Minutes of a reconvened extraordinary meeting of the Council held on Thursday 11 May 2017, commencing at 8.30am 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)
Frances Smorti (General Manager – People and Culture)
Tracey Hunt (Strategy Manager)
Colleen Morris (Chief Financial Officer)
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)
Ross Wheeler (Strategic Accountant)
Claire Stewart (Planning Officer)
Cynthia Ward (Senior Policy Planner)
Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)

MDC 17/134 MEETING OPENING

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open.

MDC 17/135 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS - CONTINUED

General Manager – Community and Strategy advised that if elected members had any questions that had arisen following the Hearing of submissions on Wednesday 10 May, that he was happy to take those now or members could provide them in writing.

SUBMISSIONS #0415 AND #0416 - CHELTENHAM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Keith Robertson, Chair of Cheltenham Community Committee, Committee members Dave and Pauline Scott, and owners of Cheltenham hotel were in attendance to speak to their submissions. They circulated information regarding the drainage problems in Cheltenham. Regarding the Waste Minimisation Management Plan, most of the committee were happy to continue bringing their recycling to the Kawakawa Road recycling station, and did not support paying additional fees. However they would
support a mini recycling centre being located in the village as a better option for their community.

Regarding their submission on stormwater, Keith spoke about how stormwater had been a long-standing problem within the village. He referred to the circulated photographs. They asked that a survey be undertaken for the whole of the village to understand the stormwater flow, and then formulate a cohesive plan.

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

SUBMISSION #0465 – GREEN TEAM, MANCHESTER STREET SCHOOL

Students from the Green Team at Manchester Street School spoke in support of their submission asking for a public toilet to be provided at Kitchener Park.

They spoke about how they love the park and had been helping to plant trees in Kitchener Park, some of which they had grown from seeds given to them by Mr Scott. However because there were no toilets at the park, their planting time needed to be short and they did not want to leave the park as they enjoy planting time so much. They also enjoy learning about birds and insects and how Maori used the plants as medicines.

Their school is an Enviroschool and they try to take positive actions to care for the environment. Being at Kitchener Park had shown them how special being in the bush is and they enjoy nature and fresh air. Helping their community is important to them. By growing and planting trees, they feel they are doing a useful service for the community and they take pride in what they do in Kitchener Park.

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

SUBMISSION #0438 - HIMATANGI BEACH COMMUNITY PATROL

Members of the Himatangi Beach Community Patrol, Chris and Brian Roswell, Marty O’Fee and Renee van de Beer spoke in support of their submission. They asked for funding assistance towards providing a secure garage for their community patrol vehicle. They also sought assistance with the running costs of the community patrol vehicle.

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

SUBMISSION #0437 - HIMATANGI BEACH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Marty O’Fee, from the Himatangi Beach Community Committee, spoke about their community plan and thanked Council for allowing them to progress the things that make the community a much better place for residents and visitors.

With regard to their community committee funding, he asked that the unspent funding be carried forward to 2017-18 financial year.

He also spoke about the need for funding for resurfacing and draining of the car park area.

With regard to the recycling centre, the committee supported continuing with the current recycling centre that works well for part time residents and full time residents. They felt that changing to kerbside removal of recyclables would be detrimental to the community, for example due to weather conditions, part time residents leaving the area
on Sunday night. They also asked for completion of the Himatangi Street footpath, which was in the work programme for the 2015-16 year and had not eventuated. They asked that the mini putt course next to tennis courts be removed, and replaced with a grassed area that could have barbecues and a water fountain installed. They would like the tennis court upgrade to be included in the long-term plan, as this had the potential to be used more fully if the surface condition was improved.

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

The hearing adjourned at 9.50am and reconvened at 10.14am

SUBMISSION #0429 - FIELDING BAPTIST CHURCH

Eleanor Keyte-Bailey spoke in support of their submission regarding improvements to green spaces and aesthetics within the town. She felt that parking needed to be provided within the town centre. Grateful for recent increased parking in Bowen Street, another opportunity for increased parking for shoppers and patrons and during special events. She referred to the current green space behind the Baptist Church and Archives Central, noting that green spaces add to the health and aesthetics of a town. She believed that this area set out well had the potential to be a great multipurpose green space, with plantings, and a car park for everyday use. She gave the example of permeable grass paving between Archives and Hobson Street which would enable parking but in an aesthetic way.

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

SUBMISSION #0364 AND #0365 - ANN FULLERTON

Ann Fullerton spoke in support of her submission regarding kerbside recycling opposing changes to the current system. She believed it would be a big expense for no real gain within the village.

