

Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 3.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Deputy Mayor	Mr B P Wanden 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
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting OfficerMr D M Clapperton Mrs N Brady Mrs J Straker Mr D McCorkindale Mr B Maguire Mrs L Slade Mr B Harvey Mrs C Pollock Mr N Hirini Mrs M Rogerson Mrs K J Corkill	Deputy Chief Executive) (Chief Financial Officer)
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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R Bates Mr D Law

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Cr Tukapua).

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Ketu.

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the apology from Councillor Ketu be accepted.

2 **Public Participation**

None requested.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

The following reiterated previously declared conflicts of interest:

Cr Jennings – a pecuniary interest via his spouse in relation to the Economic Development provider, Horowhenua New Zealand Trust.

Cr Bishop – 9.1 Adoption of the Development Contributions Policy 2021 Cr Isaacs – 9.1 Adoption of the Development Contributions Policy 2021.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Open and In Committee minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9 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 Funding & Recognition Committee 9 June 2021 Purpose

Fulpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 9 June 2021.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 21/278 Proceedings of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee 9 June 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 09 June 2021.

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

CARRIED

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MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT, as recommended by the Community Funding and Recognition Committee, the Horowhenua District Council adopts the following grant types, funding allocation and criteria for the 2021/2022 financial year;

	Total 2021/2022 Allocation	\$ <u>160.000.00</u>
•	Horowhenua Rural Halls Grant	\$30,000.00
•	Horowhenua Special Projects Grant	\$20,000.00
•	Horowhenua Community and Social Services Grant	\$30,000.00
•	Horowhenua Vibrant Communities Grant	\$20,000.00
•	Horowhenua Community Development Grant	\$60,000.00

CARRIED

8 Executive

8.1 Chief Executive's Report to 30 June 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 Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 21/279 Chief Executive's Report to 30 June 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

Following Elected Members indicating their preference in relation to each remit, and with it clarified that in relation to the remit on Tree Protection, if this was progressed it could give Council greater flexibility when it came to protecting groups of trees and should not place an additional burden on Council, it was:

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the following direction is given by the Horowhenua District Council for voting on Remits at the LGNZ 2021 Annual General Meeting:

		Support	Neutral	Not Support
1.	Tree Protection	5	1	4
2.	Rating Value of Forestry Land	10		
З.	Funding of Civics Education	6		4
4.	Election Participation	10		
5.	Carbon emission inventory standards and reduction targets		nse to dep ebate on ti	
6.	WINZ Accommodation Supplement	10		
7.	Liability – Building Consent Functions	10		

CARRIED

Crs Bishop and Isaacs withdrew from the table.

9 Strategy and Development

9.1 Adoption of the Development Contributions Policy 2021

Purpose

For the Horowhenua District Council to adopt the Development Contributions Policy 2021 effective 1 July 2021.

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

THAT Report 21/273 Adoption of the Development Contributions Policy 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Rob Bates joined Mrs Huria and Mrs Straker to speak to the report and respond to any queries, with a PowerPoint presentation made which covered the key changes that had been made to the Policy since the deliberations, being:

- An adjustment to interest rates to reflect the management submission.
- Reflecting capital changes made during deliberations.
- Policy refinements:
 - the issuing of development contribution assessments when issuing a Project Information Memorandum (PIM) to assist building consent authorities;
 - clearer direction on development contributions relating to accessory residential buildings such as sleep-outs and utility buildings;
 - the ability to withhold consents that have been granted until an invoice has been paid; and
 - allowing postponed payments when land use consents are granted, but where one or more building consents are needed in order to be given effect.

Responding to a query with regard to the Policy being reviewed and monitored, whilst it was not included in the actual document, it was noted that it would be reported on to Council on a monthly basis as part of the LTP Monitoring Report.

