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# Strategy Committee

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Horowhenua District Council Strategy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 28 February 2018 at 4.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr M J Lester	(Group Manager – Corporate Services)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Strategy & Development)
	Mrs S Grant	(Group Manager – Community Services)
	Mr D Haigh	(Growth Response Project Manager)
	Mr S Grainger	(Economic Development Manager)
	Mrs L Baddock	(Strategic Planner)
	Mr S Wood	(Legal Advisor)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr G Saily	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
	Mrs N Brady	(Group Manager – Customer & Regulatory Services)
	Ms T Hayward	(Communications Advisor)
	Ms S Hori Te Pa	(Governance & Executive Support Team Leader)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

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## 1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 2 Public Participation

### 7.1 Growth Response Projects Update

Christine Moriarty  
Christina Paton

### 7.2 Mayor's Work Programme

Bryan Ten Have  
Christina Paton

#### 4.4 Alternative methods of Transport – namely commuter rail

Lew Rohloff and Margaret Williams, GreyPower

#### 4.6 Alternative Raw Drinking Water Source

Olaf Eady

## 3 Late Items

There were no late items.

## 4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

## 5 Confirmation of Open and In Committee Minutes – 8 November 2017

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT the Open & In Committee minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on Wednesday, 8 November 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## 6 Announcements

There were no announcements.

## 7 Executive

### 7.1 **Growth Response Projects Update**

#### **Purpose**

To provide a status update on the Growth Response work programme with a focus on providing up to date information on current key projects and planning.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Mason:

*THAT Report 18/87 Growth Response Projects Update 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

Introducing herself as a Hokio Beach resident, and outlining the various

organisations with which she was associated, Mrs Christine Moriarty said she had found the Agenda really confusing to understand explaining where her confusion had arisen. Having read the Growth Response Projects Update, Mrs Moriarty said she felt Council was putting the cart before the horse and it should be concentrating on providing services for those who lived in the Horowhenua rather than planning for growth that may not happen.

Mrs Christina Paton commenced by saying she had not had any problem following the Agenda. In relation to the preferred expressway location noted in the report, Mrs Paton raised the issue of liquefaction which could be an issue depending on the route chosen. She had been unable to get information from NZTA and she queried if Council had requested a site specific analysis or been provided such information. With regard to the Transforming Taitoko / Levin update, she suggested that Council be very careful when it came to 'spatial orientation' as she had in the past highlighted that there could be a problem in Foxton. Further highlighted by Mrs Paton, in terms of the Horowhenua Growth Strategy was the need to prioritise the provision of a water supply for the district as she did not see how growth, either residential or industrial, could be encouraged when there was already a struggle with the water supply.

Growth Response Manager, Daniel Haigh, joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries. In terms of the liquefaction issue raised by Mrs Paton, he confirmed that more site specific testing was being undertaken; however he was not privy to any further information from NZTA in terms of the level of testing that it had undertaken. With regard to spatial orientation, any planning exercise would make provision for infrastructure, and water sourcing options would be considered as part of LTP consultation.

Mr Haigh commented on the engagement around the Growth Strategy that had occurred at the Aquatic Centre, with very positive feedback received. There would also be engagement with Elected Members following today's meeting on O2NL and there was to be a community meeting tomorrow evening arranged by MP Nathan Guy.

Responding to a query about investigation into liquefaction areas, Mr Haigh said a desk top assessment had been undertaken which helped to identify the low and high risk areas and during land owner engagement opportunities to do some more invasive testing would be discussed. That was something that would be progressed before adoption of the Growth Strategy.

In relation to the question of water supply for the district, Mr Haigh said that was currently part of the LTP conversation and was a separate issue to the Growth Strategy.

## 7.2 Mayor's Work Programme

### Purpose

To brief the Committee on key issues that Mayor Feyen is looking to progress in the near to medium term. It is considered appropriate that the Committee is aware of the Mayor's work programme so to ensure consistency in messaging wherever possible. Further, the Mayor is looking for the support of the Strategy Committee and, in turn, full Council to take these issues forward in a pragmatic manner perhaps through the establishment of small working parties to further explore and advocate to relevant stakeholder groups.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Judd:

*THAT Report 18/97 Mayor's Work Programme 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

In his comments, Mr Bryan Ten Have covered:

- the river loop in Foxton, speaking in support of Council doing everything possible to have the loop opened;
- the importance of potable water to growth in the Horowhenua;
- alternative methods of transport, supporting exploring the better use of light rail particularly as Levin was on the main trunk line which was currently underutilised;
- hemp growing and its possible potential for the region if progressed in the right way.