She then spoke in support of her submission to the draft Annual Plan. She would like rates increases ended and a sinking lid policy to staffing levels. She felt there was a problem with government offloading responsibilities to local government and felt Councils should stand up to the government on this.

She also spoke about organic control of introduced pest plants and suggested that Council ask Lincoln University to research the use of tagetes minuta for pest control.

She spoke about the benefit of using gypsum to improve viability of soil and its ability to absorb water and carry it away. She suggested providing sacks of gypsum to those that need it to sprinkle on their berms, which she felt would help prevent flooding and ponding.

She also spoke about her concerns about a proposal for Singapore to share the Ohakea base.

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

SUBMISSION #0368 - JOHN KEY

John Key spoke in support of his submission regarding the Feilding Wastewater Treatment Plant and the digester that Council intended purchasing.
He also expressed concern with the transparency with which Council does its business.

John Key then spoke about District Plan Review, expressing concern with the length of time the review is taking and how it is being funded.

He was thanked for his attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

**Councillor Ford left the meeting at 11.16am and returned at 11.18am.**

**SUBMISSION #0400 - OVATION NEW ZEALAND LTD**

Alistair Bayliss spoke in support of their submission on the proposed trade waste charges which were proposed to come into effect from 1 July 2017. He highlighted their concern about the level of increase in the proposed charges noting the impact on their business would be severe.

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

**SUBMISSION #0369 AND #0370 – CANCER SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND**

It was noted that representatives were no longer able to attend to speak to their submission due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Meeting adjourned at 11.52am and reconvened at 12.55pm.**

**SUBMISSION #0288 - MARY READER**

Mary Reader spoke in support of her submission against the proposed Waste Minimisation Management Plan and circulated a copy of additional information to support her information. She believed the current recycling system in Himatangi Beach worked well and did not need changing.

**SUBMISSION #0169 – SUE TRAYLING AND JIM COOK**

Sue Trayling and Jim Cook gave a presentation regarding suggestions for improving the Kowhai Park aviaries.

They suggested relocating the aviaries to Kitchener Park where a walk through aviary that could hold most of the birds at Kowhai Park could be built.

They were thanked for their attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

**SUBMISSION #0360 - JUDY HOWATSON**

Judy Howatson spoke in support of her submission against the proposed recycling collection at Himatangi Beach. She felt the current recycling centre worked well and was concerned about the possibility of recycling bins being left outside properties with no one able to bring the bin back inside the property. Although the kerbside collection would be a good idea for cities, she did not believe it would work well in a holiday beachside community.

She was thanked for her attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.
SUBMISSION #0294 – LYNNE AND EVAN KROLL

Evan Kroll spoke in support of the submission from himself and Lynne Kroll, opposing changes to the current recycling system proposed for Himatangi Beach. He noted that they own a holiday home, and are only there on weekends. They would not like see a change to their current system.

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

Councillor Bielski left the meeting at 1.44pm and returned at 1.46pm

Councillor Marsh left the meeting at 1.44pm and returned at 1.47pm

SUBMISSION #0239 AND #0240 - PARA KORE MARAE INC

Urs Signer and Ripeka Goddard spoke in support of the submission from Para Kore Marae Inc. Ripeka noted she came to Council last year to speak about kerbside recycling and the Para Kore initiative.

Urs spoke to his presentation regarding waste minimisation. Para Kore means zero waste. He spoke about using recyclable kete to gather kai moana, growing kumara with no food miles involved. He spoke about problems with waste in industries digging up oil and coal, resource depletion. With regard to plastic waste in our oceans, by 2030 it was estimated there would be more plastic in the ocean than fish. Para Kore is a solution to the problems we all face regarding problems in the environment. He showed images of where Para Kore came from. Para Kore was launched in 2009 and they have more than 175 plus Para Kore marae currently in the programme. He noted they would be applying to the Waste Minimisation Fund with a goal of having this programme available in our rohe starting from early next year.

The application to the Waste Management Fund would be for a three-year project, currently building relationships so if successful with their fund application they could roll this out early next year. His submission to Council was for moral and financial support so we can start this and work with our marae to implement Para Kore.

It was asked that Para Kore be invited to make a presentation to Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council.

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

SUBMISSION #0439 - HIWINUI COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Brenda Lee, Principal of Hiwinui School, representing adults of community, Hiwinui Community Committee, accompanied by pupils from Hiwinui School, representing children, spoke in support of their submission. She thanked Council for what they have continued to do for their community towards keeping the people in their community safe. She noted that their carpark is no longer large enough for their increasing roll, advising there were no buses and it was not safe for the children to walk to school. They believed the proposed walkway would remove 45 students from using the carpark, as they would be able to walk home as they lived within 1 km of the school. The walkway would give their young people their independence, resilience and problem solving abilities and would increase their fitness and wellbeing.
Luke presented noting he is in year 6 and lives 300m from school. He said he would like to walk or cycle to school but it is too dangerous as there is no room on the side of the road. With a walkway, they would have a safe way of walking or cycling to school.