A replacement table was provided for Table 1 in Section 2.9.1 of the Draft Development Contributions Policy, with an accompanying recommendation for its adoption:

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council accepts tracked changes within the Development Contributions Policy as provided.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the following table as a replacement for Table 1, Section 2.9.1 of the Draft Development Contributions Policy, as provided

	Land Transport		Community		Stormwater			Water Supply		Wastewater Treatment			TOTAL	
8	Tara-ika	District	Tara-ika	District	Tara-ika	Scheme	District	Tara-Ika	Scheme	District	Tara-Ika	Scheme	District	
Levin	-	\$618	_	\$1,247	2	\$162	\$386		\$3,363	50	- 1	\$8,195	\$0	\$13,96;
Tara-tka	\$2,254	\$018		\$1,247	\$1.671	\$152	\$386	\$0	\$3,363	\$0	\$1,715	\$8,195	\$0	\$19,60
Factors		\$618		\$1,247		50	\$386		\$899	\$0		\$881	\$0	\$4,03
Faston Beach		\$618		\$1,247		\$92	\$386		\$1,596	\$0		\$965	\$0	\$4,90
Itannon Margare		\$818		\$1,247	-	\$0	\$386		50	\$0		- \$0	\$0	\$2,25
Tekomanu		\$618		\$1,247	(\$0	\$386		\$0	\$0		30	50	\$2,25
Valtarere Beach		5618		\$1,247		\$0	\$386		\$4,678	\$0		\$2,053	\$0	\$8,98
They		\$618		\$1,247		\$0	\$386		\$2,726	\$0		\$2,789	\$0	\$7,76
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MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Horowhenua District Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal community consultation process, adopts the Development Contribution Policy 2021 effective 1 July 2021.

CARRIED

Mayor Wanden acknowledged the contribution made by Mr Bates to this process and also the time and commitment shown by Mrs Huria and Mrs Straker which had paved the way for the reintroduction of Development Contributions which would see growth financed by those who would get the benefit of being part of this community.

Crs Bishop and Isaacs rejoined the table.

9.2 Adoption of the 2021-2041 Long Term Plan

Purpose

For the Horowhenua District Council (Council) to adopt the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report Adoption of the 2021-2041 Long Term Plan be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Straker and Mrs Huria were joined at the table by Mrs Brady to speak to the report and respond to any queries.

Mrs Straker gave a PowerPoint presentation which set out the 'unqualified' Audit Opinion received from Audit New Zealand received earlier in the day (a copy of which had been provided to Elected Members):

"In our opinion:

- the plan provides a reasonable basis for:
 - long-term, integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the Council's resources; and
 - accountability of the Council to the community;
- the information and assumptions underlying the forecast information in the plan are reasonable; and
- the disclosures on pages 445 to 452 represent a complete list of the disclosures required by Part 2 of the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations) and accurately reflect the information drawn from the plan.

This opinion does not provide assurance that the forecasts in the plan will be achieved, because events do not always occur as expected and variations may be material. Nor does it guarantee the accuracy of the information in the plan."

Emphasis of Matters

- Uncertainty over three waters reforms
- Uncertainty over the delivery of the capital programme
- Infrastructure assets condition information."

Mrs Straker advised that Audit Director, Mr Lucy, would be in attendance at the following Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting to comment and respond to any queries.

Elected Members provided comment as the various recommendations were worked through.

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MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the HDC Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051.

CARRIED

CARRIED

Crs Jennings, Tukapua and Bishop voted AGAINST the motion.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Financial Strategy.

Cr Jennings recorded his vote AGAINST the motion.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Revenue and Financing Policy.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Community Outcomes.

CARRIED

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A point of order was raised by Cr Brannigan in relation to comments made by Cr Jennings, with Cr Brannigan saying the views expressed by Cr Jennings were not the views of the table. Cr Jennings countered by saying that expressing his personal opinion did not contravene Standing Orders, which was upheld by the Chair.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Rates Remission Policy and Remissions of Rates on Maori Freehold Land Policy.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Council resolves that it is prudent to adopt a budget that is not balanced in year 3. This is on the basis that it will be recovered over the life of the Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

Crs Jennings, Bishop and Tukapua recorded their votes AGAINST the motion.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal public consultation process, adopts the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 including the policies and statements contained therein, in accordance with Section 83 and 93 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Crs Jennings and Bishop recorded their votes <u>AGAINST</u> the motion.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make editorial changes that arise as part of the publication process for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

CARRIED

To enable the LTP process to be concluded it was:

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT the Mayor be given delegated authority to approve the final Long Term Plan which take into account the final amendments requested from Audit New Zealand as part of finalising the Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

9.3 Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2022

Purpose

For the Horowhenua District Council (Council) to formally adopt the Rates Resolution for the year ending 30 June 2022.

Having adopted the Long Term Plan 2021/2041 containing the Funding Impact Statement, Council is now required to formally adopt the Rates Resolution.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/276 Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2022 be received.

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

1. SETTING OF RATES FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

That the Horowhenua District Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2021 and ending on 30 June 2022.

