
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 10 February 2021 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 S J R Jennings
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
	Mr R R Ketu
	Mrs C B Mitchell

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mrs J Straker	(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)
	Mr N Hirini	(Community Development Advisor)(to 4.30 pm)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D J Roache	(Chair, Foxton Community Board)
Ms T Whiti	(Accompanying Cr Ketu)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Williams	(“Chronicle”)
Ms R Moore	(“Manawatū Standard”)

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 Ketu).

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Crs Isaacs and Tukapua (on Parental leave).

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the apologies from Councillors Isaacs and Tukapua be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

7.2 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 30 November 2020 Manawatū (Foxton Beach) Wharf

Christina Paton
Olaf Eady

8.3 Chief Executive's Report

3.7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA)
Graeme Lindsay

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

7.2 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 27 January 2021

Deputy Mayor Mason noted that she had provided a letter of support to the Heritage Horowhenua Charitable Trust.

7.2 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 27 January 2021

8.3 Chief Executive's Report to 10 February 2021

9.1 Establishment of Wellington Regional Joint Committee

For the record, Cr Jennings reiterated a previously declared interest with regard to the Tara-Ika development.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9 December 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 17 December 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Foxton Community Board Update

On behalf of the Foxton Community Board, Mr Roache commented:

- there was not much to report as there was not a lot happening.
- It had been disappointing that Foxton Futures had not received further funding, but hopes were being pinned on the next funding round;
- they were looking forward to the River Loop Restoration Open Day, which was a very important event and it was hoped it would be a catalyst for further funding for the next part of the project.

Mayor Wanden tabled a letter received from the Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment, which advised of the Government's intention to reform the resource management system this parliamentary term and which set out the proposed reform process.

Mr Clapperton added that the letter outlined three pieces of legislation that would be enacted and the proposed timeframe. There would be support for councils to go through the proposed changes; however this would not be part of the other significant change that would occur which would see one plan per region.

Public Participation

Item 7.1 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board *Manawatū (Foxton) Wharf*

To avoid any confusion for tourists and/or visiting boat owners to the area, Mrs Christina Paton requested that the location of this wharf, which was at Foxton **Beach**, was expressed more clearly and correctly.

Whilst acknowledging the history behind the wharf and its location, Mr Olaf Eady expressed his objection to funding being used from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account for its repair, particularly as it was on DOC land. Noting that large ships that had in recent years been launched from that location, he queried if that had caused any damage and if funding could be sought from the company involved.

Cr Brannigan advised that the three large boats that had been launched from that area had had no impact on the damaged part of the wharf, and Profab, the company involved with the boats' assembly, had invested heavily in upgrading the ramp. He also noted that this was the most heavily used community asset – by both locals and people from out of town.

Cr Brannigan raised a point of order when Mr Eady endeavoured to introduce a topic not on the agenda, with the point of order being upheld by the Chair.

Item 8.3 Chief Executive's Report

3.7 – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA)

Speaking to this item and joined at the table by Mrs Viv Bold, Mr Graeme Lindsay made the following recommendations:

1. *That Council rejects section 3.7 on the grounds that analysis shows confusing inaccuracies are cited in the report:*
2. *That Councillors discuss and reject the request for payment by Horowhenua District Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc to Horowhenua District Council "to charge for making some of the requested information available; the reasons being the high volume of current requests, the considerable staff time, and the fact we did not charge for the previous 24 requests in September 2020".*

Mr Lindsay expanded on these recommendations, providing a copy of his comments. In terms of recent requests, he said HDRRAI were being responsible, prudent people requesting information ahead of the LTP so they could be ready to engage in that process and he queried if it was fair, equitable and reasonable to charge one group and not others.

Cr Jennings expressed his willingness to engage with Mr Lindsay to talk through some of his areas of concern. Mayor Wanden also noted that some of the matters mentioned by Mr Lindsay were part of the LTP consultation document which would be available in less than a month.

7 Proceedings of Committees

7.1 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 30 November 2020

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 30 November 2020.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/13 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 30 November 2020 be received.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council receives the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 30 November 2020.

CARRIED

With regard to the recommendation for Council to investigate and action the removal of the overhead trolley bus lines, Mr Clapperton advised that a decision from Council was not required, with Mr Maguire explaining the process that would be undertaken for their removal. The recommendation was, therefore, withdrawn.

Mr Maguire provided an explanation of the works that needed to be undertaken to repair the wharf, with the cost being approximately \$350,000. The work had been budgeted for in the current financial year, with any future repairs and maintenance to be provided for in the LTP.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT, as recommended by the Foxton Community Board, the Horowhenua District Council agrees to proceed with the repair of the Manawatū (Foxton Beach) Wharf, and agrees to fund 50% of the project's finished costs from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

CARRIED

7.2 Proceedings of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee 27 January 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 27 January 2021.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/14 Proceedings of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee 27 January 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 27 January 2021.

