
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, Levin, on Wednesday 3 June 2020 at 1.00 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	Mrs T Gower	(Strategic Planner)
	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	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)
	Mrs L Winiata	(Community Wellbeing & Engagement Manager)
	Mr B Harvey	(Community Facilities & Events Manager)
	Ms M Leyland	(Consents Manager)
	Mrs V Miller	(Compliance Manager)
	Ms S Hori Te Pa	(Governance & Executive Team Leader)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms T Whiti	(Secretary, Cr Ketu)
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were 7 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

Mrs Christina Paton (Submission 139)

Mr Charles Rudd (Submission 140)

Mr Ted Melton on behalf of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association (Submission 122).

Speakers would be heard prior to the Reports being addressed.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

Cr Bishop declared an interest in Submission 139, particularly in relation to 7.2 Regulatory: Topic 2 – Building Inspections.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13 & Thursday, 14 May 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Participation

Speaking to Report 7.8: Topic 16 – Dunes - Mrs Christina Paton said she did not accept the explanation in the staff analysis, giving her reasons why. She concluded by saying the dune topic was deserving of a public workshop. A copy of Mrs Paton's verbal submission was provided.

Mr Charles Rudd, whose submission (No 140) covered a number of topics, expressed his dissatisfaction at the responses received and the time allowed (5 minutes) for him to critique those responses. Mr Rudd provided a copy of his verbal submission. The Mayor expressed his willingness to meet with Mr Rudd to discuss his concerns.

Speaking to the recommendation for funding for the Foxton Beach CCTV project (Report 7.4: Topic 5), on behalf of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association, Mr Melton outlined the assiduous work the Association was doing to progress the project which had seen the original quote being brought down by \$5,500, also noting other costs and challenges that were being faced.

Cr Brannigan acknowledged the vast amount of work and the thoroughness that had been put into the project by the Association, which was much appreciated.

Mr Melton confirmed that a copy of the latest quote had been provided to Council officers, with Cr Brannigan confirming the Foxton Community Board has also been sent a copy of the costs involved.

The Mayor advised he would work through each report and topic in turn, with Elected Members being provided the opportunity to comment or ask questions.

7 Reports

7.1 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Land Transport

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's Land Transport Activity.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 20/193 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Land Transport be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Peel joined the table to respond to any questions.

Topic 2: General Roothing Projects – Submission 108 mentioned a Palmer Road and Seabury Avenue intersection. It was suggested this should be Beach Road as Palmer Road and Seabury Avenue did not intersect.

Mr Peel responded to a query in relation to the Roothing Defects Data base mentioned by Officers explaining what it was, how the data was gathered; how it contributed to Council's roading programme. and how it helped set priorities, with it also including some footpaths.

With regard to footpaths in the Shannon/Tokomaru area that had not yet been completed, Mr Peel said Council had worked closely with NZTA. Council had done the designs and the contractor was due to start shortly on those projects.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Land Transport Activity.

CARRIED

7.2 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Regulatory

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's Regulatory Activity.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT Report 20/194 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Regulatory be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr McCorkindale joined the table to respond to any questions from Elected Members.

Having declared an interest in **Topic 2: Building Inspections**, Cr Bishop withdrew from the table whilst a comment was made in relation to the factual information that had been provided by Officers that refuted statements made by the submitter (Submission 137). Cr Bishop then resumed his seat at the table.

Topic 4: Earthquake-prone Buildings – responding to a query as to whether there

had been any indication from Government with regard to legislative changes in response to COVID-19, Mr McCorkindale said he was not aware of anything but would keep Councillors informed.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Regulatory Activity.

CARRIED

7.3 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Strategy and Development

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's Strategy and Development Activity.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 20/195 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Strategy and Development be received.

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

CARRIED

Topic 6: Al Fresco Dining Areas – this topic was discussed in some detail in terms of timing and linkages to other topics such as O2NL, the revocation strategy, the Levin Town Centre Strategy and Queen Street Design Toolkit and whether what was proposed was upgrading what was in existence or adding new areas. Also raised was a process query as to whether it was appropriate for the recommendation to be addressed at today's meeting, with rewording suggested, or whether it should be left for discussion/debate at next week's Council meeting.