(a) General Rates

A general rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit, set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$0.00170179 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "Farming" category
- A rate of \$0.00340357 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "District wide" category.

(b) Land Transport (Roading) Rate

A targeted Land Transport rate of \$0.00036909 (GST Inclusive) of capital value set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit.

(c) Stormwater Rate

A targeted Stormwater rate of \$0.00037864 (GST Inclusive) of capital value set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all "Urban" rating units.

(d) Community Centre/Library Rate

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$281.80 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the provision of Library and Community Centres.

(e) Representation and Community Leadership

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$248.40 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the Representation and Community Leadership costs.

(f) Solid Waste Disposal Rates

A targeted rate for solid waste disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Solid Waste activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$149.20 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "urban" category,
- A rate of \$99.70 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "rural" category.

(g) Aquatic Centres (Swimming Pool) Rate

A targeted rate for the provision of swimming pools set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$137.60 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.

(h) Waste Water Disposal Rates

A targeted rate for sewage disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Waste water activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$594.80 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to a wastewater network,
- A rate of \$297.40 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a wastewater network.

(i) Water Supply Rates

A targeted rate for water supply set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Water Supply activity costs set on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$480.00 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to a water supply network (except for Foxton Beach which has a lower fixed rate to recognise the fact that it has universal water metering. This exception does not apply to the district wide availability differential).
- A rate of \$240.00 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a water supply network;

For the Foxton Beach water supply network:

• A rate of \$348.20 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network where a water meter is connected.

Targeted rates for water supply set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where a meter is used to measure consumption on the network during the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 of:

- \$2.47 (GST Inclusive) per m³ of water consumed in excess of 91m³ per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to any water supply, except Foxton Beach.
- \$1.24 (GST Inclusive) per m³ of water consumed in excess of 91m³ per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to the Shannon untreated bore water supply.
- For Foxton Beach Water Supply:
 - 1. **Step 1** \$1.04 (GST Inclusive) per m³ for the first 50 m³ of water consumed per quarter on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.
 - Step 2 \$2.08 (GST Inclusive) per m³ for the second 50 m³ of water consumed per quarter in excess of 50 m³ on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.
 - 3. **Step 3 -** \$3.12 (GST Inclusive) per m³ for the balance of water consumed per quarter in excess of 100 m³ on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

2. DIFFERENTIAL CATEGORIES

That the Horowhenua District Council adopts the following definitions for its differential categories for the 2021/22 financial year:

General Rate

(a) Farming Category applies to rating units classified as Farming. These properties will be identified in the District Valuation Roll ("DVR") using the following "property Category" codes from Appendix F of the Rating Valuation Rules 2008(LINZS30300), promulgated by the Valuer General:

"A" Arable "D" Dairy "F" Forestry "H" Horticulture ""P" Pastoral "S" Specialist livestock.

The Farming Category also applies to rating units located outside the urban boundaries, as defined in the Urban Rating Area maps available in the Council Offices, identified as:

> "LB" Lifestyle Bare "LV" Lifestyle Vacant "RB" Residential Bare "RV" Residential Vacant.

The Farming Category has a differential factor of 0.50.

(b) **District Wide** - all rating units other than those in the Farming category.

Solid Waste Disposal Rate

- (a) **Urban** all rating units within the towns of Levin, Foxton, Shannon, Tokomaru, Foxton Beach, Waitārere Beach, Hokio Beach, Ōhau, Waikawa Beach and Manakau as shown on the maps available defining those areas for rating purposes held at the Levin Office. This category has a differential factor of 80%.
- (b) **Rural -** all rating units within the district that are outside the defined "urban" differential described above. This category has a differential factor of 20%.

Wastewater Rate

(a) Connected Differential

Council sets a fixed charge rate on all rating units across the District for which connection to a reticulated wastewater disposal system is available. A reticulated wastewater disposal system is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purposes of accepting wastewater from the rating unit to the wastewater trunk main, where there is a connection from the land within the rating unit to that lateral/s or trunk main.

Liability for the fixed-sum rate will be assessed on whichever is greater:

- (a) each rating unit, or
- (b) the number of SUIPs of each rating unit, or
- (c) the number of connections of each rating unit.

(b) Availability Differential

A fixed charge rate on any rating unit that is not connected to a reticulated wastewater disposal system, but is within 30m of a trunk main that is available to take waste from the rating unit. A reticulated wastewater disposal system is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of accepting wastewater from the rating unit to the wastewater trunk main or, if no lateral exists, if Council will allow the rating unit to be connected. This rate is set at 50% of the fixed charge for a connected rating unit.

