
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 11 July 2018 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

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| 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 C B Mitchell |
| | Mr B P Wanden |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Reporting Officer | Mr M J Lester | (Group Manager – Corporate Services) |
| | Mr D M Clapperton | (Chief Executive) |
| | Mrs N Brady | (Group Manager – Customer & Regulatory Services) |
| | Mr I Tate | (Information Services Manager) |
| | Mr I McLachlan | (Risk Management Lead) |
| | Mrs S Hori Te Pa | (Government & Executive Support Team Leader) |
| | Mrs K J Corkill | (Meeting Secretary) |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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| Mr D Griffin | (Electionz.com Ltd) |
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MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

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| Ms S Beckman | (“Chronicle”) |
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Mason and Tukapua.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the apologies from Councillors Mason and Tukapua be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

None as this was a procedural item.

3 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 4 July 2018

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 11 July 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 Announcements

There were no announcements.

6 Executive

6.1 Representation Review for the 2019/2022 Local Body Elections: Final Proposal

Purpose

For the Horowhenua District Council to consider the public submissions received to its Initial Proposal for the representation arrangements review, and to resolve a Final Proposal for further public notification.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT Report 18/383 Representation Review for the 2019/2022 Local Body Elections: Final Proposal be received.

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

THAT the Horowhenua District Council (Council) considers the submissions received on the Council's representation arrangements.

CARRIED

Mr Griffin from Electionz.com joined the table to speak to the report and respond to queries. He outlined the rigorous process that had been undertaken to reach this point of confirming the Representation Review's Final Proposal.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Wanden:

THAT, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council confirms as its Final Proposal for the Representation Review for the local election to be held in 2019 and subsequent elections until altered by a subsequent decision, the following:

- (a) *That the Council comprise 10 Councillors elected from four Wards, and the Mayor elected at large;*
- (b) *That the Council retain the existing Ward names of Kere Kere, Miranui, Levin and Waiiopehu;*
- (c) *That the proposed boundaries of the four Wards remain as they are at present and as shown on the attached map (Attachment 1);*
- (d) *That the population each Ward will represent will be as follows:*

| Wards | General Electoral Population | Number of councillors per constituency | Population per councillor | Deviation from district average population per councillor | % deviation from district average population per councillor |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| Kere Kere | 5,780 | 2 | 2,890 | -356 | -10.96 |
| Miranui | 3,080 | 1 | 3,080 | -166 | -5.11 |
| Levin | 16,950 | 5 | 3,390 | 144 | 4.44 |
| Waiiopehu | 6,650 | 2 | 3,325 | 79 | 2.43 |
| Total | 32,460 | 10 | 3,246 | | |

The Council acknowledges that the Kere Kere Ward percentage deviation of 10.96% is outside that permitted by section 19 V (2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and that the Council will seek an exemption from the Local Government Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To start the debate, it was:

Moved: Mayor Feyen Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bishop

That the Foxton Community Board not be retained;

with Mayor Feyen expressing his support for the Board's retention and his reasons why.

Following Councillors expressing their views on the Foxton Community Board, what each individually saw as its role and value to the Foxton community and the district; the recommendation was put.

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

For:

Deputy Mayor: Wayne Bishop
Councillor: Barry Judd

Against:

Mayor: Michael Feyen
Councillors: Ross Brannigan
Ross Campbell
Neville Gimblett
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Christine Mitchell
Bernard Wanden

The division was declared **LOST** by 2 votes to 7.

With the majority of Councillors having voted against not retaining the Board, it was:

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT there be one Community Board in Horowhenua District and that be for the Foxton and Foxton Beach Communities.,

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the name of the Board be the Foxton Community Board.

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

For:

Mayor: Michael Feyen
Deputy Mayor Wayne Bishop
Ross Brannigan
Ross Campbell
Neville Gimblett
Barry Judd
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Christine Mitchell
Bernard Wanden

Against:

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 9 votes to 0.

Whether or not only one, or both, of the Kere Kere Ward Councillors were appointed to the Board was discussed.

Moved: Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Campbell

That the Foxton Community Board be comprised of five members elected 'at large' and one appointed member being one of the elected councillors for the Kere Kere Ward.

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

For:

Councillors: Neville Gimblett

Against:

Mayor: Michael Feyen
Deputy Mayor: Wayne Bishop
Councillors: Ross Brannigan
Ross Campbell
Barry Judd
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Christine Mitchell
Bernard Wanden

The division was declared **LOST** by 1 vote to 8.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the Foxton Community Board be comprised of five members elected 'at large' and two appointed members the elected councillors for the Kere Kere Ward.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

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

For:

Mayor: Michael Feyen
Deputy Mayor: Wayne Bishop
Councillors: Ross Brannigan
Ross Campbell
Neville Gimblett
Barry Judd
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Christine Mitchell
Bernard Wanden

Against:

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 9 votes to 0.

Whilst the Mayor spoke in favour of extending the Board's boundaries, the majority view was that this had not been consulted on and consultation should occur before any alteration to the Board's boundaries was made.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT the proposed boundaries of the Foxton Community Board remain as they are at present.

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

For:

Deputy Mayor: Wayne Bishop
Councillors: Ross Brannigan
Ross Campbell
Neville Gimblett
Barry Judd
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Christine Mitchell
Bernard Wanden

Against:

Mayor: Michael Feyen

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 8 votes to 1.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT the reasons for the Council's decision are as follows:

- *the total number of Councillors is proposed to remain at 10 (plus the Mayor) and will continue to provide effective representation to Horowhenua residents and ratepayers;*
- *the size of the council is appropriate for the conduct of the Council's business;*
- *the existing Ward structure is well understood by electors and the Council is satisfied that the Ward structure will continue to provide effective representation for distinct communities of interest;*
- *altering the boundaries of the Kere Kere Ward to make it compliant would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between Wards; and*
- *the relatively minor non-compliance in the Kere Kere Ward will self-correct in the near future if growth occurs as predicted in the Council's draft Growth Strategy.*
- *The submissions from the Foxton and Foxton Beach townships and immediate area indicate strong support for the retention of the Foxton Community Board;*
- *Whilst the Council retains full responsibility for use of the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account (and always has) and there is formal protection in the form of legislation, the*

community has a strong view that the Foxton Community Board have influence over the use of funds and their oversight provides additional protection;

- The costs associated with a community board are regarded by the community as less significant than the Council expressed in the Initial Proposal particularly when compared with the benefits that the whole District reaps from the projects funded from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

THAT as one of the proposed Wards (Kere Kere) in the Final Proposal is non-compliant with the fair representation requirements (+/- 10% rule), the Proposal must therefore be treated as an appeal under section 19V (5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and referred to the Local Government Commission following the appeal/objection period;

THAT the Final Proposal be publicly notified on 18 July 2018 providing the opportunity for appeals and objections to be lodged in the period 18 July to 17 August 2018.

That the Council agrees that the wording of the reasons for the Council's decision, and its acceptance or rejection of submissions received on the Council's Initial Proposal, as required under section 19N(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, be approved by the Council's Group Manager of Corporate Services.

CARRIED

5.43 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:.....