The Chief Executive requested that this matter lay on the table until later in the meeting for him to provide direction with regard to process.

Topic 13: Long Term Plan Early Consultation with GreyPower – With Mayor Wanden having acknowledged Mr Rohloff's presence in the gallery, Mr McCorkindale advised that the first workshop/briefing on the Long Term Plan had been held the previous evening with Elected Members which had covered the programme of work and timeframes associated with that. As noted in the Officer Analysis, GreyPower had been identified as a key stakeholder and Elected Members would be encouraged to engage with them, as well as other stakeholders, between now and the end of the year on the matters that those parties believed were important for consideration in the Long Term Plan.

Responding to a query as to whether Councillors would be provided with a list of people/groups who may be interested in LTP pre-engagement, Mr McCorkindale said that would occur as part of the process put in place to identify the collective approach for engagement/consultation.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Strategy and Development Activity.

CARRIED

7.4 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Community Engagement

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's Community Engagement Activity.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT Report 20/196 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Community Engagement be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Winiata joined the table to respond to any queries.

Topic 1: Grants and Funding Timing – On behalf of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee, Cr Tukapua advised that in response to COVID-19 and at Council's direction, the grants had been consolidated with the total sum being \$160,000; and four grant funding rounds of \$40,000 would be conducted. Amended criteria would be brought to Council for approval and grant applications would open from 1 August. Further information would be available on Council's website.

Topic 5: Foxton Beach CCTV Camera – in response to a query as to whether the amount should be adjusted down in view of the revised quote, it was noted that the submitter had intimated that there could also be costs associated with signage and other matters and any difference in funding could be used to address those. Cr Brannigan concurred saying the Foxton Community Board had deliberated and discussed this at length and had wanted to provide a little head room for such things as the signage.

It was further noted that \$110,000 was the total amount and that would be the budget that would be worked within.

The work done by the Foxton Beach Progressive Association on this project was acknowledged. It was something that had been talked about within the community for a long time, and with Foxton Beach benefitting from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account, that provided a mechanism for the project to proceed without impacting on the ratepayer.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Council approves to fund 100% of the Foxton Beach CCTV project from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account, up to \$110,000, provided the Foxton Beach Progressive Association gets the quote revised.

CARRIED

Topic 10: Tourism Marketing – responding to a query in terms of other funding avenues for signage replacement and place-making that had been available prior to COVID-19, Mrs Winiata said core funding had been available through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for such things as signage, toilets and carparks. The second round for the financial year had been due to close at the end of March but had been postponed. Advice on the future of that fund was awaited. In terms of signage, there were other avenues for funding such as through NZTA, and these were being investigated.

In terms of strategy, what was being considered was an overarching view of destination marketing for the district, of which signage played a part. Information on that should be with Councillors in the next few weeks. Henley Hutchings, who had been involved in Foxton Futures, had been engaged to work on this and when the current situation moved to Alert Level 1 this process would be progressed

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who submitted on the Community Engagement Activity.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive reported back on the Al Fresco Dining (7.3 – Topic 6) advising that there was an amount in the capex budget for next year of \$110,000. His view was the recommendation that had been included was not required as the capex budget would be considered in total as part of the discussions on the Annual Plan next week. The recommendation was also incorrect as it recorded 21/22 and not 20/22.

The Mayor concurred that recommendation 2.4 in relation to Al Fresco dining should be withdrawn and the matter would be considered at next week's Council meeting as part of the expenditure budget.

7.5 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Community Facilities

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's Community Facilities Activity.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 20/197 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Community Facilities be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Brent Harvey was welcomed to the table to respond to any questions.

Topics 2-9: Splash Pad – it was noted that 109 out of the 140 submitters to the Annual Plan had responded on this. The comment from one submitter that this catered for one demographic was challenged, with a parallel drawn with the Pump Track at Foxton Beach which attracted all age groups (the young ones enjoying the track and spectators enjoying their enjoyment) and the fact that it attracted not only locals but those from further afield.

Mr Clapperton did note that despite its inclusion as a topic for comment, it was not actually included in current budgets and Council did need to make a decision on whether or not it should be included.