Water Supply Rate

(a) Connected Differential

Council sets a fixed charge rate on all rating units for which connection to a reticulated drinkable water supply is available. This does not include Moutoa, Waikawa, or Kuku schemes, which are not drinkable supplies. A reticulated potable water supply is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of delivering water from the trunk main to the rating unit, and there is a connection from the land within the rating unit to that lateral/s or trunk main.

Liability for the rate will be assessed on whichever is the greater of:

- (a) each rating unit, or
- (b) the number of SUIPs of each rating unit, or
- (c) the number of connections of each rating unit.

The Foxton Beach charge is reduced by an allowance to account for the universal metering of Foxton Beach.

(b) Availability Differential

A fixed charge rate on any rating unit not connected to, but within 100



metres of a trunk main for a reticulated drinkable water supply that is available to the rating unit. A reticulated drinkable water supply is available to a rating unit if a lateral/s exists for the purpose of delivering water from the trunk main to the rating unit or, if no lateral exists, if Council will allow the rating unit to be connected. This rate is set at 50% of the fixed charge for a connected rating unit.

3. DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES

That all rates (except water-by-meter rates) will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

- 15 September 2021
- 15 December 2021
- 15 March 2022
- 15 June 2022

WATER-by- METER RATES DUE DATES 2021-2022					
AREA	WATER METERS READ DURING	DUE DATE			
	Jul-21	25-Aug-21			
Foxton Beach 6-10, Shannon, Tokomaru	Oct-21	25-Nov-21			
	Jan-22	25-Feb-22			
	Apr-22	25-May-22			
	Aug-21	25-Sep-21			
Foxton Beach 1-5,	Nov-21	25-Dec-21			
Whirokino	Feb-22	25-Mar-22			
	May-22	25-Jun-22			
	Sep-21	25-Oct-21			
Levin, Ōhau, Foxton	Dec-21	25-Jan-21			
	Mar-22	25-Apr-22			
	Jun-22	25-Jul-22			

4. PENALTIES

- (a) That the Council authorises the following penalties to be added to rates that are not paid by the due date:
 - (i) a charge of 10 percent on so much of each instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2021 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be added to the amount of the unpaid rates on:
 - 15 September 2021 15 December 2021 15 March 2022 15 June 2022.
 - (ii) a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2021 which remain unpaid on 8 July 2021.
 - (iii) a further charge of 10 percent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under (ii) above if the rates remain unpaid on 8 January 2022.
- (b) That the authority to apply the Council's policy on penalty rates be delegated to the Finance Manager.

5. PAYMENT OF RATES

That rates shall be payable at any of the following places:

Levin	Public Office, 126 Oxford Street, Levin	Mon to Fri	8.00 am to 5.00 pm		
Foxton	Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom 92 Main Street, Foxton	Mon to Fri Weekends	9.00 am to 5.00 pm 10.00 am to 4.00pm		
Shannon	Library/Service Centre Plimmer Terrace, Shannon	Mon to Fri Sat	10.00 am to 12 noon 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm 10.00 am to 12 noon		
Tokomaru	Tokomaru Store Tokomaru Road	During store opening hours			

Where a payment made by a ratepayer is less that the amount now payable, the Council will apply the payment firstly to any arrears from previous years and then proportionately across all current year rates due.

CARRIED

Cr Jennings <u>ABSTAINED</u> from voting on the motion.

Mayor Wanden acknowledged and expressed his thanks for the incredible amount of work done by Mrs Straker, Mrs Huria and the various Council Officers involved in the whole LTP process.

10 Infrastructure Operations

10.1 Lincoln Place Reserve - Levinable

Purpose

To seek direction from Council on its level of support for the 'Levinable' accessible playground project utilising Lincoln Place Reserve.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 21/290 Lincoln Place Reserve - Levinable be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Nelson joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries.

With it stressed that this was seeking Council's direction in terms of how it saw this space being used in the future, it was not about drilling down into the detail of what that might look like, it was:

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

CARRIED

Prior to the meeting concluding, Karen Corkill was farewelled with this being her final meeting after sixteen year as a Committee Advisor and Meeting Secretary for the Horowhenua District Council.

The meeting closed with a karakia (Cr Tukapua).

5.04 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

<u>DATE</u>:.....

CHAIRPERSON: