
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Mr B P Wanden
Deputy Mayor	Mrs J F G Mason
Councillors	Mr D A Allan
	Mr W E R Bishop
	Mr R J Brannigan
	Mr T N Isaacs
	Mr S J R Jennings
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
	Mr R R Ketu
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mrs N Brady	(Deputy Chief Executive)
	Mrs Lisa Slade	(Group Manager – People and Culture)
	Mr Brent Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
	Ms S Hori Te Pa	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

	Mr D Griffin	(Electionz.com)
	Ms T Whiti	(Accompanying Cr Ketu)

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 30 June 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

There were no announcements.

7 Proceedings of Committees

7.1 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 15 June 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 15 June 2021.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Report 21/320 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 15 June 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 15 June 2021.

CARRIED

7.2 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 28 June 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 28 June 2021.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 21/319 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 28 June 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 28 June 2021.

CARRIED

Foxton Community Board Update

Deputy Chair, Ms Metcalf, provided the update on behalf of the Board, which included:

– **Foxton Beach Reserves Plan – Holben Reserve**

At the July workshop, possible development options were discussed to enhance the enjoyment of the area for both children and adults utilising the \$700k left from the Reserves 10 year Plan. Options identified: Multi-use tennis court

upgrade; twin zip line (flying fox); walkway and adult fitness stations; BBQ facilities/shade sails/seating; splashpad. Wetlands were not seen as a high priority without funding from outside sources. Whilst road safety around the Reserve would not attract funding from the Fund, the Board was keen to see safety measures put in place asap via the roading budget.

– Foxton Swimming Pool

A user group meeting had been held last week. The Pool was due to open on 1 September. The aquasize programme was presented and the group was looking forward to not having to travel to Levin. Brent Harvey presented on what option 2.1 for the Pool could look like, as external funding became available. Officers were currently working on external funding applications. The FCB provided letters of support to accompany the applications. The Foxton Beach Progressive Association, Foxton Beach Community Centre, RSA and Proudly Foxton had also been asked to provide letters of support.

– Foxton Projects

- Surf Club – still progressing.
- Foxton Beach Wharf – was completed and looked great.
- CCTV Camera at Foxton Beach – at this stage only the cameras at the Surf Club and The Little White Rabbit were live.

– Foxton Events

Matariki Lights over Foxton – mid-July – was very successful. It included a laser light show, food trucks, kites, with MAVtech's Foxton radio broadcasting live outside Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, as well as a movie night at MAVtech (galaxy themed in line with Matariki).

Arjan had reported "We had some 1,500 people coming through our building. So there must have been at least some 2,000-3,000 out in the Cultural Park – over that period of 3 hours".

HDC and FTDA had some joint marketing of Foxton in the Sunday Star Times – "Foxton – a tale of Taonga, Treasures and Fizz".

– Public Consultation

Proposal to extend the boundary of the Foxton Community Board – Board Members went door to door to talk to residents about the proposal. Most residents, i.e. 123 out of 128 (96%) welcomed the idea and were looking forward to being included. The Door to Door Survey results were tabled.

It was noted that a second workshop would be held to discuss the Holben Reserve development options, and it was requested that Elected Members be given the opportunity to attend.

Mr Clapperton also advised that the on-site discussion in relation to the Foxton East Drainage Scheme had not yet occurred.

7.3 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 30 June 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the Open and In Committee minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 June 2021.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 21/317 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 30 June 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the Open and In Committee minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 June 2021.

CARRIED

8 Executive

8.1 Mayoral Report - June/July 2021

Purpose

For His Worship the Mayor to report to Council on the community events and Council-related meetings attended

AND FURTHER

To provide Councillors the opportunity to give a brief verbal update on conference/forums attended, or the activities of those organisations/groups for which they are a Council representative.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/314 Mayoral Report - June/July 2021 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Whilst Mayor Wanden had nothing further to add, he did respond to queries in relation to some of the events listed.