Responding to concerns submitters had raised with regard to water restrictions and health and safety, Mr Harvey advised that the system being considered was fully reticulated. Any water used would not go to waste and the Splash Pad could still operate during water restrictions. The water would be fully treated to meet current standards which were that for a public pool. The system being considered could be monitored remotely and dosed remotely as well. Currently Officers had to go and test the pool and there was also a drowning risk as it did not have a lifeguard, which was not an issue for a Splash Pad as it had zero depth.

After further discussion and to keep this on the table for further consideration, it was:

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Council considers the funding options for a Splash Pad when finalising the capital expenditure programme and rate requirement for the 2020/21 year.

CARRIED

Topic 12: Shannon Community Centre Feasibility Study – responding to a query as to the status of the feasibility study, Mr Harvey advised it had not yet taken place.

However, he and a colleague had met with the Shannon Progressive Association late last year to start the process. There were some issues that needed to be addressed, particularly taking into account the Shannon Memorial Hall and where it fitted into the equation.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Community Facilities Activity.

CARRIED

7.6 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - 3 Waters

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's Three (3) Waters Activities.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Report 20/198 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - 3 Waters be received.

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

CARRIED

Kevin Peel joined the table to respond to any queries.

Topic 1: Wastewater Issues in Shannon Area – responding to a query in relation to the efficacy of the floating wetlands, Mr Peel said he would circulate that information.

Topic 3: 3 Waters in Waitarere Beach – it was noted that the resolution (Recommendation 2.4), which was in effect a correction of a wording error, was not required and it was removed.

Topic 4: Water Restrictions – Mr Clapperton advised that the Water Working Party would be established at the beginning of the next financial year.

Topic 8: Foxton East Drainage Scheme – Mr Peel advised that this was being led by Horizons Regional Council and some public consultation was proposed for later this year. Horizons had been endeavouring to source some alternative funding through MBEI and timelines for consultation would be advised.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the 3 Waters Activities.

CARRIED

7.7 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Solid Waste

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's Solid Waste Activity.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 20/199 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Solid Waste be received.

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

CARRIED

Kevin Peel remained at the table to respond to queries from Elected Members.

Cr Ketu noted that there had been a considerable amount of rubbish dumping in the Shannon area from people from out of town. Responding, Mr Clapperton requested that when this occurred if Council could be advised immediately via its CRM system it would enable appropriate action to be taken by Officers.

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Solid Waste Activity.

CARRIED

7.8 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Parks & Property

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the Annual Plan 2020/2021 for the Parks & Property Activities.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT Report 20/200 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Parks & Property 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 Mr Peel at the table to respond to queries.

Topic 1: Street Trees – with a submitter requesting the removal of all trees along a certain street, Mr Nelson outlined the process Officers would take when it came to the assessment of trees and determining what was required, whether it was maintenance or removal, or both, and any decision could involve consultation with affected neighbours.

Topic 2: Community Gardens/Edible Reserves – having contacted the submitter to ascertain what their expectations were around a community garden and a suitable location, Cr Kaye-Simmons said the submitter had indicated they would be happy to be advised should there be other locations identified. With regard to the suggested meditation area, that was referring to scented plants and it was understood that there were scented plants at Thompson House and was that something that could be extended in the future.

Mr Nelson advised that Thompson House did originally have a scented garden area, but the plant species had not been ideal for that situation. That was something that would be looked at going forward.

Topic 4: Improvements at Mangahao Village – responding to a query as to the cost of the Mangahao Community Plan, Mr Nelson said the Community Plan and Reserve Management Plan were being done in parallel and were largely being done in-house, with Mr McCorkindale adding that in terms of costs for the Community Plan, they should be less than \$2,000 for engagement, publication and printing costs, then a discretionary projects budget would be earmarked in the vicinity of \$5,000. That would come up in the conversation that would be held next week.

Cr Ketu commented that extra protection was needed for that area as it was an area from which iwi sourced food.

Topic 5: Tap Installation at Victoria Park – a query on the possible cost of installing a tap, and what that would involve, and the current cost of maintaining the Park and how often it was used, led to discussion on the future use of not only Victoria Park, but also Easton Park (**Topic 7: Improvements to Easton Park**) and other areas such as Target Reserve. The need for a wider conversation was stressed to ensure the potential of those areas was realised and also to accommodate the activity that could occur as O2NL was developed, particularly as it was noted that the Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) had approached the Foxton Community Board to discuss developing a caravan park at Victoria Park.

