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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 14 October 2020 at 4.00 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
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)
	Mr B Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
	Mrs L Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
	Mr J Paulin	(Finance Manager)
	Mrs C Pollock	(Community, Wellbeing & Engagement Manager)
	Mr N Hirini	(Community Development Advisor)
	Mrs M Rogerson	(Community Development Advisor)
	Ms K Gray	(Strategic Planner)
	Mrs A Huria	(Projects Coordinator)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were nine members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting, together with a party of twelve supporting the Outward Bound Scholarship Recipients.

#### 1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Ketu.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Jennings:

*That the apology from Councillor Ketu be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

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## 2 Public Participation

8.1 Mayoral Report – September 2020 – Mrs Christina Paton.

## 3 Late Items

The Mayor advised that Report 20/456 – Joint Climate Action Committee – would be included as a late item and dealt with as 8.3 in the Agenda. The report had been circulated to Elected Members prior to the meeting and had also been made available on the website.

## 4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 6 Announcements

### Outward Bound Scholarship Recipients

The 'just returned home and very tired' recipients of Mayors' Task Force for Jobs Outward Bound Scholarships, Soane Kiloni and Ake Tarawakatoa, responded to queries from Horowhenua College Principal, Grant Congdon, who acted as interviewer to elicit their thoughts and feelings about their time at Anakiwa. They outlined the activities they had undertaken, the challenges they had faced, and what they felt they had personally gained from the experience. They expressed their thanks to all who had made it possible for them to attend Outward Bound, and that was supported with a song from the group who had accompanied them.

### Keep Horowhenua Beautiful

Citing the many and varied activities that they had been involved in, Cr Kaye-Simmons, Chair of Keep Horowhenua Beautiful and Deputy Chair of Keep New Beautiful, presented Mrs Judy Curtis and Mr Dan Brizzle with Lifetime Membership Certificates for Keep NZ Beautiful, together with bouquets of flowers, to recognise and say thank you for their many years of voluntary work and on-going commitment to support the aesthetics, pride and vibrancy of the Horowhenua.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT the Open & In Committee minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9 September 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT the Open & In Committee minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 23 September 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## 7 Proceedings of Committees

### 7.1 **Proceedings of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee 22 September 2020**

#### **Purpose**

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 22 September 2020.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Allan:

*THAT Report 20/400 Proceedings of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee 22 September 2020 be received.*

*THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 22 September 2020.*

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

**CARRIED**

Responding to a query as to whether Councillors who had made declarations of interest when these grants were originally considered should re-state those, Mr Clapperton said he did not think it was necessary as this was ratifying decisions already made when those declarations of interest would have been taken into account.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THT the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the Round 1 Grants as follows: 2020/2021 Grant Allocations as follows:*

**Community Support Grant Allocations**

<i>Foxton Beach Progressive Association Incorporated</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>
<i>The Hearing Association Horowhenua Branch Incorporated</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Horowhenua Residents &amp; Ratepayers Association</i>	<i>\$600.00</i>
<i>Levin Christian Care Trust t/a Living Well Counselling Centre</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Wildlife Foxton Trust</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Altrusa Inc. Levin</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Pasifika For Tomorrow</i>	<i>\$4,000.00</i>
<i>Shannon Christian Food Bank</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>Te Whare Mahana Community Hub</i>	<i>\$4,320.00</i>
<i>St Vincent de Paul Society Levin Conference</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>Horowhenua Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation</i>	<i>\$978.00</i>
<i>Ngā Piki Kōtuku o Punahau (Taiohi Kapa Haka)</i>	<i>\$1,450.00</i>
<i>Skills 4 Living (Horowhenua SuperGrans)</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Levin Spinners and Weavers</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Levin and Districts Senior Citizens Assn Inc</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Birthright Levin Inc</i>	<i>\$1,800.00</i>
<i>Special Olympics Horowhenua</i>	<i>\$2,960.00</i>
<i>Hope Kete</i>	<i>\$1,303.48</i>
<i>Cancer Society Of New Zealand Manawatu Centre Incorporated</i>	<i>\$1,150.00</i>
<i>Presbyterian Support Central</i>	<i>\$692.18</i>
<i>Children's Day Event Committee</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support Inc</i>	<i>\$439.00</i>
<i>Horowhenua Breathe Easy Support Group</i>	<i>\$650.00</i>
<i>Hāpai Te Hapori</i>	<i>\$2,880.00</i>
<i>Levin Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Age Concern (Horowhenua) Inc</i>	<i>\$1,700.00</i>
<i>Weraroa Cricket Club</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>English Language Partners New Zealand Trust (Horowhenua Kapiti centre)</i>	<i>\$1,400.00</i>
<i>Pounamu Country Music Club</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Hokio Progressive Association</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,672.66</b>

**CARRIED**

## 7.2 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 28 September 2020

### Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 28 September 2020.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Allan:

*THAT Report 20/450 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 28 September 2020 be received.*

*THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 28 September 2020.*

**CARRIED**

Noting Mr Girling's presentation to the FCB on behalf of the Foxton District Budget Service seeking support to apply to the Long Term Plan for a \$10,000 grant towards rent, as Chair of the Levin Budget Service, Cr Kaye-Simmons said they would be more than happy to have a meeting with the Foxton Budget Service and the Community Development Team in terms of how they could work together. The Budget Services were all funded by MSD and they did not apply to Council for rent money.