Piper spoke noting she lives on Reids Line East and is only 500m from school and would like to walk to school but it is too dangerous without a footpath. There is a ditch on one side and a bank on the other. When they are walking with the walking bus, they all wear hi vis vests and if a car comes, they have to jump into the ditch. Their parents will not let them walk or run on the side of the road, as it is too dangerous.

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

SUBMISSION #0334 - MANFEILD PARK TRUST

Julie Keane spoke in support of the submission from the Manfeild Park Trust, regarding the gap in funding of events and development of Manfeild land. She asked that a regionally focussed major events fund be established that could be contributed to by both Palmerston North City Council and Manawatu District Council.

She also spoke about Kowhai Park development, noting that reconfiguration of that entrance was required. She felt that reconfiguration of the entrance would make it less confusing between the Manfeild Park entrance and the Kowhai Park entrance.

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

SUBMISSION #0422 - COLIN DYER

Colin Dyer spoke in support of his submission, noting he supported Council’s attempt to confine rates to 3.6% increase. Regarding the Feilding Civic Centre, he would like to see that facility restored. He asked Council to review and moderate the upgrade planning to be able to retain the Kowhai Park aviaries without such a large amount of expenditure.

He also spoke about road safety at the North Street, Pharazyn Street, Kimbolton Road junction in Feilding. He advised that the growth in housing development in that area has increased traffic flow and improvements needed to be made to improve safety of that intersection.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3.02pm and reconvened at 3.25pm.

SUBMISSION #0246 – FEILDING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Sandra Crosbie, accompanied by members of the Feilding Community Committee, spoke in support of the committee’s submission. The committee embraces active citizenship and supports development of a Feilding Community Plan as soon as possible. The plan is for the entire Feilding community, their visions and ideals and can set direction for all their community groups. They believed it would be a valuable document that would help Council with decision making and potential future cost savings e.g. the community plan process can get feedback and information from the community.

Regarding the Kowhai Park aviaries, their submission was based on community feedback. They noted support from the community to be included in upgrade work, which could reduce the burden on ratepayers. There was a lot of support for keeping...
the aviaries and upgrading them, and many people wanting to work with that project alongside Council.

The committee believed the native bird aviaries should be closed and native birds rehoused at Mount Bruce.

She also spoke about the Timona Park toilets, identifying some projects for Timona Park and expressed concern at the delay in toilet upgrade. They would like to also see public showers put in at this park.

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

Councillor Hilary Humphrey left the meeting at 3.30pm.

SUBMISSION #0469 AND #0470 - RONGOTEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Margaret and Murray Giles spoke in support of their submission opposing the proposed change to recycling facilities in Rongotea. They would like the Council to undertake more education about recycling in their community, i.e. what can be recycled, the need to wash and squash. Also information for the rural community for disposing of plastic poison containers, and what to do with baling wrap. They noted that many people were asking for inorganic collection a couple of times a year. They spoke about how you can’t “Throw anything away” because there is no “away”.

Regarding Annual Plan submission, they would like hot mix cover for covered play area in Te Kawau Park. Also sealing of north end of Avon Street to assist a blind person who has moved to the area with getting to the shop and elderly people with walkers. Regarding proposed village walkway, they would like to highlight historical places in Rongotea with upstands. These could be joined up with footpaths to make a town walkway leading to the Waitohi walkway that they are progressing.

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

SUBMISSION #0267 – FEILDING AND MANCHESTER LIONS

Ron Tunnicliffe, accompanied by members of Feilding and Manchester Lions, spoke on behalf of their submission, asking that the exotic aviary be retained and noting their organisation was prepared to assist Council by providing their services and resources. He noted their organisation had recently spent $26,000 on installing barbecues in Kowhai Park.

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

Councillor Humphrey returned to the meeting at 4.23pm.

Councillor Bielski left meeting at 4.23pm and returned at 4.26pm.

Councillor Campbell left meeting at 4.23pm returned at 4.26pm.

SUBMISSIONS #0346 AND #0347 – SANSON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Paul Brown and Daniel Hirst spoke to their submission, highlighting the following requests:

- Pool funding, asks that Council funds their local pool costs of $5,000 per year;
Toilets and playground, noted funding set aside for public toilets and a playground. Asked that if the Sanson Hotel development did not go ahead that the money be applied for intended use. Noted the school playground needed upgrade and repairs and suggesting making improvements to existing playground at the school.