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the following Round 3 2020/2021 allocations:

Community Support Grants

<i>Horowhenua Kamarurung Trust</i>	\$2,535.00
<i>Ohau Hall Society</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Heritage Horowhenua Charitable Trust</i>	\$3,500.00
<i>St Mary & Joseph Parish of Otaki and Levin</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Horowhenua Crime Prevention Camera Trust</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Lions Club of Foxton Incorporated</i>	\$1,150.00
Total	\$13,685.00

CARRIED

7.3 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 27 January 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 27 January 2021.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 21/28 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 27 January 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 27 January 2021.

CARRIED

8 Executive

8.1 Mayoral Report - 8 December 2020 / 10 February 2021

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 Jennings:

THAT Report 20/573 Mayoral Report - 8 December 2020 / 10 February 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

Cr Kaye-Simmons reported:

- the Levin Budget Service had successfully relocated to the Te Whare Mahana Community Hub, which would achieve significant savings. There were currently two financial advisors in place, with two pending upon completion of training. The clientele had increased due to the new location.
- Horowhenua Family Violence Intervention Service, which was based upstairs in the Levin Mall, would have a new Coordinator starting in March and they would be looking to grow and add value to complement the men's and women's programmes they currently offered.
- Waitangi Day – this annual event had again been well attended. She expressed

- her thanks to Recreational Services for the incredible job they had done getting the grounds ready for the day at no extra cost.
- the Community Wellbeing Committee had its first meeting for 2021 yesterday, which had been well attended, with a report to come to Council in March 2021.

Expressing his congratulations to the Mayor for the opening of the Shannon Christmas Carnival, Cr Ketu also suggested more practice would be in order for the waiata.

8.2 Monitoring Report to 10 February 2021

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 Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 20/574 Monitoring Report to 10 February 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

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Responding to a query as to the operation of the Adventure Park, Mr Clapperton confirmed that although a response was still awaited from LINZ it was business as usual with the maintenance programme still being undertaken.

19/199 – Foxton Community Board – Holben Reserve Development

Mr Clapperton said he would report back in terms of the funding being sought and timeframes.

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It was confirmed that the intention was to work further with Elected Members on this, to be reported back in March/April 2021.

8.3 Chief Executive's Report to 10 February 2021

Purpose

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

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 21/35 Chief Executive's Report to 10 February 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

3.9 Horowhenua District Council Bylaws

Responding to a query as to whether Council was on track to undertake the review of the five bylaws that needed to be done this year, expanding on what that process may entail, Mr Clapperton said that was the intention but resourcing did need to be looked at.

The issue of a substantial amount of e-waste at the Foxton Transfer Station was raised, with it noted that there was incorrect information currently on Council website in relation to e-waste disposal.

Mr Clapperton undertook to follow that up and respond to Elected Members.

3.10 Infrastructure Development Group

With regard to the Levin East Stormwater consent, Mr Maguire advised that the work had been divided into two separate portions. The Roslyn Road renewal was underway. It was likely the consent in relation to the attenuation pond would go to a hearing in early April.

3.3 Consenting Activity

Mr Clapperton advised that every attempt was being made to keep both building and subdivision consents within statutory deadlines; however, the past three months had been very busy, with January being the busiest for about seven years. Council did have contingencies in place to resource up if need be, which could include third party providers.

Mr Clapperton further noted that resourcing for all areas, not just Bylaws, LGOIMAs and Consenting, was something that the Leadership Team was looking at to ensure Council's activities were well covered.

3.11 Foxton Beach Surf Lifesaving Building Upgrade

Cr Brannigan acknowledged the work done by Council Officers in partnership with the Surf Life Saving Club to successfully apply for funding to upgrade the building, which provided sustainability to a Council-owned asset.

3.1 Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games 2021

With the opportunity this gave to showcase the Horowhenua at what was becoming a signature event for the bottom half of the North Island noted, it was:

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council contributes the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games 2021.

CARRIED

9 Strategy and Development

9.1 Establishment of Wellington Regional Joint Committee

Purpose

For the Council to consider co-establishing, and becoming a member of, a new Wellington regional Joint Committee for Wellington Regional Growth Framework implementation, to be called the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (WLRC).

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 21/10 Establishment of Wellington Regional Joint Committee be received.

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

CARRIED

The presence at the meeting of Ms Kim Kelly, Project Director – Wellington Regional Growth Framework, was acknowledged with Mr Clapperton thanking her for the work she had undertaken on this initiative for all Council's in the lower half of the North Island. He was sure benefit would be seen from Council's involvement going forward.

The meeting concluded with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

5.00 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:..... 10 March 2021

CHAIRPERSON:

