
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Mr M Feyen
Deputy Mayor	Mr W E R Bishop
Councillors	Mr R J Brannigan
	Mr R H Campbell
	Mr N G Gimblett
	Mr B F Judd
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
	Mrs J F G Mason
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua
	Mr B P Wanden

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr M J Lester	(Group Manager – Corporate Services)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Strategy & Development)
	Mr I McLachlan	(Group Manager – Customer & Regulatory Services)
	Mr K Peel	(Acting Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
	Mrs N Brady	(General Manager – H2040 & Partnership Development)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mrs V Miller	(Compliance Manager)
	Mrs L Winiata	(Community Engagement Manager)
	Mrs C Ward	(Principal Policy Advisor)
	Mrs L Baddock	(Strategic Planner)
	Mr A Nelson	(Property & Parks Manager)
	Mrs C Pollock	(Community & Youth Development Manager)
	Mr N Hirini	(Community Development Advisor)
	Ms S Hori Te Pa	(Governance & Executive Team Leader)
	Ms A Parker	(Executive Assistant to the Mayor)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Williams	(“Chronicle”)
Mr S Kilmister	(“Manawatū Standard”)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were twenty members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

11.2 Submission on National Policy Statement – Highly Productive Land
Jay Clarke

11.4 Submission on One Plan – Plan Change 2 Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses
Vivienne Bold

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 11 September 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

International Representation Grant

International Representation Grant recipient, Jorja Dustin, spoke about her attendance at an International Youth Leadership Camp in Hong Kong in July 2019, outlining her response and feelings in relation to the various activities undertaken, saying that the memories and the friends made were life changing. She said it had helped her grow as an individual and as a team player, and had made her look at life from a new perspective. She thanked Council for helping her get to Hong Kong and to live the dream.

Foxton Community Board Update

Acting on his concern at the increase in the Foxton East Drainage scheme rate from Regional Council (as noted in the FCB minutes), Mr Roache said he had had a meeting with Horizon's CEO and Ramon Strong regarding the rate – the what and why. There was to be a further meeting on the scheme in October, sans Board, with the Board's next opportunity to be involved being a submission to the Annual Plan process, which was disappointing as that would be too late.

Mr Roache further commented that Council Officers were tidying up the seawall, lowering and doing some maintenance on the sand dune. Apart from that, not a lot else had happened since the last Council meeting.

Mr Roache concluded by saying that it had been a great three years and he had enjoyed being Board Chair. A number of Foxton projects had come on stream, such as Main Street and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, and he thanked Councillors and Officers on behalf of the community.

Responding to a query about the public meeting being called on 12 October with regard to the Foxton Memorial Hall and a possible clash with the election result, Mr Roache said he was doing this personally as while Council had made a decision on the hall, he wanted to hear what the public had to say about its future. He had not set an earlier date as he did not want it to become a campaign issue.

With regard to the Foxton East Drainage Scheme and a possible ponding area to deal with excess water that was accruing in Foxton during a rain event, Mr Roache said this was only one of three options being considered. It was not a foregone conclusion, but would come up at the next engineering meeting.

HDC Building Accreditation

Displaying the framed certificate, Mr Lester advised that Council had received recertification as a Building Consent Authority. Only six corrective actions had been required where other Councils had got up to 20 plus, which put HDC in the top 10% in the country. This had been achieved as well as processing a record number of building consents (over \$100m) throughout the year. This was a significant achievement.

Both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor extended congratulations to the Officers involved, with the Deputy Mayor also noting that originally HDC was one of the first councils to achieve accreditation.

7 Proceedings of Committees

7.1 Proceedings of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee 18 September 2019

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 18 September 2019.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT Report19/413 Proceedings of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee 18 September 2019 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 18 September 2019.