In relation to the Future of Local Government Workshop and any implications for Council coming from that, Mayor Wanden said the forum had been more about the members of the future local government body understanding from Elected Members the issues that they may be confronted with and what might be the programme for the future. By the end of September the group would present an interim report to the Minister which would provide a basis as to how they would operate into the future. There would then be further engagement with tlas, business and other interested stakeholders.

Mr Clapperton said he had attended the Palmerston North meeting and he understood that the notes from that meeting were going to be made available. He would ensure they were circulated when received.

8.2 Monitoring Report to 11 August 2021

Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering actions arising from resolutions from previous Council meetings and also requested Officer actions.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 21/315 Monitoring Report to 11 August 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

Page 32 Douglas Street (Plantation Reserve)
Lincoln Place Reserve - Levinable

Mr Clapperton advised that information on these two items should be available by the end of the week.

8.3 Chief Executive's Report to 11 August 2021

Purpose

For the Chief Executive to update Councillors, or seek endorsement on, a number of matters being dealt with.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Report 21/316 Chief Executive's Report to 11 August 2021 be received.

THAT these matters or decisions be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

3.3 Long Term Plan Monitoring Report

Page 39 7 – Waste Minimisation

Cr Kaye-Simmons commented that Shannon Primary School was a shining example of waste minimisation and was doing a great job of keeping 'stuff' out of the landfill. It had been entered into Keep New Zealand Beautiful's Awards as a Sustainable School.

6 – Public Transport

It was queried whether the pedestrian safety investigation at Salisbury Street (Queen Street to Bath Street) also included from the corner of Bath Street through to the Bath Street lights (passed New World and the bus stop) as it was a high traffic area with two entrances, a bus stop and taxi stand. If not, it was requested that it be added.

Mr Clapperton said he would pass that on to the Roding Team.

Page 42 21 – Foxton Beach Signage

It was requested, if they were not already on the list of stakeholders, that the Foxton Community Board and the Foxton Beach Progressive Association be included in these discussions.

Page 42 23 – Butterfly Pathway

The differing wording between what was in the resolution and the action was queried, with this to be checked with officers.

8.4 Elected Members' Remuneration and Allowances

Purpose

To advise Elected Members of the Local Government Members (Local Authorities) determination from the Remuneration Authority for 2021/2022 and adopt the Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy 2021.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Report 21/321 Elected Members' Remuneration and Allowances be received.

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

CARRIED

Following Mayor Wanden noting that the remuneration and recovery of expenses rates were set by the Remuneration Authority not Council, it was:

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council endorses the following remuneration rates for Elected Members for 2021/22, to apply from 1 July 2021:

Position	New Rate 1/07/2021
<u>Council</u>	\$
Mayor	129,000
Deputy Mayor, including Hearings Committee Chair, Deputy Chair Community Wellbeing Committee	70,033
Chairperson – Community Wellbeing Committee	46,688
Chairperson – Community Funding & Recognition Committee	46,688
Deputy Chairperson – Finance, Audit & Risk Committee	42,797
Councillors (x6)	38,907
<u>Foxton Community Board</u>	
Chairperson	12,706
Member	6,353

CARRIED

After discussion on the inclusion of a Childcare Allowance in Council's Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy, particularly as to whether it would in fact incentivise a more diverse group of candidates, whether it was appropriate for it to be funded by ratepayers, and the actual amount, process and evidence required should it be applied for, it was:

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy 2021.

CARRIED

Crs Bishop and Kaye-Simmons recorded their votes AGAINST the motion.

8.5 Representation Review - Adoption of Initial Proposal

Purpose

To recommend the formal adoption of the Council's initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 elections, and that the proposal be distributed for public consultation.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/323 Representation Review - Adoption of Initial Proposal be received.

THAT this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Having been engaged in the Representation Review process to date, which had included a public workshop where the background and options were presented to Council to ensure Elected Members were fully informed of the process and the various options, Mr

Darryl Griffin, from Electionz.com, joined Ms Hori Te Pa at the table to speak to the report.

