
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Mr Bernie Wanden	
Deputy Mayor	Mrs Jo Mason	
Councillors	Mr David Allan	
	Mr Wayne Bishop	
	Mr Ross Brannigan	
	Mr Todd Isaacs	
	Mr Sam Jennings	
	Mrs Victoria Kaye-Simmons	
	Mr Robert Ketu	(Via Zoom)
	Mrs Christine Mitchell	
	Ms Piri-Hira Tukapua	
Reporting Officer	Mr David Wright	(Chief Executive)
	Mr Grayson Rowse	(Principal Advisor - Democracy)
Meeting Secretary	Miss Jody Lygo	(Democracy Support Officer)

IN ATTENDANCE

	Mr David Roache	(Chair of Foxton Community Board)
	Mrs Tricia Metcalf	(Deputy Chair of Foxton Community Board)

The meeting was opened with a Karakia by Cr Tukapua.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

Mayor Wanden noted the receipt of an item for public participation in relation to item 8.4. This was read to Councillors during consideration of that item.

3 Late Items

There were none.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were none.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 16 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 20 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the In Committee Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 20 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Cr Tukapua addressed the meeting.

7 Proceedings of Committees

Mr David Roache provided an update to Council on the activities of the Foxton Community Board.

8 Executive

8.1 Mayoral Report - December 2021 - January 2022

His Worship the Mayor reported to Council on the community events and Council-related meetings he had attended;

AND FURTHER

Gave Councillors the opportunity to provide an update on groups or organisations they are a Council representative to.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 22/34 Mayoral Report - December 2021 - January 2022 be received.

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

CARRIED

Councillors provided further comments to their reports, and it was agreed that this option will be given to Councillors in future Mayoral reports.

8.2 Three-waters reform - options for advocacy

The Mayor presented introduced the report to members.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Council:

RECEIVES Report 22/25 Three-waters reform - options for advocacy

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

CARRIED

The Chief Executive provided an update on information surrounding this reform.

Councillors asked questions and debated the options.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Council:

OPPOSES the three waters reforms; and,

APPLIES to join the campaign as a campaign partner; and,

REQUESTS the Chief Executive to allocate \$15,000 from within existing budgets for the joining fee;

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillors: David Allan
Wayne Bishop
Ross Brannigan
Todd Isaacs
Sam Jennings
Robert Ketu
Christine Mitchell
Piri-Hira Tukapua

Against:

Councillors: Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Jo Mason
Bernie Wanden

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 8 votes to 3.

8.3 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive updated Councillors to seek endorsement on a number of matters being dealt with.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 22/36 Chief Executive's Report be received.

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

CARRIED

Councillors acknowledged the great work of the Parks and Property team in helping our District earn five green flag awards.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council does not consult on the Annual Plan 2022/23 as it deems that there are no significant or material differences from the content of Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council approves the release of a maximum total of \$322,000 from the Hockey Turf Replacement Fund to the Horowhenua Sports Turf Trust for the replacement of the turf and emergency repair of the floodlights.

CARRIED

8.4 Council Facilities - COVID-19 Protection Framework

Council was provided with information regarding the COVID-19 Protection Framework and Staff Vaccination Policy enabling decisions to be made on whether a My Vaccine Pass is required by the public to enter Council facilities.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/528 Council Facilities - COVID-19 Protection Framework be received.

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

CARRIED

The Chief Executive provided further information surrounding the reasoning for this framework.

The Principal Advisor – Democracy read the public participation letter to the meeting.

Councillors asked questions, and a debate was held around the options..

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Council approves to require from 21 February 2022 to align with the staff consultation, for a valid My Vaccine Pass to be produced by the public for entry to the Council Civic Building (126 Oxford Street, Levin), Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Shannon Library, Levin Aquatic Centre, Foxton Pool and Shannon School pool for the duration it is managed by Aquatics Horowhenua.

THAT the Council adopts this policy for all 'in-person' participation at formal Council meetings and Committee meetings, Hearings and official Council Workshops as set out in this report to apply from 21 February 2022 at all Council venues.

THAT the Council notes the process the Chief Executive is taking in regard to establishing a policy for COVID-19 vaccinations of staff.

THAT the Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to make further decisions on restricting entry to all Council facilities should this be considered necessary for the safety of staff and the community.

CARRIED

An additional recommendation was proposed

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Ketu:

THAT the Council requests that the Chief Executive reports to Council on the options for use of Rapid Antigen Tests for people who wish to use our facilities without a vaccine pass.

CARRIED

Cr Tukapua addressed Councillors, and closed the meeting with a karakia

7.11 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:.....13 April 2022

CHAIRPERSON:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. K. Anderson', written over a faint horizontal line.