
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 10 March 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 T N Isaacs
	Mr S J R Jennings
	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)
	Mrs L Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
	Mrs C Pollock	(Acting Community Wellbeing & Engagement Manager)
	Ms K Gray	(Strategic Planner)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms T Whiti (Accompanying Cr Ketu)

The meeting commenced with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Kaye-Simmons and Tukapua (on Parental Leave).

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT the apologies from Councillors Kaye-Simmons and Tukapua be accepted.

CARRIED

An apology was also recorded for Mr Roache, Chair, Foxton Community Board.

NOTED

2 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

Before the meeting progressed, Mr Clapperton advised that the following items had been withdrawn from today's Agenda:

- 10.1 Adoption for Consultation: Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021
- 11.2 Adoption of Supporting Information to the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document
- 11.3 Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document.

These items had been withdrawn due to the awaited Audit Opinion from Audit New Zealand not having been received. These three items would be held over to an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be convened next Wednesday, 17 March 2021, at 4.00 pm.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 10 February 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the emergency meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

There was no regular update from the Foxton Community Board due to the Chair and Deputy Chair being unavailable for today's meeting.

7 Proceedings of Committees

7.1 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 9 February 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 9 February 2021.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 21/75 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 9 February 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 9 February 2021.

THAT these matters or decisions are recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Responding to a query with regard to a statement in the Community Wellbeing Strategy which noted housing in the Horowhenua as being 'affordable', Deputy Mayor Mason said, in her view, that was aspirational not factual as it did say that was compared to other places in New Zealand.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT, as endorsed by the Community Wellbeing Committee, the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Community Wellbeing Strategy 2020-2023, the revised Terms of Reference, and the revised Community and Social Development Action Plan, as amended, as part of the Community Wellbeing Strategy 2020-2023 - Strong Communities Ngā Hapori Kia Kaha.

CARRIED

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT, as endorsed by the Community Wellbeing Committee, the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Age-Friendly Communities Strategy.

CARRIED

Mayor Wanden acknowledged the work that had been done by the Community Wellbeing Committee. The Committee had undergone some restructuring and refocusing in terms of its priorities which would be positive going forward. He also thanked staff who had been involved in the process.

7.2 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 22 February 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 22 February 2021.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 21/74 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 22 February 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 22 February 2021.

CARRIED

What 'beautification works' might entail in relation to the request by the Foxton Surf and Life Saving Club for additional funds from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account was raised, with it suggested that 'maintenance' might be a better descriptor. With it clarified that this was to upgrade the internal structure of the building following on from the seismic strengthening and upgrade of the exterior for which external funding had been received, and with the word 'beautification' changed with the meeting's agreement to 'internal upgrade', it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT, as recommended by the Foxton Community Board, the Horowhenua District Council grants the request from the Foxton Surf and Life Saving Club for additional funds of up to \$130,000.00 from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account for internal upgrade works.

CARRIED

7.3 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 24 February 2021

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 24 February 2021.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 21/73 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Meeting 24 February 2021 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 24 February 2021.

CARRIED

Responding to a request at the FAR Committee meeting, Mr Clapperton provided a summary of the Roe Street property sale to the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust (which had been an In Committee item) explaining that the difference in the value had been created because the agreement had been made in 2017 for an agreed value, but the settlement had not taken place until October 2020, with a revaluation occurring between the signing and settlement dates which had shown in the accounts as a loss.

8 Executive

8.1 Mayoral Report - 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 Isaacs:

THAT Report 21/31 Mayoral Report - 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

Mayor Wanden said one of the highlights for him had been the River Loop blessing and Manawatū River Festival held on 27 February. It was a significant day for Foxton as well as for the district, and he had been extremely proud to represent the district on such a day. Stage 1 had been completed on time and it was a credit to all those who had been part of the project. He particularly acknowledged the work of Mr Maguire and the Communications Team.

In response to a query, Mr Maguire said that although some Government Ministers had been invited to the event, none had been able to attend.

