
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Monday 29 June 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
	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)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)
	Mrs T Gower	(Strategic Planner)
	Mrs K Gray	(Strategic Planner)
	Ms T Hayward	(Communications Lead)
	Ms S Hori Te Pa	(EA to Mayor & Chief Executive)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms M Houston	(Accompanying Cr Ketu)
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MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms J Baalbergen	(“Horowhenua Chronicle”)
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

As this item was procedural, public participation was not available.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Announcements

There were no announcements.

5 Strategy and Development

5.1 Consideration of the Annual Plan 2020/2021 - Consultation and Adoption

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to decide whether it will undertake further consultation on the Annual Plan 2020/2021. If Council decides not to undertake further consultation, then Council may decide to adopt the Annual Plan 2020/2021.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 20/225 Consideration of the Annual Plan 2020/2021 - Consultation and Adoption be received.

THAT this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Annual Plan 2020/2021 with a - 1.83% rates income reduction with no further consultation

THAT in accordance with section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, the decision to loan fund \$1 million in asset renewals is significantly inconsistent with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy and Financial Strategy (Long Term Plan 2018-2038). The reason for this inconsistent decision is to further reduce Council's rates requirement for the 2020/2021 financial year to help mitigate the social and economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on the community. Council is intending to review its Revenue and Financial Policy and its Financial Strategy as part of the development of its Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

THAT Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal public consultation process, adopts the Annual Plan 2020/2021 including the policies and statements contained therein, in accordance with Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002.

THAT the Council delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to make minor editorial changes that arise as part of the publication process for the Annual Plan 2020/2021.

Commenting on the challenges that had been faced by Elected Members leading up to the Annual Plan, particularly with regard to the unknown outcomes from the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Wanden explained his reasons for proposing Option 1 of the three

that had been provided for Elected Members' consideration for today's meeting. He noted that the community was looking for clarity and reassurance and regardless of whether all agreed or not, it was about making the best decision for the community, also being aware of the possible consequences. The process had been prolonged to ensure the decision was well considered having regard to the implications for the next twelve months and also as preparation commenced for the Long Term Plan.

Cr Allan offered a different point of view which he said was based around the test of reasonableness: what a reasonable person in the community could be expecting. His personal view was that it was not a rates income reduction of -1.83% which could have long term implications; and there was also the decision to depart from Council's financial strategy and the loan funding of depreciation. That was why his support would have been for Option 2.

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

For:

Mayor: Bernard Wanden
Deputy Mayor: Joanna Mason
Councillors: Wayne Bishop
Todd Isaacs
Samuel Jennings
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Robert Ketu
Christine Mitchell
Piri-Hira Tukapua

Against:

Councillors: David Allan
Ross Brannigan

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 9 votes to 2.

Mayor Wanden acknowledged the time and commitment of Council Officers that had gone into this process, which would provide a good foundation for the Long Term Plan work over the next twelve months.

The meeting closed with a karakia (Cr Tukapua).

4.09 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:.....