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the Round 1 2019/2020 Grant Allocations as follows:

Community Development Grant	
<i>Lions Club of Foxton</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Wrapped With Nature Market</i>	<i>\$1,462.20</i>
<i>Horowhenua Breathe Easy Support Group</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Horowhenua Junior Touch</i>	<i>\$1,320.00</i>
<i>The Horowhenua Hearing Association Inc.</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>

<i>Levin Christian Care Trust t/a Living Well Counselling Centre</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Alzheimers Society Manawatu Incorporated</i>	Nil
<i>The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable Trust</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Birthright Levin Inc.</i>	\$500.00
<i>Cancer Society of NZ Central Manawatu Centre Inc</i>	Nil
<i>Horowhenua SuperGrans (now known as Skills for Life)</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Foxton Historical Society Inc.</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Contact Incorporated</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Citizens Advice Bureau Levin</i>	\$3,200.00
<i>Wildlife Foxton Trust</i>	\$1,900.00
<i>Horowhenua Kamarurung Trust</i>	\$2,925.00
<i>Shannon Christian FoodBank</i>	\$2,500.00 No payment until accountability forms have been supplied and new budget required
<i>Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support Inc</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Whenua Fatales Roller Derby League Incorporated</i>	Nil
<i>Horowhenua College</i>	Nil
<i>English Language Partners New Zealand Trust - Horowhenua Kapiti Branch</i>	\$600.00
<i>Waitarere Beach Progressive Association</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Menzshed Foxton Inc</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Levin Group Of Riding For The Disabled</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Manawatu College</i>	Nil
<i>Manawatu Mounted Games Association</i>	\$793.00
<i>Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Football Union</i>	Nil
<i>Foxton Tourism and Development Association</i>	\$713.00
<i>Encounter Levin</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Age Concern Horowhenua</i>	\$1,760.00
<i>The Vintage Car Club of NZ (Horowhenua Branch) Incorporated</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Pounamu Country Music Club</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust</i>	Nil
<i>Muaūpoko Tribal Authority</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Children's Day Event Committee</i>	\$1,575.00
<i>Sing Out Levin Community Choir</i>	\$500.00

Communication Consultation Grant	
<i>Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association</i>	\$600.00
<i>Foxton Beach Progressive Association</i>	\$600.00 No payment until accountability forms have been supplied and new budget required
<i>Waitarere Beach Progressive Association</i>	\$600.00
<i>Horowhenua District Ratepayers & Residents Association</i>	\$600.00

Rural Halls Grant	
<i>Poroutawhao Christian Assembly</i>	\$2,531.15
<i>Moutoa Community Hall</i>	\$695.00
<i>Koputaroa Hall Society</i>	\$695.40
<i>Mangore Village Residents Association</i>	\$10,110.00 <i>Approve subject to a full comprehensive budget being provided</i>
<i>Tokomaru Hall Society</i>	\$14,465.00 <i>Approve subject to supplying Horowhenua based contractor comparable quotes within 1 month</i>

Vibrant Communities Grant	
<i>Te Rangamaro</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Alzheimers Manawatu</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Leisa Williams</i>	\$3,864.00
<i>IHC Horowhenua</i>	\$4,500.00
<i>Shannon Country Christmas Carnival</i>	\$638.91

CARRIED

7.2 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 23 September 2019

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 23 September 2019.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT Report 19/410 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 23 September 2019 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 23 September 2019.

CARRIED

7.3 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee 25 September 2019

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee meeting held on 25 September 2019.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 19/411 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee 25 September 2019 be received.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee meeting held on 25 September 2019.

CARRIED

8 Executive

8.1 Monitoring Report to 2 October 2019

Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of Council.

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT Report 19/366 Monitoring Report to 2 October 2019 be received.

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

CARRIED

Page 30 18/171 – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Responding to a query about progress, Mr McCorkindale advised that this had been going through a final check with lawyers and finalisation was imminent.

19/575 – Options for Potential Disposal – Court House Museum

An update on timeframes was requested and also was it intended to seek expressions of interest from parties other than the Foxton Historical Society? Mr Lester said he would come back with information on timeframes and he believed Council was still looking at taking wider expressions of interest.

Page 31 19/27 – Foxton Beach Freeholding Account Strategy & Policy Review

Responding to a query, Mr Lester confirmed that the Foxton Beach Progressive Association would be involved in the review as Council was looking to take a community-led approach but that would occur after the elections.

8.2 Documents Executed and Electronic Transactions Authorities Signed

Purpose

To present to Council, **for information**, the documents that have been executed, Electronic Transactions Authorities and Contracts that have been signed by two elected Councillors, which now need ratification.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

THAT Report 19/367 Documents Executed and Electronic Transactions Authorities Signed be received.

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council hereby ratifies the signing of documents and Electronic Transaction Authorities as scheduled:

- (a) *Deed of Ground Lease with Levin Women's Bowling Club Incorporated (1603241) relating to Part Levin Public Gardens for a period of 3 years from 1 September 2018 with one (1) x 3 years right of renewal.*

- (b) *Electronic Transaction Authority for the change of name from Horowhenua County Council to Horowhenua District Council relating to WN540/284 (Part, Lot 6 DP 24346), WN583/176 (Part, Lot 17 DP 18323), Waitarere Domain.*
- (c) *Application for New Computer Registers Incorporating Accretion – Lots 1-4 DP 480531 Waitarere Beach.*

CARRIED

9 Corporate Services

9.1 Adoption of Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019

Purpose

To adopt the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Because the Audit Opinion was not yet available, Mayor Feyen advised that after discussion between himself, Officers and the Audit Office, this matter would be held over so today's meeting would not conclude, but would adjourn and reconvene at a date to be advised to adopt the Annual Report.

Reiterating the Mayor's comments, Mr Lester noted from an email from Audit Director, Debbie Perera, that "*while there is still work to be completed, at this stage there are no significant changes to the Annual Report or areas that we need to draw your attention to*".

10 Customer and Regulatory Services

10.1 Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority

Purpose

To present, **for information**, details of decisions made under delegated authority in respect of Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT Report 19/368 Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority be received.

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

CARRIED

10.2 Appointment of Commissioners - District Licensing Committee

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to propose the appointment of Commissioners to the District Licensing Committee until 28 February 2020 or until such time as the Council resolves otherwise.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 19/390 Appointment of Commissioners - District Licensing Committee be received.

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

CARRIED

Speaking to the report, Mrs Miller drew the meeting's attention to an error in the report, with the preferred option being Option 2, not Option 1. With that noted, it was:

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council resolves to appoint current Councillors Ross Brannigan and Neville Gimblett as Commissioners to the Horowhenua District Licensing Committee until 28 February 2020 or until such time as new Councillor appointments are confirmed by Council following the 2019 local elections.

CARRIED

11 Strategy and Development

11.1 Adoption of Community Driven Horowhenua Housing Action Plan

Purpose

To seek a decision from Council to adopt the final Community Driven Horowhenua Housing Action Plan.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

THAT Report 19/381 Adoption of Community Driven Horowhenua Housing Action Plan be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Brady spoke in some detail to this report and its accompanying Action Plan and responded to queries and comments, following which it was:

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Community Driven Horowhenua Housing Action Plan.

CARRIED

11.2 Submission on Proposed National Policy Statement - Highly Productive Land

Purpose

To seek Council to consider and ratify the submission prepared by Officers on the Proposed National Policy Statement – Highly Productive Land to be submitted to the Ministry for Primary Industries.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Cr Wanden:

THAT Report 19/387 Submission on Proposed National Policy Statement - Highly Productive Land 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 on behalf of not only Woodhaven Gardens, but all the vegetable growers in this community, Mr Jay Clarke stressed that it not so much about the effects of this proposed National Policy Statement by itself that was at issue, but the effects of that combined with the Freshwater Advisory document that had been released and also the Horizons One Plan – Plan Change 2. He congratulated HDC staff for bringing many of the issues for local growers up in the submission, but suggested there had been some crucial areas that had been missed, providing a document with some recommended additions to HDC's submission which would bring it into line with the Tararua Growers Association's submission and also that of Horticulture New Zealand on behalf of vegetable growers around the country.

