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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 5.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Mr B P Wanden
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Mrs J F G Mason
<b>Councillors</b>	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
	Ms P Tukapua

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr K Peel	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
	Mr B Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
	Mrs L Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
	Mrs A Crawford	(Water & Waste Services Manager)
	Ms T Hayward	(Communications Lead)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were eight 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 Councillors Ketu and Mitchell.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Jennings:

*THAT the apologies from Councillors Ketu and Mitchell be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

#### 2 Public Participation

Mr Charles Rudd and Ms Vivienne Taueki.

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**3 Late Items**

There were no late items.

**4 Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

**5 Confirmation of Minutes – 10 June 2020**

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Allan:

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 10 June 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

**6 Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**7 Infrastructure Operations**

**7.1 Three Waters Service Delivery Reforms/Stimulus Programme**

**Purpose**

To seek Council's ratification of the projects and programme of works for the Three Waters Service Delivery Reforms/Stimulus Programme.

Mr Charles Rudd commented on/queried the following items in the report: Resource Mātauranga Maori – across the district; Marae water and wastewater; the Pot – Hokio Sands Road/ the proposed wastewater and stormwater reticulation projects North East Levin; and the large scale water storage /reservoir investigation. Mr Rudd provided a copy of his speaking notes.

Responding to a query as to who Mr Rudd thought should be consulted with in terms of Resource Mātauranga Maori, he said it was important for Council to ensure that those with whom they were speaking had the appropriate local knowledge and history, as many did not.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

*THAT Report 20/405 Three Waters Service Delivery Reforms/Stimulus Programme be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

Mr Clapperton introduced Mrs Asli Crawford, Council's Water and Waste Services Manager, who had joined Mr Peel at the table to speak to the report and answer any queries. He noted Mrs Crawford would be assisting Mr Peel to compile the delivery plan – which needed to be completed by 30 September 2020 – and to progress these initiatives.

Responding to a query, Mrs Crawford explained the range of benefits of having a good I&I process in place, such as reducing any potential overflow, decreasing energy consumption at the pump stations and optimising the process, especially at the Levin wastewater treatment plant.

With these listed as individual projects with sums of money identified for each, Mr Clapperton explained the process and that there was limited flexibility in terms of funding expenditure. There could be some flexibility based on discussions with DIA and Crown Infrastructure Partners to shift funding if there was an underspend; what could not happen was an overspend as there would be no more money from DIA.

Mr Clapperton further clarified that the amount proposed for marae water and wastewater – \$20,000 for assessments and \$500,000 for upgrades – would cover 13 or 14 marae across the district. Whilst there was an indication of some of the marae that could benefit from that support, more detail would not be available until the assessment had been done, which was the reason for the inclusion of the \$20,000.

Ms Vivienne Taueki addressed the meeting speaking in relation to engagement with tangata whenua and hapu of Muaūpoko. She stressed that the Muaūpoko Tribal Authority did not speak for Tamarangi hapu, which represented its own interests in matters relating to the resource management process and its kaitiakitanga responsibilities with regard to the use, development and protection of Muaūpoko waahi and taonga tapu. Ms Taueki provided a copy of her speaking notes.

Raised in discussion was the allocation criteria, particularly in relation to the two marae projects, which had not been covered in any detail in the briefings held on this matter. With building capacity having been mentioned, which could include resource, environmental and infrastructure training for these groups to better engage and benefit the community as a whole, the tertiary scholarships which were offered by Council to local young people to study and work at Council during the holidays, were suggested as an avenue that could be explored.

Mr Clapperton suggested that this be noted as an action and he would engage with the appropriate people to define criteria for the allocation of funding under the Resource Mātauranga Māori project. He further observed:

- in relation to 5. the marae water and wastewater project, engagement would be done with hapu and marae, not iwi authorities, as it was important that this was done on a site by site basis.
- during the process the opportunity to support the overall resilience of marae would be captured.
- when the delivery plan was submitted, it would be stressed that this suite of work would create an additional 32 jobs in the district and would retain a lot more than that.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Bishop:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council approves the proposed Three Waters Service Delivery Reform/Stimulus Programme.*

**CARRIED**

## **8 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Allan

*THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.*

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:*

**C1 Fale Lotu Connections Project - Renovation of Pasifika Churches**

<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>	<i>s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</i>	<i>s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

5.30 pm The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

5.35 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:**.....