Mrs Christina Paton expressed a caution should hemp growing be pursued, particularly if it was intended to use underutilised land such as the Moutoa Spillway as that was there for a specific purpose. Speaking in relation to the River Loop Working Party, Mrs Paton stressed that it was a central government mistake and it should be central government that should pay to reinstate it.

In terms of exploring and testing the feasibility of drinking water, Mrs Paton said Council should have documentation in its archives covering the testing of aquifers that had been previously done with a view to boosting the district's water supply. That information should be referenced before any further money was spent.

On behalf of Horowhenua GreyPower, Mr Lew Rohloff and Mrs Margaret Williams were welcomed to the table to speak in relation to alternative methods of transport, acquainting the meeting with the considerable discussions GreyPower had had with Horizons and Greater Wellington Regional Councils on the subject of long existing 'transport disadvantage' experienced by the 'non-commuting' majority of the people of the district, and the continuing work the respective agencies have implemented to overcome the disadvantage. GreyPower applauded the recommended formation of a working party to address the many considerations around the topic, also suggesting that its 'horizons' be extended by adopting the title "Public Passenger Transport Working Party" and when established the working party should invite Horowhenua GreyPower to nominate a representative and deputy representative to attend and fully participate in the working party's deliberations.

Speaking in relation to alternative drinking water sources, Mr Olaf Eady suggested looking at the Mangahao Dam and its associated three lakes as a possibility.

Mayor Feyen then spoke to the recommendations individually giving his reasoning behind each in some detail. He also noted that some recommendations had been reworded prior to the meeting to better reflect what was intended.

The meeting broke briefly (4.45-5.50 pm).

Councillors responded to Mayor Feyen's comments with the majority saying that, while they commended him for his enthusiasm, they would not be supporting the first two recommendations.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT a working party consisting of the Mayor and ..... be established to further

explore the feasibility of growing hemp on a regional basis.

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

**For:**

Councillors: Ross Campbell  
Michael Feyen

**Against:**

Councillors: Wayne Bishop  
Ross Brannigan  
Neville Gimblett  
Barry Judd  
Victoria Kaye-Simmons  
Joanna Mason  
Christine Mitchell  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernard Wanden

The division was declared LOST by 2 votes to 9.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT a working party consisting of the Mayor and ..... be established to further explore the issues of underutilised land and the Moutoa Spill Way.

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

**For:**

Councillors: Ross Campbell  
Michael Feyen

**Against:**

Councillors: Wayne Bishop  
Ross Brannigan  
Neville Gimblett  
Barry Judd  
Victoria Kaye-Simmons  
Joanna Mason  
Christine Mitchell  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernard Wanden

The division was declared LOST by 2 votes to 9.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

*THAT the Mayor and CEO work with key stakeholders to advocate for enhanced passenger transport services (including commuter train services) within and outside the district.*

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

**For:**

Councillors: Wayne Bishop  
Ross Brannigan  
Ross Campbell  
Michael Feyen  
Neville Gimblett  
Barry Judd  
Victoria Kaye-Simmons  
Joanna Mason  
Christine Mitchell  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernard Wanden

**Against:**

The division was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 0.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

*THAT the Committee endorses the Mayor working with the Chief Executive and the Manawatu River Loop Working Party.*

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

**For:**

Councillors: Wayne Bishop  
Ross Brannigan  
Ross Campbell  
Michael Feyen  
Neville Gimblett  
Barry Judd  
Victoria Kaye-Simmons  
Joanna Mason  
Christine Mitchell  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernard Wanden

**Against:**

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

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

*THAT the Mayor and Chief Executive prepare a report for the next Strategy Committee meeting on the establishment of a working party to explore alternate water sources and storage for the Horowhenua District.*

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

**For:**

Councillors: Wayne Bishop  
Ross Brannigan  
Ross Campbell  
Michael Feyen  
Neville Gimblett  
Barry Judd  
Victoria Kaye-Simmons  
Joanna Mason  
Christine Mitchell  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Bernard Wanden

**Against:**

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

6.30 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....