Mr Clarke then outlined the negative impact the adoption of these policies could have financially and personally on local growers and this community, as well as growers nationally, expanding on what the implications could be for the whole sector as it endeavoured to adjust to changing rules and circumstances. He then responded to questions and comments from Elected Members.

Mrs Baddock and Mr McCorkindale joined the table to speak to the report, with Mrs Baddock emphasizing the potential impact this NPS could have on the district both in terms of growth planning and industries that were critical to the district's economy. Proposed wording to be added in to the submission was tabled which addressed the concerns raised by Mr Clarke, with Mrs Baddock and Mr McCorkindale then responding to queries from Elected Members.

Raised in discussion:

- concern about the short timeframe for submissions to be lodged, particularly with regard to the potential impact on communities;
- the various National Policy Statements not aligning with each other;
- the lack of opportunity for face to face discussions with the relevant Ministers and Policy Planners.

To address the concerns raised it was agreed that the above should be included in Council's submissions, with the submissions to be supported by letters to the relevant Ministers requesting the opportunity to have a face to face discussion, preferably in the Horowhenua.

As the proposed National Policy Statements also had health and wellbeing implications, it was suggested that a letter should also be directed to the Minister of Health. Further noted that whilst Council was putting in a submission essentially on behalf of the community, it did not preclude any other individual or landowner putting in a submission.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the Submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement Highly Productive Land, as amended, and authorises the Chief Executive to lodge the submission with Ministry of Primary Industries before 10 October 2019.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Mayor Feyen:

THAT the Chief Executive be requested to write to the appropriate Ministers on behalf of the Horowhenua District Council strongly expressing concerns in relation to the proposed National Policy Statement and requesting a meeting with those Ministers, with that meeting preferably to be in the Horowhenua.

CARRIED

11.3 Submission on Proposed National Policy Statement - Urban Development

Purpose

To seek Council to consider and ratify the submission prepared by Officers on the Proposed National Policy Statement – Urban Development to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 19/388 Submission on Proposed National Policy Statement - Urban Development be received.

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

CARRIED

Speaking to the report, Mrs Baddock summarised its main points.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the Submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement Urban Development and authorises the Chief Executive to lodge the submission with Ministry for the Environment before 10 October 2019.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT the Chief Executive be requested to write to the appropriate Ministers on behalf of the Horowhenua District Council strongly expressing concerns in relation to the proposed National Policy Statement and requesting a meeting with those Ministers, with that meeting preferably to be in the Horowhenua.

CARRIED

11.4 Submission on One Plan - Plan Change 2 Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses

Purpose

For Council to consider and ratify the submission prepared by Officers on the One Plan - Plan Change 2 Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses so that it can be lodged with Horizons Regional Council before the submission closing deadline of 21 October 2019.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT Report 19/389 Submission on One Plan - Plan Change 2 Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses 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

Saying she actually wished to speak to page 56 (the NPS – Highly Productive Land, Mrs Vivienne Bold suggested that Lake Papaitonga should be included under potential cultural effects, with it explained that the report was picking up on growth areas (Ryder Crescent which was close to Lake Horowhenua) not cultural areas generally. Mrs Bold also suggested that rather than developments like Gladstone Green which took up productive land, Council should be encouraging the development of more compact apartments, affordable flats and homes.

Council's Principal Policy Planner, Mrs Ward and Mr McCorkindale spoke to the report and responded to queries from Elected Members, following which it was:

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the Submission on the One Plan – Plan Change 2 Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses and authorises the Chief Executive to lodge the submission with Horizons Regional Council before 21 October 2019.

CARRIED

12 Valedictory Speeches

With valedictory speeches to be delivered when the meeting reconvened, the Chair adjourned the meeting to a date to be advised.

13 Procedural motion to exclude the public

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 Proceedings of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee 18 September 2019

<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>	<i>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</i>	<i>s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

6.23 pm The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

6.26 pm

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

With this meeting not reconvening for the Adoption of the Annual Report due to timing issues, it lapsed, with the Annual Report to be adopted by the incoming Council.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 27.4,
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

CHIEF EXECUTIVE:.....