Minutes of a reconvened extraordinary meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10 May 2016, commencing at 9.00am in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret Kouvelis (Chairperson)
Cr Steve Bielski
Cr Barbara Cameron
Cr Shane Casey
Cr Wayne Ellery
Cr Jo Heslop
Cr Albert James
Cr Tony Jensen
Cr Andrew Quarrie
Cr Alison Short
Cr Howard Voss

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Templer (Chief Executive)
Shayne Harris (General Manager – Business)
Brent Limmer (General Manager - Community and Strategy)
Hamish Waugh (General Manager – Infrastructure)
Michael Hawker (Project Delivery Manager)
Janine Hawthorn (Community Development Adviser)
Doug Tate (Community Facilities Manager)
Rachel Carr (Property Officer)
Adie Johansen (Aquatics Team Leader)
Tracey Hunt (Strategy Manager)
Colleen Morris (Principal Financial Adviser)
Ross Wheeler (Strategic Accountant)
Karel Boakes (Business Liaison Manager)
Rachelle Johnston (Team Leader Consents and Monitoring)
Joanna Saywell (Utility Asset Manager)
Glenn Young (Utility Projects Manager)
John Jones (Roading Asset Manager)
Darryn Black (Asset Engineer)
Chris Pepper (Senior Project Engineer)
Matt Williams (Project Engineer)
Brent Holmes (Asset Engineer)
Raewyn Halls (Executive Officer - Chief Executive)
Tineke Naylor (Executive Officer - Mayor)
Alta Els (Business Improvement Adviser)
Kirsten Pike (Executive Projects Officer)
Paul Stein (Communications Adviser)
Mel Rush (Senior Information Officer)
Regan Barsdell (Information Officer)
Shannon Genet (Information Officer)
Allie Dunn (Business Support Team Leader)

MDC 16/323 MEETING OPENING

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open, and noted the amended timetable and documents that had been circulated.
MDC 16/324 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN SUBMISSIONS

SUBMISSION 17 – PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Awapuni Materials Recovery Facility – noted history of discussions held with Palmerston North City Council, contractual obligations with current contractor, and the need to maintain a Feilding-based facility as a drop off site. Agreed that Her Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive would hold discussions with the City.

Te Manawa Funding - agreed to reinstate $20,000 funding for Te Manawa.

SUBMISSION 6 - MANFEILD PARK

The Council discussed the financial impact of extending the term of the loan. It was agreed that information on options would be brought to a future Workshop Committee meeting for discussion.

SUBMISSION 23 - GRAHAM TEAHAN

The Council noted that the submission related mainly to maintenance work which was being addressed through the new contract with Recreation Services and Asset Management Plan.

The hearing adjourned for a tea break at 10.16am and reconvened at 10.42am.

MDC 16/325 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016-17 - CONTINUED

SUBMISSION 52 MANAWATU ESTUARY TRUST

Kelvin and Kath Lane, of the Manawatu Estuary Trust, were in attendance and spoke to their submission requesting all discharges from the Wastewater Treatment Plant go to land as a medium of natural UV treatment and biodiverse breakdown of content.

They were thanked and withdrew at 11.05am.

SUBMISSION 38 - TIMONA PARK ORCHARD TRUST

Barbara Robson, Graeme Clark, Gill Absolon, Simon Westby, and Paul Hollin, of the Timona Park Orchard Trust, were in attendance and spoke to their submission. They would like to enlarge the orchard with more plantings this winter. They asked Council to consider long term options to improve the park, including drainage, and to remove the worst of the weeds and unwanted trees.

Following questions they were thanked and withdrew at 11.26am.

SUBMISSION 42 - FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE TRUST

David Stroud and Helen Worboys, members of Feilding Civic Centre Trust, were in attendance and spoke in support of their submission.

They sought Council assistance with financing the project to refurbish and extend the Aorangi Street frontage of the Feilding Civic Centre. They also spoke about future possible development and growth of the Civic Centre, noting three properties.
surrounding the centre that could be purchased by Council to enable future growth and expansion of the Civic Centre.

They were thanked and withdrew at 11.44am.

MDC 16/326 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN SUBMISSIONS

SUBMISSION 47 - KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Council considered the submission from the Kimbolton Community Committee seeking funding for the replacement or repair of the fence of the Kimbolton Road Forest Native Tree Reserve.

It was agreed that the community committee be encouraged to discuss with adjoining neighbours.

SUBMISSION 31 – FEILDING AND DISTRICT STEAM RAIL SOCIETY

The Council considered the submission from the Feilding and District Steam Rail Society asking Council to consider purchasing the Feilding Railway Station.

It was noted that Council did not have plans to purchase the building but agreed that a conversation be had with Kiwirail regarding their plans for the building and how it could be used effectively.

SUBMISSION 8 - TOIMATA FOUNDATION

The Council considered the submission from the Toimata Foundation thanking Council for its involvement in the EnviroSchools programme. Council noted that the programme was funded from the waste minimisation fund so had no rates impact.

SUBMISSION 12 - ANNIE O’FEE

The Council considered the submission from Annie O’Fee seeking a recycling centre for Halcombe. The Council noted that this was planned to happen in the 2016-17 year.

SUBMISSION 32 - MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

The Council considered the submission from the Midcentral District Health Board asking Council to prioritise development of a Smokefree outdoor policy for its outdoor public areas and events.

The Council noted that the submission did not cover the recent change in responsibility for decision-making on the fluoridation of drinking water supplies.

The Council agreed that it would invite the Cancer Society and Midcentral District Health Board to attend a Workshop Committee meeting to speak about development of sunsmart and smokefree policies, and also for the Midcentral District Health Board to discuss the recent changes in responsibility regarding fluoridation of drinking water supplies.

Regarding the request for Council to develop a Local Alcohol Policy, the Council noted that there was no obligation to have one and felt that district licensing was working well without such a policy.
The Council noted funding had been included in the draft Annual Plan for upgrading playgrounds and an audit of compliance with New Zealand standards for playgrounds would be undertaken as part of the upgrade.

It was agreed that any decisions made relating to submissions on stormwater for Himatangi Beach and water supplies also be provided to MidCentral District Health Board.

*The hearing adjourned for a lunch break at 12.21pm and reconvened at 1.00pm.*

MDC 16/327 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016-17 - CONTINUED

SUBMISSION 39 - BAINESSE AND DISTRICTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Gill Absolon, Sue Turk, Peter Te Rangi, Leonie and John Lewis, Eddie Millard and Murray Jacob of the Bainesse and Districts Community Development Trust were in attendance and spoke to their submission, seeking support to create a pathway from Longburn to Himatangi Beach.

They asked that Council provide assistance in preparing a business case to put to NZTA for funding and assistance with preparing resource consent application.

Following questions, they were thanked and withdrew at 1.29pm.

SUBMISSION 22 GEORGE ANNEAR

George Annear noted that with regard to the submission from the Bainesse and Districts Community Development Trust, the Himatangi Beach Commnity Committee had voted full support for the proposed pathway between Longburn and Himatangi Beach.

He spoke to his submission about the quality of the Himatangi water supply, expressing concern that the quality of water from their bore was deteriorating and believed this was related to draw off from nearby bores. He was concerned about the effect of any future failure of the bore water supply on the viability of farming in the district and the continuation of granting of consents for water to be drawn from that aquifer. He asked that the Council lobby government and also undertake contingency planning.

He was thanked and withdrew at 1.37pm

SUBMISSIONS 18, 19, 20, 37 - HIMATANGI BEACH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Bruce Harford, Phil Marsh, and George Annear spoke to the Himatangi Beach Community Committee submissions regarding the following:

- Water quality – water testing shows a high content of ammonia and silica in their water. This meets drinking water standards, but they need to be able to monitor that and see what differences it is making to their bore water.
- Effect of consents for rural irrigation on their domestic bore water – would like Horizons Regional Council to show that consent approved for rural irrigation does not effect this.
• Public toilets – sought confirmation of timeframe of when work would be undertaken.
• Sand dunes – noted windblows in the Himatangi sand dunes that are having an effect on the township and walkways to the beach.
• Stormwater plan to deal with annual flooding issues in Himatangi Beach – would like the community to be part of the consultation process and a working party formed. Noted problem with sand being blown in to open drains and blocking these.

Following questions they were thanked and withdrew at 2.02pm.

SUBMISSION 36 - RACHEL AND JEFF LANE

Rachel Lane spoke to her submission regarding the development situation in Halcombe, particularly the electricity transformer in the area and the wastewater connection cost. She asked that there be an alternative payment option for paying the capital contribution for connecting to the wastewater scheme. Regarding power, she noted that Halcombe had been identified as a growth area in the District Plan but there was no capacity for any more houses as there is no more power capacity. She asked that Council play an advocacy role with Powerco to put in another transformer.

Following questions she was thanked and withdrew at 2.12pm.

SUBMISSION 28 - POHANGINA VALLEY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Jim Barnett gave a presentation on behalf of Pohangina Valley Community Committee regarding:

• Sealing of Kuku Road
• Finnis Road speed limit and footpath – noted that if the speed limit could not be reduced then a footpath was essential.
• Raumai Reserve – lack of water supply for toilet block has raised its priority. They would like the toilet block repaired or replaced with more robust one that is less likely to be vandalised.
• Fire ban notices – noted there was no signage to identify when there was a fire ban. They would also like signage to help prevent littering.

They also requested that the Community Committee’s funds be carried over to next year.

Following questions he was thanked and withdrew at 2.24pm.

SUBMISSION 16 - HAMISH O’BRIEN

Hamish O’Brien spoke about his concerns regarding the speed limit change from 50 to 70 kph outside his home on Kimbolton Road. He noted this was the only place within the district that had a speed limit change to 70km whilst still within a residential zone. He was concerned about safety to pedestrians and cyclists and asked that the speed limit be reduced to 50 kph in this area and change to 100 kph at the bridge.

Following questions he was thanked and withdrew at 2.36pm.
MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TIME
COUNCIL TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016 9.00AM

SUBMISSION 48 - SANSON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Des Mudgford spoke on behalf of the Sanson Community Committee. As an introduction, he said that they believe Sanson is Manawatu's lost opportunity. There were no signs to indicate that people are entering Manawatu's gateway. They would like there to be a local information centre, and suggested the former hotel site as an ideal place to locate one.

The issues addressed in their submission were the Sanson Community Pool, the Town Square and need for a playground, bus shelters, request for a community caretaker, local contracts, capital expenditure, community development plan, public toilets, rates increases, drainage, footpaths, power lines, former hotel site, and a crossing island for State Highway 1.

He noted that service had improved recently since Recreation Services took over.

_Councillor Tony Jensen left the meeting at 2.43pm and returned at 2.48pm_

Following questions they were thanked and withdrew at 2.52pm.

SUBMISSION 33 FEDERATED FARMERS

James Stewart, President of Federated Farmers and Coralee Matena, Senior Policy Adviser were in attendance and spoke to their submission. They congratulated Council for its work in bringing the Rural Games and the Young Farmer of the Year to Manawatu next year. The expressed appreciation for the actions that Council undertakes to ensure rates are fair and did not pass on any unfair burdens to its communities. They spoke about stormwater, and a programme to seal unsealed rural roads.

Following questions, they were thanked and withdrew at 3.04pm.

_The hearing adjourned for an afternoon tea break at 3.04pm and reconvened at 3.27pm._

LATE SUBMISSION - FEILDING LITTLE THEATRE

Joan Ford and Beth Evenson spoke to their submission. They advised that they had new concept plans for work proposed for the Feilding Little Theatre. They asked whether Council would be prepared to continue supporting them with their plans, and also asked that funds be carried over for the roofing and earthquake strengthening work.

They noted that the earthquake strengthening work would not cost as much as previously scoped so wished to use some of the funding to extend storage at the rear of the building and give more integrity and strength to the building.

Following questions, they were thanked and withdrew at 3.36pm.

SUBMISSION 49 - GENERAL MANAGER – INFRASTRUCTURE

Hamish Waugh, General Manager - Infrastructure spoke to the submission.

It was asked that General Manager report back to the Workshop Committee on consent renewals.
Following questions, he was thanked and withdrew at 4.06pm.

**SUBMISSION 24 - SPORT MANAWATU**

Brad Cassidy spoke in support of the submission from Sport Manawatu, and the work that Sport Manawatu and Manawatu District Council do together. He spoke about signage for the proposed shared pathway in the Feilding Green Spine project and development of a Smokefree outdoors policy.

He was thanked and withdrew at 4.17pm.

**SUBMISSION 50 - GENERAL MANAGER – COMMUNITY AND STRATEGY**

Brent Limmer, General Manager – Community and Strategy gave a presentation that outlined their submission.

_Councillor Tony Jensen left the meeting at 4.19pm and returned at 4.20pm._

He spoke about their requests for carry overs and spoke about the District Plan Review costs.

He noted that they would bring back options to Council for what they could do at Raumai Reserve to upgrade the toilet block.

_Councillor Tony Jensen left the meeting at 4.55pm._

District plan review – noted that they would be requesting Council to bring forward $151,000 from 2016/17 to 2015/16 for the District Plan Review programme, and an additional $300,000 would be sought for 2016/17. A separate report would come to Council for decision.

**SUBMISSION 51 - GENERAL MANAGER – BUSINESS**

Shayne Harris, General Manager – Business spoke about the carry overs requested, noting that the EDRMS project was now at business case stage.

A paper would be brought to the next Council meeting to establish an Audit and Risk Committee.

**SUBMISSION 40 - GARY WARD**

The Council watched a video that showed the dust clouds caused by trucks using Cole Road. It was noted that although there had been recent rain, there was still a large amount of dust being generated. There was also no breeze. It was noted that Cole Road was a through road.

*The hearing adjourned for a dinner break at 5.48pm and reconvened at 6.29pm*

**SUBMISSION 30 - RANGIWAHIA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Fiona Morton of the Rangiwahia Community Committee spoke to their submission. Their concern was about how tourism in the district was expanding and growing, and the impact this had on their hall toilets. She noted that their hall toilets were in poor condition, but had high usage. She requested that Council pool their funding.
from the next two years and allocate an additional $24,000 to complete stage 1 of their proposed toilet upgrade.

_Councillor Shane Casey left the meeting at 6.43pm and returned at 6.46pm._

Following questions she was thanked and withdrew at 6.46pm.

**SUBMISSION 25 - HIWINUI SCHOOL**

Bruce Pearson, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Brenda Lee, Principal, both members of the new Hiwinui Community Committee, spoke in support of their submission, regarding public use of school outdoor areas for the benefit of the whole community. It was noted that the additional ground bought by the community next to the school is to be used as a community park, and the school would like a formal relationship with Council who may be able to help them, for example with planting and playground design and safety.

Following questions, they were thanked and withdrew at 7.00pm.

**SUBMISSION 9 - SAVE RONGOTEA COMMUNITY POOL COMMITTEE**

_Councillor Tony Jensen returned to the meeting at 7.05pm._

John Elliot Chairperson of Save Rongotea Community Pool Committee and Principal of Rongotea School, spoke about the importance of Council partnering with them to help upgrade and repair the pool. He showed a video to Council outlining the campaign to save the pool. They sought a contribution from the Council towards the project.

Following questions he was thanked and withdrew at 7.23pm.

**SUBMISSION 34 - RONGOTEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Margaret Giles and Lance Berry from the Rongotea Community Committee spoke in support of their submission. They noted that the Rongotea Community Committee was in full support of the Save the Rongotea Community Pool committee’s submission. They spoke about the Mt Stewart Memorial which they believed was in disrepair, the Manawatu District Council computer system and asked that the budget for new footpaths be increased. They thought that the Greenspine Project through Feilding should be a lower priority and priority should be given to footpaths and cycleways in the villages.

They spoke about their proposed Waitohi Walkway. They sought Council assistance with approval of the project, and assistance with permits and other applications.

Following questions, they were thanked and withdrew at 7.45pm.

**SUBMISSION 35 - HALCOMBE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Rachel Lane, Jeanette Henderson, Mel Henderson and Vicky Powell of the Halcombe Community Development Group were in attendance to speak to their submission. The issues they covered were flooding, wastewater, open drains, recycling and rubbish, playground fence, expansion to general maintenance. They also outlined some areas of long term thinking being public transport, development of a reserve
at Kakariki Bridge and development of an off road cycleway from State Highway 1 to Feilding.

Following questions they were thanked and withdrew at 8.01pm.

Councillor Andrew Quarrie left the meeting at 8.01pm.

SUBMISSION 29 - TANGIMOANA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Tim Edwards and Brice Ebert from the Tangimoana Community Committee were in attendance and spoke to their submission, noting that their submission was a collection of ideas from their community.

Councillor Andrew Quarrie returned to the meeting at 8.04pm.

An additional issue they added to their submission was clarification of the procedure for removing wasp nests from the community. There had been an instance when several nests had been found and they needed to be actioned.

Council Barbara Cameron left the meeting at 8.11pm and returned at 8.14pm.

Following questions they were thanked and withdrew at 8.16pm.

MDC 16/328 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8.18pm to reconvene on Wednesday 11 May 2016 at 9.00am.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record:

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CHAIRPERSON               DATE