Officers advised that Victoria Park was not part of Foxton Futures, which was based around the River Loop and connecting Foxton town with Foxton Beach. However, conversations with the NZMCA was complementary to that work and a number of options were being investigated, including Victoria Park, to take advantage of economic development opportunities that have been presented, including promoting Foxton as a motor-home friendly town.

It was noted that there was a Combined Foxton Reserves Management Plan that had been adopted in 2017.

Councillors expressed the view that this should be led by those around the Council table rather than by interest groups, and some haste was urged with regard to it being progressed.

In terms of the discussions, Mr Clapperton suggested that there was a need, at this stage, to be fairly general rather than specific when it came to considering those locations as it could be precluding discussion on other land use options.

Topic 6: Mowing of Council Berms – with this being something that Council had traditionally done, it was queried if it was accepted that it was something that Council would always do.

Mr Nelson responded that berm mowing was done in some districts and not in others. It was not something that was legally required, but maintenance of berms did present a much better aesthetic for areas like Horowhenua, as if they were not mown there would be long grass and litter. Stopping the work would have a negative effect on the appearance of the town.

Topic 7: Improvements to Easton Park – having spoken to the submitter, Cr Allan spoke in support of this submission and suggested the Club be invited to present to the Foxton Community Board so the vision of this was not lost at the political level.

Cr Ketu withdrew from the Chambers (3.05 pm).

Topic 9: Funding for Sport Coordinator Role Manawatū-Whanganui – with this being a budgetary item that would be part of the Annual Plan discussion, the background to the funding request was discussed, including Council's past association with Sport Manawatū, the fact that the total funding came from all seven Councils in the Manawatū/Whanganui region and the benefits that would be gained from being part of this, which would involve Council:

- becoming a signatory to the proposed Implementation Plan MoU which outlined key priority projects for the region;
- committing \$7,297 annually for the RSFP coordination role;
- continuing to support the RSFP outcomes by committing a representative on the Steering Group;

it was then:

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Council approves funding for a Sport Coordinator Role as requested by Sport Manawatū to the sum of \$7,297 for 2020/21 financial year.

CARRIED

Topic 12: Enhanced Horse Riding Opportunities – with a view expressed that this was not an essential piece of work nor a priority use of staff time, Mr Nelson responded that Council did not provide much to accommodate horse riding and it was not included in Shared Pathways. There had been a demand for a number of years for Council to look at options for horse riding, particularly in terms of potentially incorporating some of their aspirations into Council's reserves. What was being talked about was not a massive piece of work; it was not about including it in Shared Pathways, which accommodated walking and cycling, but opportunities where this activity could be facilitated on Council's existing networks.

Mr Clapperton also noted that if any changes would be required to the configuration of pathways, to have it in the LTP, that would need to be done by November this year.

Topic 11: RAMSAR, Manawatū Estuary, Holben Reserve Wetland, Foxton Beach Foreshore Sand Dune - it was requested that the Foxton Beach Progressive Association be included in the Field Trip action as, while the Manawatū Estuary Trust was very focussed on the wetland aspect and bird sanctuary, the FBPA were very active with regard to the dune area.

Topic 16: Dunes – responding to Mrs Paton's comments with regard to this item and to provide some clarity and keep it in context, Cr Brannigan commented on the background to the construction of the seawall which had been put in to protect against erosion. This had been successful and there was now a natural sand build-up on the seawall and this sand build-up continued to grow. Council had obtained a consent and had the sand build-up lowered, and the community, by and large, was happy with that. He drew a distinction between a natural sand dune and the sand build-up on the top of the sea wall; it was a completely different thing and was not affected by the Coastal Policy Statement. It is simply a sand build up that was planted to control the sand, to stop the sand blow, and now there was a consent to maintain the seawall.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Parks and Property Activities.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned 3.40-400 pm.

Cr Ketu rejoined the table and withdrew again at 4.10 pm.