Mr Griffin noted two corrections in the report:

- Because Council had chosen to introduce a Māori Ward(s), there was no provision for councillors to be elected ‘at large’;
- Fair Representation - 5.41 in the report referred to ‘voting age population’; however, it should read ‘population’ as per the Local Electoral Act.

Running through the options and responding to queries, Mr Griffin did confirm that the options were consistent with the discussion documents that Council had considered and were consistent with the information provided to the workshop. He also noted that in terms of the population numbers in the various wards, which had changed due to growth since the last election, legislation only allowed for the information provided by Statistics NZ to be used. Any discrepancy between the Statistics NZ numbers and the numbers actually on the ground would need to be taken up with Statistics NZ.

To focus discussion, rather than Elected Members (EMs) considering each option proposed in the report, Cr Jennings proposed a further option - 2G – saying he felt it was the fairest and most compliant. This option was not included in the report, but it had been made available earlier in the day and a copy was tabled:

“New Option - 2G – Eight General Councillors, Three General Ward Structure, Single Māori Ward with one Member and boundary alterations east between Levin and Waiopahu Wards and between Kere Kere and Waiopahu Wards, and combining Miranui and Kere Kere into a single ward:

Wards	Population*	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	% deviation from district average population per councillor
Kere Kere/Miranui	8,170	2	4,085	207	5.34
Levin	15,461	4	3,865	-13	-0.34
Waiopahu	7,389	2	3,695	-183	-4.72
Total General	31,020#	8	3,878		
Māori Ward	5,060	1	5,060^		
Total	36,080#	9			

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New **Option 2G** reviews the optimum number of councillors down to 9 plus the Mayor. All wards are compliant.

Option 2G moves mesh blocks under intensive development to the east of Levin from the Waiopahu Ward into the Levin Ward. This is estimated to move 297 people at present, but this number will increase as the intensification in the area continues. It also moves mesh blocks in the Kere Kere Ward which are south of the Manawatu River, into the Waiopahu Ward.

All three wards comply with the +/- 10% rule.”

Elected Members provided their views both for and against proposed Option 2G and after robust debate, and with it noted that the Ward names of Kere Kere/Miranui and Horowhenua for the Māori Ward were there as placeholders, it was:

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts as its Initial Proposal for the Representation Review for the local body election to be held in 2022, and subsequent elections until altered by a subsequent decisions, the following:

- (a) *That the Council comprises eight (8) general ward councillors elected from three (3) general wards, one (1) Māori ward councillor elected from one Māori Ward, and the Mayor elected at large.*

(CARRIED)

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Bishop:

- (b) *That the Council general ward names be Kere Kere/Miranui, Levin and Waiopahu; and the proposed name for the Māori ward be Horowhenua.*

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Bishop:

- (c) *That the proposed boundaries of the three general wards be as shown on the map for Option 2G and the Māori Ward be district wide.*

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Bishop:

- (d) *That the population each ward will represent will be as follows:*

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CARRIED

Further robust debate continued on the recommendations in relation to the Foxton Community Board.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

- THAT the Horowhenua District Council retains the Foxton Community Board;
AND FURTHER
THAT the name of the Board be altered to: Te Awahou Foxton Community Board;*

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Allan Seconded: Cr Jennings

That the Foxton Community Board comprises five (5) members elected at large plus two members appointed by Council, one being a member from the general ward of Kere Kere/Miranui and the second being the Horowhenua Ward Councillor.

There were three (3) for and six (6) against; the motion was, therefore, LOST.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Allan:

- THAT the Foxton Community Board comprises five (5) members elected at large and one (1) member representing the Kere Kere/Miranui Ward.*

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

- THAT the proposed boundaries of the Foxton Community Board remain as they are at present and as shown on map 'A'*

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- THAT an initial proposal is prepared and public notice be given of the proposals as adopted.*

THAT the Horowhenua District Council will hear submissions on the proposal.

CARRIED

It was clarified that while the resolutions passed provided the basis for the Representation Review consultation, there was also the opportunity for Council to raise other matters during the consultation process on which it would like feedback from the community.

Also outlined were the various avenues that would be used by Council to communicate with the community during the consultation process.

6.37 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....