MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
COUNCIL FRIDAY 12 MAY 2017 8.30AM

Minutes of a reconvened extraordinary meeting of the Council held on Friday 12 May 2017, commencing at 8.30am in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Michael Ford (Chairperson)
Cr Steve Bielski
Cr Barbara Cameron
Cr Stuart Campbell
Cr Shane Casey
Cr Hilary Humphrey
Cr Phil Marsh
Cr Andrew Quarrie
Cr Alison Short

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Cr Howard Voss

APOLOGY: Her Worship the Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Templer (Chief Executive)
Shayne Harris (General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory)
Brent Limmer (General Manager - Community and Strategy)
Hamish Waugh (General Manager – Infrastructure)
Frances Smorti (General Manager – People and Culture)
Tracey Hunt (Strategy Manager)
Colleen Morris (Chief Financial Officer)
Michael Hawker (Project Delivery Manager)
Paul Stein (Communications Adviser)
Danielle Balmer (Communications Officer)
Janine Hawthorn (Community Development Adviser)
Doug Tate (Community Facilities Manager)
Rachel Carr (Parks and Property Officer)
Carl Johnstone (Parks and Property Team Leader)
Kirsten Pike (Parks and Property Officer – Legal)
Brook Rush (Community and Strategy Operations Officer)
Cynthia Ward (Senior Policy Planner)
Lisa Thomas (Policy Adviser)
Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)

MDC 17/137 MEETING OPENING

Deputy Mayor Michael Ford declared the meeting open.

MDC 17/138 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology from Her Worship the Mayor be accepted.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford
Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED
MDC 17/139 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – CONTINUED

The General Manager – Community and Strategy Brent Limmer spoke, seeking any requests for clarification and asked that any requests be emailed through to the Governance Team Leader.

SUBMISSIONS #0336 – FEILDING BUSINESS PROMOTION

Wayne Short and John Cotton spoke in support of the submission from Feilding Business Promotion, asking that there be no deferment of any upgrades or developments, especially in regards to roading. They felt this would end up costing more long term and would see Council incurring higher maintenance costs. They talked about Earthquake Prone buildings, and relationship with CBD targeted rate. They noted that for lessees of buildings, who were already paying extra in rates, they would not like to have to pay an extra rate to subsidise the building owners’ responsibility to upgrade their buildings.

Following questions, they were thanked for their attendance by the Deputy Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0336 – FEILDING AND DISTRICT PROMOTION INC

Jason Smith and Jo Payton spoke in support of their submission, making the following points:

- the need for community planning;
- Kowhai Park aviaries – suggested relocating to another destination e.g. Mt Lees Reserve or Kitchener Park;
- Increase in motor home travellers;
- Need for public toilets to be located next to playgrounds, and to include nappy changing facilities;
- Developments at the former railway station which will be the new location for the Information Centre;
- level of service re level of rates – general level of comfort but concerned about proposals to defer application of funding
- Cycleways - district linking cycleways and walking routes, and suggestion to link Cheltenham and Kimbolton with walkways, which would be good for tourism and possibly an alternative to a cycleway to Palmerston North.

They thanked Council for its continued support and noted they were enjoying working with Council and CEDA representatives. They also noted it had been great being housed temporarily in the library while they develop their new premises.

Following questions, they were thanked for their attendance by the Deputy Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0381 – TE ARAROA MANAWATU TRUST

Gill Absolon, Frank Goldingham, Graeme Teehan, and David Stroud of Te Araroa Manawatu Trust expressed concern that the proposed shared walkway and cycleway between Feilding and Palmerston North had been deferred yet again, noting the heavy traffic on this road and danger to cyclists. They outlined the background of the shared pathway noting it had been in the pipeline for many years.
Graeme Teehan spoke, noting the number of walkers they get out at Mt Lees, with many of them coming from overseas. He suggested an interim safety measure could be mowing the road berms to give people a safe place to walk off the road.

Following questions, they were thanked for their attendance by the Deputy Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0333 – HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Matthew Smith and Ramon Strong, along with Cr Colleen Sheldon of Horizons Regional Council, attended to answer any questions that Council may have arising from their submission.

Questions were asked relating to:

- The need for further dialogue with Horizons Regional Council on stormwater issues noting the large number of submissions Council received on this topic;
- Precinct 4 – Horizons submission about ensuring planning for stormwater discharges was undertaken;
- Feilding to Palmerston North cycleway and how Council could work with Horizons to progress this, noting Horizons Transport Team were keen to progress this as an alternative to cars;
- Commitment to working with Tangimoana residents and Council on flooding issues in the village;
- Service delivery to coastal communities re surf lifesaving, community patrols with suggestion for Horizons and Manawatu District Council to work collaboratively on those matters;
- Regional facilities e.g. beaches and Manawatu Gorge, need for lines of communication to be kept open.

They were thanked for their attendance by the Deputy Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0278 – BAINESSE AND DISTRICTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Ailsa Halford, Colleen Sheldon, Eddie Millard, Murray Jacobs, and Sue Tuke spoke in support of their submission seeking funding towards a feasibility report for construction of a city to sea rail trail to provide an integrated regional shared pathway from Longburn to Himatangi Beach.

Following questions, they were thanked for their attendance by the Deputy Mayor.

MDC 17/140 MEETING CLOSURE

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.56am.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record: