
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 3.10 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
	Ms C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mrs J Straker	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Ms L Campbell	(Strategic Communications Manager)
	Ms S Hori Te Pa	(Governance & Executive Team Leader)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

With the meeting commencing slightly later than the stated time, the Mayor explained that some technical difficulties were being experienced with the livestreaming which had caused the delay.

The meeting then proceeded with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

The following spoke very compellingly in favour of the introduction of a Māori Ward:

Carol McDonald, Mandy Fryer, Yvonne Wehipeihana-Wilson, Catherine Manning, Sharon Humphrey, Ted Melton, Lani Ketu, Faith Henare-Stewart, Nina Hori Te Pa, Tracey White, Te Kenehi Teira, Jessica Kerehoma, with Mr Teira summing up saying after everyone had spoken that this was about participation, partnership and protection.

Charles Rudd (being the fifth speaker) raised issues in respect of set Agenda items rather than responding to consideration of the establishment of a Māori Ward. Mr Rudd provided a copy of his comments.

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Announcements

There were no announcements.

5 Executive

5.1 Consideration of the Establishment of a Māori Ward

Purpose

For Council to consider whether to establish a Māori Ward for the 2022 election.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 21/174 Consideration of the Establishment of a Māori Ward be received.

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

CARRIED

Ms Hori Te Pa joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries, noting that since the report had been prepared the number of Councils that had resolved to introduce a Māori Ward(s) had risen from 18 to 22, with a further 12 Councils scheduled to consider the issue by 21 May.

With Option 2 proposed, being to introduce a Māori Ward, Elected Members provided their individual views in some detail, following which the Mayor put the resolution and called for a division.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council establishes a Māori Ward for the 2022 and 2025 elections.

CARRIED

Voting on the division was as follows:

For:

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

Against:

The division was declared **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED** by 11 votes to 0.

The meeting concluded with a waiata led by Lani Ketu.

5.32 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:.....