Endorsing the Mayor's comments and noting the observations made on the day by Robin Hapi, Chair of SORT, Cr Allan said this was part of a journey; one very small part of a bigger picture. What had been done to date had been done superbly, within budget and on time; however there was further good work yet to come.

8.2 Monitoring Report to 10 March 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 Isaacs, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 21/32 Monitoring Report to 10 March 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

8.3 Chief Executive's Report to 10 March 2021

Purpose

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

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 21/33 Chief Executive's Report to 10 March 2021 be received.

THAT these matters or decisions be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Mr Clapperton highlighted the following:

3.1 Opiki and Tokomaru boundary alteration request

This process was currently being worked through; there was no decision as yet.

3.2 Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill

This was being worked through at a national level.

3.3 CouncilMARK Programme

The CouncilMARK assessment had just been completed through Equip. The outcome should be available in 2-3 months' time.

3.4 COVID-19 Hits Transport Funding

Whilst there was nothing at this stage specific to HDC, it was a matter of being aware of what was coming through around available funding. Council would be keeping a watching brief. There would be no specific impacts on Council until at least the third quarter of this year; after the LTP was adopted. Two areas of concern were local roading maintenance and highway maintenance which could affect the Horowhenua if there was no funding available.

3.5 Notification of KiwiRail Holdings Limited – Notice of Requirement for a Regional Freight Hub

Whilst this particular project was not in this district, it could impact on the Horowhenua in terms of the Transport Strategy Council had in place. Council was considering putting in a submission and, if so, it would be brought to Council prior to it being presented.

3.6 Growth Dashboard – March 2021

Referencing the Growth Dashboard, Mayor Wanden said there were a number of things happening at a great rate in this district at the moment in terms of building

consents, house sales, subdivision consents, etc. Whilst Horowhenua was slowly recovering, it was doing better than the rest of the country.

9 People and Culture

9.1 Officer and Contractor Delegations 2021

Purpose

To seek Council's adoption of the Delegations Register that has required Part D – Statutory Delegations to be updated to reflect internal organisational structure, position additions and delegation changes.

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 20/583 Officer and Contractor Delegations 2021 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Clapperton stressed the importance of keeping the Delegations Register up-to-date, particularly when it came to legislative, job title and personnel changes; however, there were some areas still to come back to Council, such as the CE's delegations.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Delegations Register attached as Attachment A, effective from 11 March 2021.

CARRIED

11 Strategy and Development

11.1 Adoption of Waitāreere Beach Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 5

Purpose

To present the Waitāreere Beach Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 5 – Waitāreere Beach Growth Area (including supporting evaluation and technical information) to Council for adoption, to enable the completion of the Master Plan and begin public notification of the Proposed Plan Change (PPC5 or Plan Change).

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/9 Adoption of Waitāreere Beach Master Plan and Proposed Plan Change 5 be received.

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

CARRIED

Strategic Planner, Ms Gray, and Mr McCorkindale, joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries.

Ms Gray gave an background to the process that had been undertaken which would assist in providing for the growth that was coming to the Beach and to the district. Responding to a query about hapu/iwi engagement, Ms Gray said that a number of discussions had been held with Ngati Huia throughout the process and opportunities to participate had also been provided to other iwi groups.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Waitāreere Beach Master Plan.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts Proposed Plan Change 5 – Waitāreere Beach Growth Area and the associated Section 32 Evaluation Report for the purpose of public notification in accordance with Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager – Customer and Strategy, in consultation with the Chair of the Hearings Committee, be authorised (prior to public notification) to correct any minor errors or omissions in the text and maps of Proposed Plan Change 5 and the associated Section 32 Evaluation Report.

THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager – Customer and Strategy is authorised to correct minor errors prior to the Waitāreere Beach Master Plan being published.

THAT officers be authorised to proceed with public notification of Proposed Plan Change 5 – Waitāreere Beach Growth Area, in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

CARRIED

With this being Ms Gray's last Horowhenua District Council meeting, on behalf of Elected Members, Mayor Wanden thanked her for the contribution she had made during her time with Council and wished her all the best for the future.

The meeting concluded with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

4.40 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:.....