Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10 May 2017, commencing at 9.15am in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Cr Howard Voss

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)
Ross Wheeler (Strategic Accountant)
Maria Brensell (Executive Assistant – Mayor)
Carl Johnstone (Parks and Property Team Leader)
Kirsten Pike (Parks and Property Officer – Legal)
Cameron Brown (Parks and Property Cadet)
David McMillan (Solid Waste and Recycling Officer)
Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)
Nichole Ganley (Governance Support Officer)
John Jones (Roading Assets Manager)
Glenn Young (Utility Projects Manager)
Chris Pepper (Senior Projects Engineer)

MDC 17/128 MEETING OPENING

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open.

MDC 17/129 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That apologies for lateness be accepted from Councillor Alison Short.

Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh
Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

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MDC 17/130 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Michael Ford – Submission #0319 Feilding Little Theatre Players
Councillor Steve Bielski – Submission #0316 Rangiwahia Community Committee
Councillor Hilary Humphrey – Submission #0457 Nikki Speedy
Councillor Barbara Cameron – Submission #0402 MidCentral District Health Board

MDC 17/131 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE SUBMISSIONS

Late submissions received after the close of submissions were tabled for Council consideration.

RESOLVED

That the following submissions received after the close of submissions be accepted as late submissions:

0496 – Lynne Devonshire
0497 – Joshua Brown
0498 – Sandra Pinfold and Phillip Whanga
0499 – Te Kawau Memorial Recreation Centre
0500 – Susan and Richard Skelton
0501 – Nichole Wells
0502 – Feilding Croquet Club

Moved by: Councillor Steve Bielski
Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

MDC 17/132 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

The Strategy Manager, Tracey Hunt, gave a presentation outlining the consultation undertaken and providing an analysis of the submissions received.

The General Manager – Community and Strategy and the Chief Financial Officer gave a presentation regarding the revenue policies, how the policies fit together and what drives Council’s revenue requirements and funding decisions.

The meeting adjourned at 10.05am and reconvened at 10.25am.

Councillor Short joined the meeting at 10.25am.

SUBMISSIONS #0015, #0199 and #0202 - HIMATANGI BEACH COMMUNITY TRUST INC – GEORGE ANNEAR

George Annear spoke in support of the submissions from the Himatangi Beach Community Trust Inc seeking funding from Council towards the annual cost of putting up the Community Christmas lights in time for the annual “Light Up Himatangi” festival.
being held from 3 to 5 June 2017. They also sought upgrade of the mens urinals in the beach community hall advising that the urinals were very noisy, and interfere with use of the hall. He spoke about their request to place a concrete deck at rear fire escape at hall, to improve wheelchair egress from the hall. They also sought funding to complete the resealing of the carpark.

Mr Annear spoke in support of his submission regarding the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan noting he was against kerbside recycling for Himatangi beach. He believed the current recycling station worked well, especially for their large non-resident population and daytrippers.

Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0019 – MANAWATU BLOKART CLUB

Robert Deighton, of the Manawatu Blokart Club, thanked Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors for their support to date. He acknowledged the road frontage he had submitted about had already been dealt with. He spoke about trees on southern boundary that he would like to have removed, and suggested improvements to the entrance way. He gave a short video presentation.

Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0016 - JOHN SEIFERT

John Seifert spoke in support of his submission seeking additional street lighting to be installed in Blenheim Place, Feilding. He noted the current level of lighting caused problems with visibility and safety.

Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

Councillor Ford left the meeting at 11.18am and returned at 11.21am.

SUBMISSION #0457 – NIKKI SPEEDY

Nikki Speedy spoke in support of her submission seeking a fenced playground to be provided in Feilding for under five year olds. She gave examples of parks in other regions that cater for this age group and suggested completing the fencing for the under five’s playground at Kowhai Park, and subletting space for a coffee cart at that park. Another suggestion could be fundraising within the community to provide such a facility.

Following questions, she was thanked for her attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0131 – JAMES BEARD

James Beard spoke in support of his submission regarding the border between the Manawatu District and Palmerston North City District.

He advised that he had been in his property for 32 years, and had been lobbying for the border between Palmerston North City and the Manawatu District to be changed so that his property could be within the Manawatu District, rather than part of Palmerston North City. It was noted that prior to the 1989 amalgamation, his property had fallen within the Kairanga County Council area.

Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.
The meeting adjourned at 11.51am and reconvened at 1.00pm

SUBMISSION #0132 – AWAHURI FOREST-KITCHENER PARK TRUST – GEOFF LOVEGROVE

Trustees Geoff Lovegrove, Jill Darragh, and Chris Symonds spoke in support of their submission highlighting a key issue for the Trust which was the need for public toilets to be installed in Awahuri Forest / Kitchener Park.

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

SUBMISSION #0153 – ADELE L GIBB QSM

Adele Gibb spoke in support of her submission regarding the potential of the Manawatu Garden Festival being held in the future, and how this could be organised. She proposed that if the event was run again that it should be held at Manfeild.

She then spoke in support of her submission to the Waste Minimisation Management Plan, advising that she believed better value would be gained by educating people rather than providing a kerbside collection of food scraps. She spoke about the Camellia Walk which she felt had gone into decay. Lastly she spoke in support of retaining both the native and the exotic aviaries.

Following questions, she was thanked for her attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0001 – MANAWATU AVICULTURAL SOCIETY

Yvonne Green spoke in support of the submission from the Manawatu Avicultural Society, noting the society’s disappointment in the level of maintenance of the aviaries and seeking advice on where the birds would be relocated to should the aviaries be closed.

Following questions, she was thanked for her attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0220 - HALCOMBE SCHOOL

Halcombe School Principal Sue Simpson and four students spoke in support of their submission and gave a powerpoint presentation outlining their concerns about the lack of safe parking options surrounding Halcombe School.

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

SUBMISSIONS #0211 AND #0213 - TREVOR WITT

Trevor Witt spoke in support of his submission, outlining examples of good family friendly play ground facilities in other areas, for example Palmerston North, Levin and Tauranga. He also spoke regarding his submission to the Waste Management Minimisation Plan, applauding the proposal to recycle compostable waste.

Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0304 - GEORGIA JENKINS

Georgia Jenkins spoke in support of her submission regarding the future of the property formally known as the Kimbolton Playcentre at 4 Lind Street. She noted the building was
listed as an education building and that Ruahine Kindergarten Association staff were enthusiastic to open it for use as a Kindergarten.

She advised they would be making a formal proposal to the board later this month, then they plan to present this information to Council. Have contacted people already with 18 children listed, 19 families, could have 20 kids per day and a further 10 children registered under two who would use it in the future.

Members of the Manawatu Rural Support Services were in attendance and advised that the proposed Kindergarten would follow the national curriculum including bi-lingual and cultural aspect of formal childhood learning, which is unique for a kindergarten.

Following questions, she was thanked for her attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

The meeting adjourned at 2.45pm and reconvened at 3.00pm

SUBMISSION #0172 – PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR GRANT SMITH

Palmerston North City Council Mayor Grant Smith spoke in support of his Council’s submission. He acknowledged that both Councils work well together. He noted the valuable contribution the Manawatu District Council makes to the regional museum at Te Manawa, which was used by people from the Manawatu district. He encouraged Manawatu District Council to continue their contribution towards Food HQ, noting it was a point of difference in our area and a worthy organisation. He spoke about the long term benefits of CEDA. He felt that the Palmerston North to Feilding cycle way needed a combined effort made by the city and district and suggested a joint approach to NZTA.

With regard to the Materials Recovery Facility, he would like Manawatu District Council to look at saving costs by utilising the Palmerston North facility at the Awapuni landfill. He also spoke about the changes to Civil Defence coming at a national level, acknowledged Manawatu District Council was very strong in that area and encouraged Manawatu District Council to stay engaged with Civil Defence at regional level.

Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0260 – TIMONA PARK ORCHARD TRUST

Barbara Robson and members of the Timona Park Orchard Trust were present to speak in support of their submission. She spoke about the work undertaken by the Trust, noting there were three divisions of the trust focusing on planting trees to provide fruit, regenerating bush, and working with Council on the wetlands. She advised that planning was going well for winter fruit trees. They aimed to remove exotic trees which don’t provide food. Members thanked the Council Parks team for all the work that has been done, including removal of willow tree and successful weed spraying programme. The Trust would like to see spraying continued, clearing of pond floor and adding clay to bottom of the pond for water retention and contouring banks of wetland.

Barbara Robson also expressed concern about flooding and sewage, noting that flooding had been bad prior to 2004 but nothing to that extent, and that recent clearing had helped, however there were still some problems that need to be addressed.

Following questions, they were thanked for their attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.
Ian Baylis spoke in support of his submission regarding the Kowhai Park Aviaries.

He suggested establishing a “Friends of Kowhai Park” group that could work together with Council, community, organisations and companies to fundraise to support the aviaries.

Jude Drake from the Aviaries spoke in support of Ian Baylis’s submission, advising that she had looked after the birds at the park for four years, and previously raised and released birds from SPCA.

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

Principal Martin O’Grady and teachers from Feilding High School spoke in support their submission seeking consideration of a multipurpose facility, noting there were inadequate facilities for Feilding sporting clubs. They asked that the Council commission a feasibility study.

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

Ashley Burrowes spoke in support of his submission, advising that he regarded the aviaries at Kowhai Park as a heritage asset as well as an educational resource and tourism asset, and did not support the aviaries being closed. He offered to undertake a cost vs benefit analysis for keeping the aviaries. He proposed promoting the aviaries as more of a tourist attraction to bring in sources of income and grants.

Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

Manawatu Youth Ambassadors Hanna Grace and Alex Short spoke in support of their submissions.

Hanna spoke about the gap for youth wanting to travel in New Zealand or abroad and the difficulty in fundraising for expensive trips. The Manawatu Youth Ambassadors would like to be able to administer a discretionary fund of $2000 that would help provide the opportunity for students to go on trips to come back more intelligent, educated individuals. They would like to be able to inspire young people to reach for their dreams despite financial implications.

Alex Short spoke in support of her submission seeking additional public toilets at Timona Park, and suggested providing user pays shower facilities as well.

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

Mike Stone spoke in support of his submission, advising that he was a new resident and had been involved with the national wildlife centre trust. He felt there was an opportunity for revitalisation at Kitchener Park.
Following questions, he was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0486 – COMMUNITY AND STRATEGY GROUP

General Manager - Community and Strategy Brent Limmer spoke in support of his submission, providing clarification on:

- joint Library and Makino card;
- item 4.7 Makino Precinct – Skatepark and Development;
- Item 2.1 Long Term Plan 2018-28;
- Item 2.2 Spatial Plan;
- item 4.3 Asbestos Management Plan;
- item 5.2 Maintenance of Halls.

SUBMISSION #0484 – CORPORATE AND REGULATORY GROUP

General Manager - Corporate and Regulatory Shayne Harris spoke in support of his submission, noting that updated figures for implementation of the Electronic Document Records Management System (JARVIS) would be available at the end of the month. He also provided clarification about the recruitment of an additional building officer.

SUBMISSION #0485 – INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

General Manager – Infrastructure Hamish Waugh spoke in support of his submission noting a late addition to his submission ‘Pohangina Road Resilience Project. He advised that it was requested to increase the Subsidised Renewals budget (Sealed Pavement Rehabilitation) by $671,664 in the 2017/18 financial year. This project will attract 53% funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) through their newly create Resilience Work Category resulting in a local share of $315,682. The project site is located 16 kilometres north of Pohangina on the west side of the Pohangina Valley Road. Erosion at the site became apparent during the 2004 Flood Event when one lane was lost to an underslip. At that time, Council reinstated the culvert, shifted the road away from the escarpment, restored both lanes, and installed a permanent steel safety barrier. Council has continued to monitor the site and observed that on average erosion is continuing at an approximate rate of 100mm per year, estimating approximately 12 months left on the road.

It was asked that photos of the affected area of Pohangina Road be provided for deliberations.

MDC 17/133 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5.40pm, to reconvene Thursday 11 May 2017 at 8.30am in the Council Chambers 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record: