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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 26 June 2019 at 4.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Strategy & Development)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr I McLachlan	(Group Manager – Customer & Regulatory Services)
	Mr K Peel	(Acting Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
	Mr J Paulin	(Financial Accountant)
	Mrs L Winiata	(Community Engagement Manager)
	Ms K Gray	(Strategic Planner)
	Mrs T Gower	(Strategic Planner)
	Ms A Huria	(Projects Coordinator – Strategy & Development)
	Mrs S Hori Te Pa	(Governance & Executive Team Leader)
	Ms A Parker	(Executive Assistant to the Mayor)
	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive) (from 4.15 pm)

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Jones	(Independent Chair, Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee)
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### MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A Loo	(“Manawatū Standard”)
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### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

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## 1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Tukapua and Judd.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Cr Wanden:

*THAT the apologies from Councillors Tukapua and Judd be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

A request from Mr Ten Have to record the meeting was put to Elected Members as per amended Standing Orders.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the request from Mr Te Have to record the meeting be approved.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor: Michael Feyen  
Councillors: Ross Campbell

**Against:**

Deputy Mayor: Wayne Bishop  
Councillors: Neville Gimblett  
Ross Brannigan  
Victoria Kaye-Simmons  
Joanna Mason  
Christine Mitchell  
Bernard Wanden

The division was declared LOST by 2 votes to 7.

## 3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes – 29 May 2019

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Mitchell:

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 29 May 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## 5 Announcements

There were no announcements.

### Late Item

Mr McCorkindale sought approval to add a late item to the Agenda under Standing Order 9.12 which allowed for Council to deal with an item not on the Agenda providing that the following information was provided during the public part of the meeting:

- The reason the item was not on the agenda
- The reason why the discussion of the item could not be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

With concern having been expressed since 2009 in relation to the dangerous nature of the Queen Street/State Highway 57 intersection and with the recent media focus on the same, and also information presented by Officers to Elected Members at a briefing last Wednesday, Mr McCorkindale said that today's report provided an avenue for Elected Members, without further delay, to promote the advocacy by Council for the matter to be addressed both in the short and long term.

With Elected Members all in agreement, it was:

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council agrees to considering the late item "Queen Street/State Highway 57 Intersection" as part of today's Agenda.*

**CARRIED**

### **Queen Street/State Highway 57 Intersection**

#### **Purpose**

To update Council Elected Members on issues and further investigations carried out by Council Officers in relation to the Queen Street/State Highway 57 intersection.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Mayor Feyen:

*THAT Report 19/235 on Queen Street/State Highway 57 Intersection be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

With Elected Members expressing their frustration at the delay in this dangerous intersection being treated with the seriousness it deserved, the proposed recommendation as to how the matter should be progressed was discussed with the view expressed that it needed to be strengthened and be more specific about what was being sought and timeframes.

Mr Peel responded to queries from Elected Members with regard to the different roles and responsibilities of NZTA and Council when it came to the administration of state highways. He stressed that Council, on state highways, had no jurisdiction to change speed limits or erect signage.

What would be an appropriate speed limit for that stretch of road was discussed, with 60 km/hr supported by those around the table.

Mr Clapperton also noted that it was not only the Queen Street/SH 57 Intersection that had safety issues, there were others such as Waitarere Curves and Kimberley Road/SH1, and they should also be addressed.

With it agreed that a forceful message needed to be sent to NZTA and the Government, it was:

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council formally writes to the Board Chair of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and the NZTA Chief Executive to request that NZTA immediately installs a temporary speed restriction of 60 km/hr at the Queen Street/State Highway 57 intersection and commences, with urgency, investigation of a permanent solution within four weeks of request.*

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council writes to the Minister of Transport, the Chair and the CEO of the New Zealand Transport Agency expressing its grave concerns regarding the lack of progress by the agency in confirming the safety improvements programme on SH1*

*between Manakau and Foxton, and SH 57.*

**CARRIED**

With the Council meeting proceeding passed the time for the commencement of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee meeting (4.30 pm), the FARS Chair, Mr Jones, joined the table (4.35 pm) and declared that meeting open. He then adjourned the meeting for it to be reconvened at the close of the Council meeting.

## 6 Executive

### 6.1 Delegations Register - Review

#### Purpose

To seek Council's adoption of the Delegations Register following a review to reflect legislative and staff changes.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

*That Report 19/227 Delegations Register - Review be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

Mr McCorkindale spoke to the report, and the following proposed amendments were noted and discussed:

- an addition to 6.5 – Authorisation for Settlement of Claims against Council – with the words “and, wherever possible, in consultation with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor” to be added;
- 7.1 – Authorisation of Operating and Capital Expenditure within Approved Budgets – with the words “or Long Term” to be removed from the third clause and “LTP” replaced with “AP”, in the sixth clause.

With the amendments endorsed, it was:

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Delegations Register, with amendments, effective from 27 June 2019.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7 Strategy and Development

### 7.1 Adoption: 2019/2020 Annual Plan

#### Purpose

This report provides information required for Council to adopt the 2019/2020 Annual Plan.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

*THAT Report 19/208 Adoption: 2019/2020 Annual Plan be received.*

*THAT this decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

**CARRIED**

Ms Gray and Mr Law joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries, with corrections noted in the following report clauses:

2.3: “The rates income increase is 4.6%, which is ~~4.38%~~ 1.36% lower than the

forecast of ~~5.98%~~ 5.96% in the Long Term Plan 2018-38 ~~4.36%~~ 1.38% lower  
.....”

5.1 “This is lower than proposed in both the draft 2019/2020 Annual Plan (~~5.96%~~ 5.98%), and Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2018-38 (~~5.98%~~ 5.96%).

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Wanden:

*THAT, in accordance with the 2019/2020 Annual Plan, the Horowhenua District Council resolves that it is financially prudent, after considering the matters set out in Section 100(2)(a)-(d) of the Local Government Act 2002, that the 2019/2020 Annual Plan has projected operating revenues at a level that is insufficient to meet projected operating expenses.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Thanking all those involved: Elected Members, Officers and the public, particularly those who submitted, the Mayor said he was very excited by the adoption of the Annual Plan which he would be supporting. He said he thought the process had been fair and equitable, and he was pleased that Council had decided to carry out an Annual Plan process for the second year of the LTP as it had proved beneficial.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the 2019/2020 Annual Plan in accordance with Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

*THAT Council delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to make minor editorial changes that arise as part of the publication process for the 2019/2020 Annual Plan.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.04 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:**.....