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COUNCIL	THURSDAY 04 MARCH 2021	8:31AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 04 March 2021, commencing at 8:31am in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mayor Helen Worboys	(Chairperson)
	Cr Steve Bielski	
	Cr Stuart Campbell	
	Cr Shane Casey	
	Cr Michael Ford	
	Cr Heather Gee-Taylor	
	Cr Grant Hadfield	
	Cr Hilary Humphrey	
	Cr Phil Marsh	
	Cr Andrew Quarrie	
	Cr Alison Short	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Shayne Harris	(Acting Chief Executive)
	Hamish Waugh	(General Manager - Infrastructure)
	Brent Limmer	(General Manager – Community and Strategy)
	Frances Smorti	(General Manager – People and Culture)
	Rebecca Bell	(Strategy Manager)
	Michael Hawker	(Project Delivery Manager)
	Ben Caldwell	(Communications Officer)
	Amanda Calman	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Janine Hawthorn	(Community Development Adviser)
	Mathew Bayliss	(Community Facilities Manager)
	Carl Johnstone	(Parks and Property Team Leader)
	Stacey Bell	(Economist)
	Shelley Ashton	(Senior Adviser - Marketing and Community Engagement)
	Helen Nguyen	(Junior Accountant)
	Joel Richards	(Management Accountant (Financial))
	Pepa Moefili	(Planning Officer)
	Michael Taylor	(Projects Team Leader)
	Wiremu Greening	(Utilities Manager)
	Erdinc Atalay	(Special Projects Manager)
	Mathew Abraham	(Senior Project Engineer)
	Hao Liu	(Project Engineer – Utilities)
	Allie Dunn	(Governance Team Leader)
	Steph Skinner	(Governance Officer)

#### MDC 21/670 MEETING OPENING

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open.

#### MDC 21/671 APOLOGIES

##### RESOLVED

**That the apologies for lateness from Councillor Grant Hadfield, and apologies for early departure from Councillor Stuart Campbell be approved.**

**Moved by: Councillor Shane Casey**

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**Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short**

**CARRIED**

#### MDC 21/672 OBITUARIES

The Council observed a moment's silence in acknowledgement of the life of Russell Wiseman QSM and Rae Cotton, who both passed away recently.

#### MDC 21/673 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Hilary Humphrey be granted leave of absence for 27 May 2021 and 25 November 2021.**

**Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh**

**Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey**

**CARRIED**

#### MDC 21/674 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the Council meeting held 18 February 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short**

**CARRIED**

#### MDC 21/675 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stuart Campbell – Public Excluded Item re Ohakea Rural Water Supply – New Reservoir Tender Award Recommendation

#### MDC 21/676 PUBLIC FORUM - PANIA HUDSON AND TRISTAN GORDON

Pania Hudson, Representative grant recipient, spoke about competing at the Coast to Coast event from Hokitika to Christchurch on 12 February 2021. She gave a presentation and spoke about the challenges and highlights of competing in the event. In closing she thanked the Council for their support.

#### MDC 21/677 PUBLIC FORUM - MEGAN FARNDALE

Megan Farndale, Representative grant recipient, spoke about competing at the Coast to Coast event from Hokitika to Christchurch on 12 February 2021. She gave a presentation, and noted that she placed third in the individual event. She spoke about her plans to enter the premier event "The Longest Day". In closing she thanked the Council for their support.

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#### MDC 21/678 PUBLIC FORUM - GARY BARNETT

Gary Barnett outlined concerns about Manchester Street trees, that were planted from the Square to Fergusson Street. His concerns were about the growth of the trees that blocked views and prevented clear sight lines for users of the courtesy crossings, including those on mobility scooters. He asked that Council remove the trees for safety reasons and to ensure shop owners had clear views of their shop frontages.

#### MDC 21/679 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

#### MDC 21/680 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEM

The following item of late business was notified for consideration:

- Electricity Procurement

The purpose of the item was to seek Council approval for the award of three electricity supply contracts for a 30 month fixed term commencing 1 September 2021.

The reason the item was not included on the agenda for the meeting is that it was originally scheduled for the 18 March 2021 Council meeting.

