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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES CONFIRMED

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 26 April 2023 at 1:00 pm.

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### PRESENT

**Mayor  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillors**

His Worship The Mayor Bernie Wanden  
Councillor David Allan  
Councillor Mike Barker  
Councillor Rogan Boyle  
Councillor Ross Brannigan  
Councillor Clint Grimstone  
Councillor Nina Hori Te Pa  
Councillor Sam Jennings  
Councillor Paul Olsen  
Councillor Jonathan Procter  
Councillor Justin Tamihana  
Councillor Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Councillor Alan Young

**Reporting Officer**

Monique Davidson  
Daniel Haigh  
Jacinta Straker  
Brent Harvey  
David McCorkindale  
Blair Spencer  
Ashley Huria  
Grayson Rowse

Chief Executive  
Group Manager - Community Infrastructure  
Group Manager - Organisation Performance  
Group Manager - Community Experience and Services  
Group Manager – Community Vision and Delivery  
Group Manager – Housing & Business Development  
Business Performance Manager  
Principal Advisor – Democracy  
Democracy Support Officer  
Compliance Manager

**Meeting Secretary**

Jody Lygo  
Vai Miller

**1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**3 Late Items**

There were no late items.

**4 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Grimstone declared a conflict of interest in item C2 – Grounds Maintenance Procurement.

**5 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/67**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 15 March 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record

**.CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/68**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That the minutes of the meeting of the In Committee Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 15 March 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record

**.CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/69**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 22 March 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record

**.CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/70**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That the minutes of the meeting of the In Committee Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 22 March 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record

**.CARRIED**

## 6 Elected Members Reports

### 9.1 Proceedings of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board 3 April 2023

To present to the Council the minutes of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board meeting held on 03 April 2023.

The Chair of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board spoke to activities of the Board, including noting the upcoming Business Breakfasts, and work with Salvation Army Community Social Services. Also noting that representatives for NZ Police will be addressing the Board at their upcoming meeting.

Thanks were given to Council Staff for their preparation for ANZAC day, with services provided from 21<sup>st</sup> Supply Company.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/71**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

That Report 23/264 Proceedings of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board 3 April 2023 be received.

That the Council receives the minutes of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board meeting held on 03 April 2023.

**CARRIED**

### 9.2 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 5 April 2023

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 05 April 2023.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/72**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Boyle:

That Report 23/267 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 5 April 2023 be received.

That the Council receives the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 05 April 2023.

**CARRIED**

### 6.1 Mayoral Report to March 2023

The purpose of this report is for His Worship the Mayor to report to Council on community events and Council-related meetings he has attended during the month of March 2023, and provide an update on items of interest.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/73**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That Report Mayoral Report to March 2023 be received.

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

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/74**

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That Council authorises the Mayor, Cr's Hori Te Pa and Young to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Christchurch in July 2023.

That Council nominates Cr's Hori Te Pa and Young as the alternates to exercise Council's voting rights, should the presiding delegate not be in attendance at the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2023/75**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Tukapua:

That Horowhenua District Council endorses a Rates Rebates remit be submitted to the LGNZ Zone Three meeting for its consideration.

That the remit reads:

That LGNZ works with Central Government to:

1. Lower the income threshold for rates rebate eligibility to enable more low and fixed income property owners access to the rebate
2. Investigate options to make rates rebates more accessible for residents by implementing an income data sharing process similar to that of Horowhenua District Council and Levin MSD office. This will enable Councils to obtain benefit income on behalf of the ratepayer and make it easier to apply for the rates rebate
3. Investigate options for data sharing between Councils and Internal Affairs and Ministry of Social Development to proactively identify households that qualify for a rates rebate rather than waiting for people to apply.

**CARRIED**

The Chief Executive provided further background to the current 3-Waters reform situation, mentioning Council may at some time in the future want to confirm its position in relation to the 3-Water reforms.

It was noted that the information that is currently available is not comprehensive, but as more details become known these will be disseminated.

The Council remains a member of C4LD, but this may be something that this Council may want to re-confirm or otherwise in time.

The Chief Executive confirmed that Council must continue to operate under the current Water Services Entities Act 2022, including continue to prepare for transition, even though that transition maybe unclear.

Better-Off and No Worse-Off funding is now uncertain. This will have an impact on future planning even though Council have not planned directly on receiving this funding.

There is a need to establish whether there is any flexibility on the 10 entity model for local authorities to move, following that Council will need to consider which entity might be best suited for its needs.

## 7 Reports for Decision

### 7.1 Regulatory Compliance Strategy Adoption

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Regulatory Compliance Strategy for Councils endorsement and adoption.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/76**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Report 23/245 Regulatory Compliance Strategy Adoption be received.

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

**CARRIED**

The Compliance Manger joined the table, presenting the draft strategy, and noting this strategy is primarily aimed at the Compliance team, although there are areas of Council that occasionally undertake compliance activities. This strategy is used at the model for those teams to follow.

It was noted that Officers anticipate that some amendments to the strategy and policy will be brought to Council to reflect a cultural lens to the strategy, policy and associated compliance activities.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/77**

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Council adopt the Compliance Strategy including appendices, as attached as Attachment A.

**CARRIED**

## 8 Reports for Noting

### 8.1 Economic Dashboard Horowhenua District December 2022

To present the Economic Dashboard for the Horowhenua District - December 2022.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2023/78**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Procter:

That Report 23/229 Economic Dashboard Horowhenua District December 2022 be received.

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

**CARRIED**

The Chair and Chief Executive of the Horowhenua Company joined the table with Councils Group Manager - Community Vision and Delivery to present this report to Council, highlighting the following points:

- The 2022 Calendar year performance – overall the economy grew at a higher rate than other parts of Manawatu-Wanganui region and the country, including growth in business units.
- Population growth continues at a faster rate than other parts of the country.
- Housing and rental affordability continues to be challenge.
- Unemployment down from 5.2% to 4% from 2021 to 2022.

- NEETS have reduced from 18% to 14.5% from 2021 to 2022.

## 8.2 Organisation Performance Report - April 2023

To present the Organisation Performance Report for April 2023.

All Group Managers joined the table to speak to this report and answer members questions. The Group Manager – Organisation Performance introduced the report highlighting the financial side of the report, noting the current tracking of the Capital programme, noting that the operating side of things are facing some challenges with tracking alongside the budget.

All group managers joined the table to answer any questions that members had. Group manager – Organisation Performance introduced this report, highlighting the key financial side.

Group Managers answered questions from members as required.

Noting it was agreed that this item will be brought to Council in a 12 weekly cycle, rather than 6 weekly.

### Resolution Number CO/2023/79

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Report 23/272 Organisation Performance Report - April 2023 be received.

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

That having considered all matters raised in the Organisation Performance Report April 2023 the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

## 8.3 Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report April 2023

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the updated monitoring report covering resolutions and requested actions from previous meetings of Council.

### Resolution Number CO/2023/80

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That Report, Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report April 2023 be received.

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

**CARRIED**

## 9 Proceedings of Committees

Item - 9.1 Proceedings of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board 3 April 2023 - has been moved to another part of the document.

Item - 9.2 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 5 April 2023 - has been moved to another part of the document.

## 10 Procedural motion to exclude the public

### Resolution Number CO/2023/81

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Olsen:

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 Crown Infrastructure Partners - Tara-Ika Agreement Update

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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.	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	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.

#### C2 Grounds Maintenance Procurement

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
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.	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	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.

#### C3 Civic Building Re-fit

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

<p>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.</p>	<p>s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>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.</p>
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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**

3.17 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.

6.25 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:** .31 May 2023

**CHAIRPERSON:**