## 7.3 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 30 September 2020

### Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020.

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Jennings:

*THAT Report 20/452 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 30 September 2020 be received.*

*THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020.*

**CARRIED**

## 8 Executive

### 8.1 Mayoral Report - September 2020

#### Purpose

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

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 20/417 Mayoral Report - September 2020 be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

#### Public Participation

Speaking to the Outcome of Local Government Vote on Remits, Mrs Christina Paton suggested that Councillors should be open-minded about implementation of these

because with the percentage of support for the remits, there should be encouraging results. She particularly provided her views on housing affordability; returning GST on rates; natural hazards and climate change adaptation; and rates rebates for low income property owners.

Cr Brannigan then reported on the New Zealand Motor Caravan Expo in Hamilton that he had attended on the weekend with three Council Officers to promote the Horowhenua. Horowhenua was a motor-home friendly district and there was some work being done with Officers and the NZMCE on potentially having a park in Foxton. It had been a successful weekend, with over 8,000 people going through the Expo on the Saturday, with numbers on the Friday being similar. Overall it had been a very positive experience with the number of people spoken to and their awareness that Horowhenua was moving forward and that it was a really good destination. Cr Brannigan acknowledged the staff members involved and their efforts as they had provided a positive endorsement and representation for HDC and the district.

## 8.2 Monitoring Report to 14 October 2020

### Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering actions arising from resolutions from previous Council meetings and also requested Officer actions.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Bishop:

*THAT Report 20/418 Monitoring Report to 14 October 2020 be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

### Officer Actions

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The criteria for the allocation of funding had not yet been defined as confirmation was awaited from DIA. Once confirmation was received the exercise would be undertaken and brought back to Council.

## 8.3 Joint Climate Action Committee

### Purpose

To seek Council's agreement to the establishment of a joint Climate Action Committee and, if agreement is forthcoming, Council's membership of said Committee.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT Report 20/456 Joint Climate Action Committee be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

A number of issues were raised as to the implications of Council becoming a member of the proposed joint Climate Action Committee, including:

- assurance that the previous Mayor had the delegation to sign up to the MoU;
- possible future costs, reporting and resource implications;
- understanding what Council was signing up to and why a collective approach was being undertaken by the region's seven District Councils and the Regional Council, rather than it being a nation-wide approach by Central Government;
- whether or not it would affect Council's ability to make decisions on behalf of this community going forward.

Mr Clapperton said the objectives of the Committee were clearly defined in the Terms of Reference (TOR). The TOR also provided a collective approach in determining how climate change might be considered, which was something Council was required to do anyway; however what was proposed did not define decisions that might be made at a local level. That would be done through the LTP process.

After discussion, it was agreed that the item would lay on the table and, as a response had been requested by the Regional Council by 31 October 2020, it would be brought to the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting on 28 October 2020 for the requested information to be considered and for the further recommendations:

2.3 That the Horowhenua District Council supports the establishment of a joint Climate Action Committee; and

2.4 That upon establishment of the joint Climate Action Committee, the Horowhenua District Council becomes a member:

to be debated and finalised.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council delegates to the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee the authority to receive, debate and finalise recommendations 2.3 and 2.4.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Kaye-Simmons recorded her vote AGAINST the motion.

## 9 Strategy and Development

### 9.1 Population Assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041

#### Purpose

To provide Council with information required to adopt the population growth assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

*THAT Report 20/394 Population Assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

Speaking to the report, Mr McCorkindale said this was an important part of the Long Term Plan puzzle, with the population assumptions underpinning a lot of the planning work that would go into the 20 year horizon that was being looked at. The timing of the report itself had been quite fortunate as it had been able to take into account the effects of COVID-19. The report and what was recommended reflected the direction and discussions of recent Council briefings and was also a reflection of the Risk Appetite Statement recently adopted by Council.

After discussion in some depth as to what would be the most appropriate percentile population growth assumption considering the expansion predicted for the district or whether something more conservative would be more prudent, and also the need for whatever was adopted being supported by changes to such things as the District Plan, it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile population growth assumption from the Sense Partners Socio-Economic Projections 2020 Update, as the population growth assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Mitchell recorded her vote AGAINST the motion.

5.46 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....