7.9 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - District Wide Matters

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's District Wide matters.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 20/201 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - District Wide Matters be received.

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

CARRIED

Mayor Wanden noted that Recommendation 2.4 had been withdrawn.

Topic 4: Elected Members and Staff Remuneration Cuts for COVID-19 – for the benefit of the public, Deputy Mayor Mason commented that there had been a significant amount of work done by Elected Members and Council Officers during the

Level 4 and Level 3 Lockdown. There had been no pause in the work routine. Mayor Wanden also noted that Council had applied for the wage subsidy on behalf of staff, but was not eligible.

Topic 6: Civil Defence and Emergency Management – having been at a Regional Chief's Meeting that morning, Mayor Wanden advised that there had been national acknowledgement of how well the pandemic and lock down had been handled by the Civil Defence and Emergency Management teams, not only from this Council but throughout the region, and that had become very much a template for other districts around the country. He requested that Cr Brannigan, pass on the thanks on behalf of this community to everyone on the Emergency Management Team for what they done throughout the district.

Topic 7: Bottom-up Decision Making – whilst commenting that the spirit behind this needed some consideration which was in part about ensuring that local people / local communities were driving decisions as much as possible, Cr Allan said he thought in terms of consultation, this was something that Council did do well and it had been recognised in the past for the quality of its consultation. In addition, value also need to be attributed to the community planning process as Community Plans were very much about communities owning their decisions as much as possible.

Topic 15: Horowhenua Trust – Mayor Wanden noted that discussions between Council and the Horowhenua Trust were on-going.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the District Wide matters.

CARRIED

Cr Ketu withdrew from Chambers (4.10 pm).

7.10 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Finance

Purpose

To present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft annual Plan 2020/2021 in relation to Council's financials.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 20/203 Annual Plan 2020/2021 Deliberations - Finance be received.

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

THAT Council acknowledges, with thanks, all who have submitted on the Council's financials.

CARRIED

Council's Chief Financial Officer, Mr Law, joined the table to respond to any questions.

Topic 1: Rates and Implications of COVID-19 – Mayor Wanden noted that this was a topic of major consideration for this Council and would be more formally discussed at the Council meeting on 10 June where all rates and implications of COVID-19 would be taken into account.

Topic 2: Re-prioritisation of Council spending because of COVID-19 – the comment as for Topic 1 applied.

Topic 3: Changes to the rating system – Mr Law responded to a query in relation to recommendation 2.6 and what would be considered a minor amendment to the Revenue and Financing Policy, saying a minor amendment could be tweaks to the

public/private split in terms of Fees and Charges, whereas a major amendment could be looking at capital value rating which would need to be consulted on.

After in-depth discussion on the wording and the intent of some of the recommendations, the word 'considers' was changed to 'noted' in Recommendations 2.4 and 2.5. Mr Law also explained the rationale for reviewing the Revenue and Financing Policy outside of the LTP process which was to ensure that that review did not become the major focus with other matters not being addressed appropriately.

Mayor Wanden noted that the topics raised had been a major focus for all Councillors and Officers over the past few months and there would be full discussion and debate on these topics and out of which Council's Annual Plan would fall.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Council notes the concerns raised by submitters about any rate increase, in the year that the impacts of COVID-19 will affect many in the Horowhenua community, when finalising the rate requirement for the 2020/2021 year.

THAT Council notes the suggestions raised by submitters regarding the delaying or deleting of non-essential capital projects, in year that the impacts of COVID-19 will affect many in the Horowhenua community, when finalising the Annual Plan capital and expenditure programme for the 2020/2021 year.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Council considers the need for a review of the Revenue and Financing Policy as part of the LTP 2021-2041 process.

CARRIED

It was clarified that the following recommendation would be for an amendment to the Rates Postponement Policy that Council was considering putting in place.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT the development of a Rates Postponement Policy for senior citizens be considered as part of the LTP 2021-2041 process.

CARRIED

With it suggested that the wording of recommendation 2.9 was too narrow with only a Development Contributions Policy noted, the recommendation was reworded to include all possibilities in terms of funding options.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Council considers developing and consulting on funding options for growth as part of the LTP 2021-2041.

CARRIED

4.40 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....