
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 11 March 2020 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
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mrs N Brady	(Deputy Chief Executive)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)
	Mr K Peel	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
	Mr B Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
	Mrs L Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mrs L Winiata	(Community Engagement Manager)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Williams	(“Chronicle”)
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Cr Tukapua).

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Cr Ketu and Foxton Community Board Chair, Mr Roache.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT the apologies from Cr Ketu and Mr Roache be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

None requested.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 12 February 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Foxton Community Board Update

Did not proceed due to the apology from the Foxton Community Board Chair.

COVID 19 – Community Update

To provide reassurance to Elected Members and the community, Mrs Slade gave an update on Council's response to the current situation. She advised that Council was following the Ministry of Health (MoH) Guidelines and a link to that information was provided on Council's website. Whilst at this stage it was business as usual, the following was also occurring:

- Horowhenua NZ Trust was presenting a protection plan at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō tomorrow from 3.00-5.30 pm;
- Council had an Incident Management Team that had been established on 2 March to coordinate Council's response. This followed MoH guidelines and Council remained engaged with the lead agencies and its Civil Defence Emergency Management Team around planning and information updates;
- Community events would be monitored and MoH guidelines would be followed in terms of whether events should or should not proceed;
- Antiseptic products had been made available around the Council building and people were being encouraged to use them.

7 Proceedings of Committees

7.1 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 11 February 2020

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020.

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 20/42 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 11 February 2020 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020.

CARRIED

Community Wellbeing Committee Chair, Cr Kaye-Simmons also noted:

- there had been five key points in the Community Wellbeing report being growth, housing, community safety, community belonging, and health and wellbeing. For clarity she advised that Welcoming Communities now sat under Community Belonging and Family Harm and Domestic Violence now sat under Health and Wellbeing.
- she and Cathryn Pollock had attended a presentation in Palmerston North on refugees settling into that area and the defining moments of their experience which included inclusive leadership, connected and inclusive communities, welcoming public spaces, cultural identity, and civic engagement and participation.

7.2 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 26 February 2020

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 26 February 2020.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 20/73 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 26 February 2020 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 26 February 2020.

CARRIED

8 Executive

8.1 Mayoral Report - February 2020

Purpose

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

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 Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 20/78 Mayoral Report - February 2020 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mayor Wanden explained with rationale for this report which not only covered the community and Council-related activities that he had attended in February and gave some idea of the breadth of the various things happening, but it also gave Councillors the opportunity to give a brief verbal update on conferences or forums they had attended as Elected Members and the activities of the organisations or groups they attended as Council's representatives.

The following feedback was provided:

Cr Kaye-Simmons:

- she extended congratulations to two young Levin brothers, Patrick and Callum, who had won this month's Keep New Zealand Beautiful Tidy Kiwi Volunteer award. As well as receiving a prize, they were automatically entered into the Young Tidy Kiwi of the Year award which was decided in October.
- EnviroSchools held a well-attended kaupapa workshop last week. The current Horowhenua EnviroSchools were Manawatū and Waiopahu Colleges, Ōhau, Opiki and Shannon Primary Schools, and Country, Tararua and Betty Montford Kindergartens, which was a great range of different sectors across all of those school age groups.

Deputy Mayor Mason:

- the Hearings Committee had a very positive get-together with officers looking at, from a regularly and planning perspective, the role of the Committee and what its work might look like over this triennium.
- she was chairing Council's Access and Inclusion Committee, with a meeting held on 12 February and again this morning. There was a strong focus on how Horowhenua was not only a welcoming community, but also thinking about the access and inclusion that occurred.
- she had attended the Wellington Regional Growth Planning meeting which had provided the opportunity to hear what was going on in Wellington around growth and to understand that Horowhenua was viewed as a growth area for the region.
- she had also attended a farewell hosted by New Zealand Immigration at Mangere and had learnt some more about what it meant to be a former refugee and what Council's role might be in terms of being a welcoming community.

Cr Allan:

- (on behalf of the Foxton Community Board) an inaugural workshop had been held on 24 February, with Council officers acknowledged for the resourcing and commitment that had been shown. Topics covered: Foxton Futures, Annual Plan Submission and the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account Strategy and Policy review.

Cr Tukapua:

- for anyone representing the district or New Zealand, an International Representation grant application could be made to the Community Grants and Recognition Committee. Grants were considered all year round, there was no age limit and application forms were available on Council's website.

Cr Brannigan:

- he had recently attended a meeting at MAVTech around a concept plan and a project development plan being worked on in terms of the future of that facility.

- It had been exciting to see what that potentially might look like. It was an on-going piece of work that Council would be involved in.
- a few Sunday's ago he had attended a ceremony at the Manawatū Boating Club. He acknowledged the considerable investment that the Club had made which had improved the recreational value of the area and had allowed for the launching of large boats.
 - the Foxton Beach Wardens had recently joined forces with the Foxton Beach Community Patrol. This had widened their membership range, they now had two vehicles, and they had been able to increase the scope of what they did in terms of community safety.
 - very much appreciated by the family and the community was the dedication at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom of the Stuart Ellwood Room in memory of Stuart Ellwood, a Foxton soldier who had died in the Vietnam War.

Cr Jennings:

- Cr Tukapua and he were assigned to the Youth and Education portfolios;
- last week they had welcomed a group of impressive young people who would be part of the Youth Empowerment Project (Youth Council) for the next couple of years. The group would meet fortnightly to provide a youth perspective around a number of issues.
- the Youth Network (a network of service providers for youth in the district) had had one meeting, with one of the key focuses at the moment being to organise a Youth Expo to profile and showcase what the various service providers offered. They were looking to collaborate with a Careers Expo that was being organised for May by the Colleges in the area.
- in the education space, there had been two Education Horowhenua meetings since October last year. He had also attended a meeting of Boards of Trustees Chairs, which focused on growth in the district and what that meant for schools.

8.2 Monitoring Report to 11 March 2020

Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of Council.

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 20/47 Monitoring Report to 11 March 2020 be received.

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

CARRIED

Page 20 18/575 – Options for Potential Disposal – Court House Museum
This item to be removed from the Monitoring Report; to be reinstated upon receipt of a proposal on the building's future or the expiry of the 24 month extension of the current lease that had been granted to the Foxton Historical Society.

Page 22 19/456 – Adoption of Standing Orders
This item relating to the review during the 2020/21 Annual Plan process of delegations to the Foxton Community Board, and the associated review of the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account, to be moved to the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report.

8.3 Chief Executive's Report to 11 March 2020

Purpose

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

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 20/72 Chief Executive's Report to 11 March 2020 be received.

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

CARRIED

An additional recommendation was added to provide for the attendance of Cr Jennings at the 2020 New Zealand Planning Conference in Nelson.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council authorises Deputy Mayor Mason and Councillors Brannigan and Isaacs to accompany the Mayor and Chief Executive to the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Blenheim in July 2020.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council nominates Deputy Mayor Mason and Councillor Brannigan as the alternates to exercise Council's voting rights should the presiding delegate not be in attendance at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council nominates Councillor Jennings to attend the 2020 New Zealand Planning Institute Conference in Nelson.

CARRIED

4.30 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:.....