should adopt a 'Zero Waste to Landfill' programme similar to that of other councils.

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

"THAT the submission is noted."

25.2 Issue: Transfer Station gate fees

In Submissions 80 and 81, Mrs Rose and Mr Kevin Couling object to the increase in fees at the Shannon Transfer Station, and point out the likelihood of increased fly-tipping.

In Submissions 8, 101, 102 and 103, Mrs Olwen Burbery, Mrs Annette Martin, Mr PJ McDonnell and Barry and Kay Pearce object to the increase at both transfer stations.

Submission 80, 81 Mrs Rose and Mr Kevin Couling would like to see no charge for greenwaste to be dumped in Shannon and council recycle greenwaste by chipping it and sell the resultant product.

Submission 102, Mr PJ McDonnell states Horizon Rates cover the cost of rubbish bags
Submission 103, Barry and Kay Pearce object to the Councils clear rubbish bags and the cost to dispose of these.

Resolved

(Keenan / Rush)

"THAT the submission is noted."

25.3 Issue: Recycling

In Submission No 47, Mrs Joanne Roache objects to the way the kerbside recycling scheme was introduced and responsible residents incurring a \$1.00 per week charge to fund it through wheelie bin collection.

Resolved

(Hunt / Murray)

"THAT the submission is noted."

25.4 Issue(s): Recycling Centres, Recycling Policy and review

Submission No 38 Foxton Community Board supports the councils recycling policy and looks forward to the review of policy.

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

"THAT the submission is noted."

25.5 Issue: Landfill Liner

Miss Delwyn Sanson seeks information relating to the landfill liner.

Resolved

(Hunt / Shaw)

"THAT the submission is noted."

FINANCE ISSUES

26.1 Funding for Infrastructure

Submission No.5

Mr Ward tabled a facsimile received from Heather Smith on behalf of Democrats for Social Credit (copy **attached**).

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

THAT Council advised the submitter that it is unable to borrow from the Reserve Bank as is advocated without a major change in Government policy and legislation.

26.2 Targeted Rate for Foxton Community Board

Submission Nos 30, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100,

This proposed rate was included in Council's Draft Annual Plan for consultation as a result of suggested outcomes from Rate Review meetings held during late 2009. The rate is proposed to recover those direct costs of the Foxton Community Board – salaries and meeting costs.

Those submitters identified above have all registered their opposition to this proposed rate.

Councillors expressed a variety of views both for and against the proposed rate, some believing that the existence of the Community Board meant that people in the Foxton/Foxton Beach communities received an additional benefit, while others expressed the view that this was contrary to Council's policy of harmonisation.

Resolved

(Hunt / Keenan)

"THAT Council adopts a targeted rate for the Foxton Community Board."

On the motion being put, there were three (3) for and four (4) against. The motion was, therefore, LOST.

26.3 Rates

Submission Nos.9, 11, 17, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118

Each of these submitters raised matters of principle with regard to rating, referring to differentials, targeted rates, uniform charges, capital value vs land value and some other issues.

Council undertook a Rating Review during the latter part of the 2009 calendar year and is intending to undertake a similar review during the first half of the 2010/2011 year.

Resolved

(Hunt / Shaw)

"THAT those submitters who have identified rate related issues through this submission process will be invited to join the Rating Review process to further discuss their concerns and/or suggestion."

26. 4 Targeted rate for Health Centre in Foxton and provision of Health Centre

Submission Nos.21, 30, 34, 38, 103,

A targeted rate for health centre costs is legally able to be set. It must be done as an amendment to the Revenue and Financing policy and therefore an amendment to an LTCCP or with the next LTCCP. Presumably it will be applied to an area of benefit (not unlike the FCB rate). As with all such defined areas the properties near the borders will argue they receive little or no benefit.

In his submission and verbal presentation Mr Gimblett made specific comments with respect to the process to be followed in this matter which involves robust consultation with the communities of Foxton and Foxton Beach during the first part of the 2010/2011 financial year with a view to further work being undertaken in conjunction with the 2011/2012 Draft Annual Plan.

Resolved

(Hunt / Shaw)

"THAT this matter be taken back to the Community Board for further consideration."

26.5 Property Valuation

Submission Nos 6 and 17

Resolved

(Keenan / Murray)

"THAT Council does not depart from the Valuation Rules definition of rural Residential or Rural Lifestyle"

27. Environmental Services Issues

27.1 Plan Change 20

Submission 23

Horizons Regional Council has expressed concerns on the proposed deferral of new waste water reticulation to the "Gladstone Green" area particularly as Plan Change 20 has not yet been finally adopted.

This matter had already been dealt with under 24.5.

27.2 Rural Residential Developments

Submission 26

Federated Farmers has submitted on potential incompatibilities between Rural Residential developments and rural land use activities particularly in relation to potential reverse sensitivity effects.

Resolved

(Keenan / Shaw)

"THAT submission 26 in relation to reverse sensitivity be noted."

27.3 Development Contributions Amendments.

Submission No. 111

Resolved

(Murray / Judd)

"THAT submission 111 from R Wilkie be noted."

"THAT the amendments to the Development Contributions policy proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2010/11 be adopted as proposed in that document."

"THAT the Development Contributions policy not be amended as a consequence of the submission."

"THAT the submitter be advised of the breakdown of the current Development Contributions as they relate to her property."

