

**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 126-148 OXFORD STREET, LEVIN, ON WEDNESDAY,  
27 OCTOBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor, B J Duffy  
Cr D A Allan  
Cr G G Good  
Cr V M Kaye-Simmons  
Cr L E McMeeken  
Cr A M Hunt  
Cr B F Judd  
Cr P K Keenan  
Cr N D H Murray  
Cr A D Rush  
Cr R N Shaw

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms N J Ellwood (Foxton Community Board)  
Mr N G Gimblett (Foxton Community Board)  
Mrs P R Metcalf (Foxton Community Board)  
Mr B Vertongen (Foxton Community Board)

**MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr P Franklin ("Chronicle")  
Mrs A Reading ("Beach FM")

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:**

There were approximately 125 people in attendance at the commencement of the meeting, including members of the St Joseph's Choir and their parents.

**WELCOME BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PRESIDING**

The Horowhenua District Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr D G Ward welcomed Councillors, Foxton Community Board members, family members, media and staff to the first meeting of the new triennium. He outlined the process for the evening, with the Inaugural Council meeting to be followed by the Inaugural meeting for the Foxton Community Board.

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies recorded.

**PERFORMANCE BY ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

A choir of pupils from St Joseph's School, accompanied by two teachers and supported by parents and family, presented two choral items.

At the conclusion of the performance, the Choir members, teachers and family left the meeting and the meeting returned to the formal proceedings.

#### **4. DECLARATION BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr B J Duffy, JP, wearing the ceremonial cloak presented to Council by Ngati Tukorehe, made and signed his Declaration of Office before the Chief Executive Officer and then assumed the Chair.

**A copy of the declaration is attached to the official minutes.**

#### **5. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS**

All Councillors, in alphabetical order, also wearing the Ngati Tukorehe ceremonial cloak, then made and signed their individual Declarations of Office before His Worship the Mayor.

The Mayor recorded his congratulations to the one newly elected member and nine re-elected members of Council.

**A copy of the declarations are attached to the official minutes**

#### **6. LEGISLATION AFFECTING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the following legislation that affected members of Council, the Foxton Community Board, and members of staff,

- (i) The Local Government Act 2002
- (ii) The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
- (iii) The Electoral Act
- (iv) The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
- (v) The Local Authorities (Members Interest) Act 1968
- (vi) The Crimes Act 1961, Sections 99, 105 and 105A
- (vii) The Secret Commissions Act 1910
- (viii) The Securities Act 1978.

advising that prior to the meeting he had discussed this legislation in more detail with Councillors. A summary of the legislation was appended to the Agenda.

#### **7. METHOD OF VOTING FOR CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS**

The two options set out in the Local Government Act 2002, Clause 25, Schedule 7, regarding the method of voting to determine the position of Deputy Mayor and Council representatives on the Foxton Community Board was outlined, with it explained that System A was in effect the STV system, with System B being 'first past the post'.

Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Act states:

- (1) *This clause applies to -*
  - (a) *the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a regional council; and*
  - (b) *the election or appointment of the deputy mayor; and*
  - (c) *the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a committee; and*
  - (d) *the election or appointment of a representative of a local authority.*

- (2) *If this clause applies, a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:*
- (a) *the voting system in subclause (3) (system A):*
  - (b) *the voting system in subclause (4) (system B).*
- (3) **System A-**
- (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and*
  - (b) *has the following characteristics:*
    - (i) *there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and*
    - (ii) *if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and*
    - (iii) *if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and*
    - (iv) *in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.*
- (4) **System B-**
- (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and*
  - (b) *has the following characteristics:*
    - (i) *there is only 1 round of voting; and*
    - (ii) *if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, and tie is resolved by lot."*

Traditionally Council had used System B when voting for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor and for Council Foxton Community Board representatives.

## **Resolved**

(Allan/Good)

*"THAT System B be the method of voting used for proceedings at this meeting."*

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

His Worship the Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor, to be elected by the voting system determined under Schedule 7 (System B).

**Moved:** Cr Good

**Seconded:** Cr McMeeken

*"THAT Cr Judd be appointed Deputy Mayor."*

There being no further nominations, Cr Judd was declared Deputy Mayor.

## **9. DETERMINATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD**

As elected representatives for the Kere Kere Ward, Cr Allan and Cr Hunt were identified as Council's representatives on the Foxton Community Board.

**Resolved**

(McMeeken/Rush)

*"THAT Crs Allan and Hunt be Council's representatives on the Foxton Community Board."*

**PERFORMANCE BY COBURRN JANE, WAIOPEHU COLLEGE STUDENT**

In introducing Coburn Jane who was to sing two songs, His Worship the Mayor commented that the items by St Joseph's School pupils and Coburn Jane's performing for Council this evening exemplified the potential of our young people and celebrated their positive contribution to the community.

Mayor Duffy thanked Ms Jane for her brilliant performance.

**10. FIXING OF DATE AND TIME FOR FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the first ordinary meeting of Council would be held on Thursday, 28 October 2010 commencing at 4.00 pm in the Horowhenua Room, 126-148 Oxford Street, Levin, with Wednesday, 10 November 2010 at 4.15 pm proposed for the first business meeting.

The business to be discussed at tomorrow's meeting would include, amongst other things: Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Membership of Standing Committees.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.43 pm.

CONFIRMED this                    day of

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**Chairperson**