Bus shelters - would like that considered if Sanson Hotel development went ahead. Currently between 30-50 school children shelter under the awning of the hotel building while waiting for their school buses.

Liaison and consultation – noted the Del Parker walkway going ahead. Talked about using the Domain as a better location for celebrate Sanson day and noted a bigger grass area was needed for town events.

Regarding consultation on waste management, they would like to see a longer period of consultation as recent communication did not give sufficient time. They were happy to keep the existing mobile recycling centre.

Drainage – would like the open drains closed in and asked for a town wide review of stormwater to develop a solution for the town.

Footpaths and crossings – sought funding for more footpaths noting that 25% of their population can’t cross the road in a controlled way. Have been lobbying NZTA with no success and would also like a reduction in speed limit on approach to town.

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

**SUBMISSION #0309 – GARY BARNETT**

Gary Barnett spoke to his submission regarding the Kowhai Park aviaries and free entry for staff and elected members to Makino Aquatic Centre. He spoke in support of closing the aviaries, and asked that Council review the policy of free entry for staff and elected members to Makino Aquatic Centre.

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

**SUBMISSION #0045 – GREG JAGGARD**

It was noted the submitter was no longer able to attend, but had asked that his additional information be tabled. The Council read through and noted his additional comments.

*The meeting adjournd at 5.25pm and reconvened at 6.28pm*

**SUBMISSION #0247 - POHANGINA VALLEY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Liz Besley, accompanied by members of the Pohangina Village Community Committee, spoke in support of their submission, giving a presentation on point 5 of their submission regarding the development of the Pohangina Valley recreation reserve, known locally as “The Domain.” She discussed the results from their survey that showed 89% of respondents wish to use the reserve for recreation. They asked that Council sponsor a reserve landscape and recreational plan to increase public use, noting that the Community Committee could make a partial contribution from their capital funding. The provision of public toilets was a priority to support recreation.

Following questions, they were thanked for their attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.
SUBMISSION #0316 - RANGIWAHIA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Mary Bielski spoke in support of their submission showing photos of the Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve. She introduced Jim Rainey from Kawatau Valley, a member of the Wellington Conservation Board who was supporting them during this time. She advised that confirmation had been received from the Department of Conservation that until the process is finished they would not need to remove track signage. Their request is to include this reserve in Council’s annual plan and have this reserve come under Council’s control.

They were thanked for their attendance by Her Worship the Mayor.

SUBMISSION #0323 AND #0324– TANGIMOANA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Margaret Angus and Bryce Ebert spoke in support of their submission opposing the proposed kerbside recycling collection. They also spoke about their concerns with lack of progress with the village drainage scheme in Tangimoana.

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

SUBMISSION #0350 AND #0351 – HALCOMBE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Rachel Lane accompanied by Richard Bain, Jeanette Henderson, Jade Gilmour and Karen Gilmour spoke in support of their submission and gave a presentation outlining the following points:

- District Plan review – questioned the need to fully rewrite the District Plan;
- Council Place carpark - support as understands the need for better parking at pool;
- Community Planning – sought understanding of how the Feilding Community Committee and Feilding and District Promotion would work together;
- Kowhai Park aviaries – prefer to see the aviaries remain open;
- Feilding to Palmerston North cycleway – supports and talked about need for Manawatu District Council to push for NZTA funding;
- Precinct 4 – questioned whether this is the best place for growth due to flooding;
- Community – sought a better understanding of Feilding and District Promotions role and how they work with other community groups, also clarification of funding for toilets at Timona Park;
- Expressed concern about $2.4 million deferred spending, mostly in Infrastructure projects, drawing comparison with Auckland and the need for the district’s infrastructure to keep up with the district’s growth.

They then discussed their specific requests for Halcombe, including carry over funding and gave an update on projects the Community Committee had undertaken.

Richard Bain spoke about the need for a water table in streets in Halcombe to carry away water and prevent gravel being washed away. He spoke about the need for a stormwater strategy. With regards to water, they did not support putting in a water treatment plant at Halcombe and wanted more community consultation on that proposal.
They spoke about problems with the capacity of Halcombe village infrastructure and asked for Council to be their advocate on this. Noted that they were working with MP Ian McKelvie on the cellphone issue but needed Council be their advocate as well as this was an impediment to growth.

They outlined their long term thinking and summarised their priorities.

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

MDC 17/136 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8.03pm to reconvene at 8.30am Friday 12 May 2017, in the Council Chambers 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record:

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CHAIRPERSON    DATE