27.4 Open Space Strategy

Submission No. 113 and 124

Resolved

(Judd / Shaw)

"THAT submissions 113 and 124 in relation to the proposed Open Space Study be noted."

27.5 Environmental Health Performance Targets.

Submission 123

Resolved

(Shaw / Judd)

"THAT submission 123 from Mid Central Health be noted."

"THAT the submitter be advised that Council considers most of the matters raised in relation to Environmental Health to be legitimate concerns that are best managed at an operational level."

"THAT Environmental Services staff liaise with the submitter over any concerns in relation to non compliance with resource consents."

27.6 District Plan Review

Submission Nos. 23, 123 and 124

Resolved

(Judd / Rush)

"THAT submissions 23, 123 and 124 in relation to the District Plan review be noted."

"THAT the submitters be advised that the submission insofar as it relates to the District Plan Review be referred to officers for further investigation within that project. "

27.7 Manawatu Estuary

Submission 124

Resolved

(Hunt / Murray)

"THAT in response to submission 124 from the Department of Conservation, the Manawatu Estuary be added to the list of 'diverse environments' on page 19 of the Draft Annual Plan 2010/11."

27.8 Environmental Health Fees

Submission 127

Resolved

(Murray / Rush)

"THAT proposed Environmental Health fees not be amended as a result of the submission received.

"THAT officers advise the submitter of reasons for this fee as stated above."

28. Levin Business Association Funding Request

Submission 41

Councillors expressed divergent views in relation to the proposed increase in parking meter charges from .40c to \$1.00 per hour.

The meeting adjourned briefly (8.25 - 8.30 pm) for Councillors to firm up their views and reach a consensus.

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

"THAT submission 41 in relation to a request for a grant be noted."

"THAT the CEO engage with Levin Business Association to consider options for viable funding sources and definite outcomes."

"THAT Council proceed to introduce parking fees of \$1.00 per hour effective from 1 July 2010."

"THAT the CEO prepares a report for the 23 June 2010 Council Meeting detailing the proposed use of additional funds received from parking fees."

During discussion on this matter at last Wednesday's hearing of submission, the possibility of undisbursed funds from the major event grant being allocated to the business sector and it was requested that this be included in the CEO's report.

29. Taiao Raukawa Environmental Resource Centre.

Submission 125

Resolved

(Murray / Hunt)

"THAT Submission 125 be noted."

"THAT the submitter be congratulated on obtaining the funding and advised that the Council looks forward to being able to assist as and when appropriate."

"THAT Council seek the opportunity for a site visit."

"THAT Councillors and Senior Staff meet with the submitter to understand the governance role of the proposed Centre."

30. Funding Requests

30.1 Submission No.1

Resolved

(Murray / Hunt)

"THAT Council declines the request for funding from RDMWA for \$15,400.00, but requests the Chief Executive Officer refer the matter to the new Community Well Being Committee when it considers the Horowhenua Social Development Strategy."

30.2 Submission No.27

Resolved

(Hunt / Judd)

"THAT Chief Executive Officer advise the submitter of progress on the review of the policy.

Mr Clapperton said he would talk to the submitter in relation to her submission. He did not believe there was anything in the policy that said it was not available to businesses.

30.3 Submission No.28

Resolved

(Rush / Murray)

"THAT Council notes the submission and undertakes to consult with the submitter when the Economic Development services review is undertaken in 2010."

31. Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Project

Submission No. 33

Resolved

(Keenan / Shaw)

"THAT it is recommended that Grey Power be fully briefed on the Te Awahou project and be kept up to date on any future developments."

32. Levin War Memorial Hall

Submission No. 35

This had already been covered.

33. Foxton War Memorial Hall

Submission Nos 39, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 99

Already dealt with.

34. Service at Shannon Library

Submission Nos 80, 81

Resolved

(Shaw / Keenan)

"THAT the submissions be noted and the submitters concerns be forwarded to the Horowhenua Library Trust for its response."

35. Submission No.127

Number 2: Community Support

Resolved

(Judd / Keenan)

"THAT it is recommended that the criteria for discounts available for Hall hireage be circulated to the submitter and posted on Council web site."

Community Support – Expenditure Programme -Grants

Number 3: Reference Page 47

Resolved

(Judd / Keenan)

"THAT It is recommended that the submission be noted."

Community Support – Tourism and Economic Development.

Number 4: Reference Page 44

Resolved

(Rush / Judd)

"THAT It is recommended that the submission be noted."

Community Support – Expenditure Programme –Grants

Number 5: Reference Page 47

Resolved

(Murray / Keenan)

"THAT It is recommended that more detail on the criteria for each grant classification be posted on Council's web site."

Accounting Policies page 69

Number 7: Reference:

Resolved

(Judd / Rush)

"THAT it is recommended that the submission be noted."

Submission No.36

Resolved

(Judd / Hunt)

"THAT Council asks the CEO to prepare a paper identifying a protocol and procedures that would allow Youth Voice to present to Council."

It was also suggested that a protocol around Councillors attending Youth Voice meetings and interacting with that Group was required.

The Chair noted that there would be no meeting next week. The next meeting would be on 23 June 2010 at which time the Annual Plan would be adopted.

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."

Item 1908 - Former Countdown Building

Item 1909 - Property Issues

Reasons for Confidentiality

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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.*

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 - (ii) *Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*
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- 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 9.00 pm.

CONFIRMED this day of

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Chairperson