The consideration of the item cannot be delayed until that meeting because the supplier seeks urgent confirmation of Council's participation in the joint procurement, due to electricity prices being offered increasing significantly since the procurement round. The Council may have retender for the electricity supply if the contract was not confirmed, likely leading to a higher price.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the item "Electricity Procurement" be accepted as a late item of business.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

#### **CARRIED**

#### MDC 21/681 RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RE THE 10 YEAR PLAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK - DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT MEASURES

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 25 February 2021 presenting a recommendation from the Community Development Committee regarding the 10 Year Plan Performance Management Framework - District Development Measures. An updated table for the proposed changes to the Measures was circulated.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Council adopt an additional District Development Level of Service measure (covering Results Based Accountability service delivery) within the reviewed**

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**Performance Management Framework for inclusion in the draft 10 Year Plan 2021-31.**

**Moved by: Councillor Hilary Humphrey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short**

**CARRIED**

**MDC 21/682 RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RE THE 2020 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY MONITORING REPORT**

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 25 February 2021 presenting a recommendation from the Community Development Committee meeting regarding the Social and Community Monitoring Report. Economist Stacey Bell gave a presentation that provided detail on the outcomes being monitored, the high level indicators, statistics related to welfare, health, education, housing, transport, justice, engagement in democracy both nationally and at a local level, and connectivity.

**RESOLVED**

**That the 2020 Social and Community Monitoring report be received.**

**Moved by: Councillor Hilary Humphrey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor**

**CARRIED**

**MDC 21/683 RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RE AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY HONOURS POLICY**

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 25 February 2021 presenting a recommendation from the Community Development Committee meeting proposing an amendment to the Community Honours Policy.

**RESOLVED**

**That the closing date for Community Honour nominations, as set out in Clause 3.2 of the Community Honours Policy 2020, be amended from 30 June to 31 July.**

**Moved by: Councillor Hilary Humphrey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey**

**CARRIED**

**MDC 21/684 MINUTES OTHER COMMITTEES – FOR INFORMATION**

The draft minutes of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held 9 February 2021 and the Community Development Committee meeting held 25 February 2021 were circulated for information. With regard to the minutes of the Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held 9 February 2021, the General Manager – Infrastructure noted the discussions held with New Zealand Transport Authority for

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roading improvements in the vicinity of Aorangi Marae and noted they would include these in the Council submission to the Transport Plan.

#### MDC 21/685 AWAHURI FOREST-KITCHENER PARK TRUST SIX MONTH REPORT

*Councillor Grant Hadfield joined the meeting at 9:52am.*

*Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor left the meeting at 9:52am and returned at 9:53am.*

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 17 February 2021 presenting the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust’s six-month report for the period ending 31 December 2020. Jill Darragh, Chairperson, and Bessie Nicholls, Trustee, spoke to their report, highlighting the following:

- Wetland development, now designated scenic reserve;
- Expression of interest for funding from freshwater fund lodged;
- Progress of replacing willows;
- Donations received to replace vandalised stoat traps; and
- Approach being taken with Phragmites karka, a noxious weed spreading within the Park, and the challenges of dealing with that weed in that location.

#### RESOLVED

**That the Council receive the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust’s six-month report for the period ending 31 December 2020.**

**That the Council support the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust in their submission to the National Pest Plant Accord to have Phragmites karka listed as a national issue.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

#### CARRIED

*The meeting adjourned at 10:03am and reconvened at 10:21am*

#### MDC 21/686 MANAWATU COMMUNITY TRUST SIX MONTH REPORT 2020-21

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 18 February 2021 presenting for consideration the Manawatū Community Trust’s six-month report for the period ending 31 December 2020 in accordance with sections 65 and 66 of the Local Government Act 2002. Tyson Schmidt, Chairperson, Alison Towers, Finance Manager; and Kevin Petersen, Trust Manager, were in attendance and spoke to their report.

#### RESOLVED

**That the Council receive the Manawatū Community Trust’s six-month report for the period ending 31 December 2020.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

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**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**CARRIED**

#### **MDC 21/687 MANAWATU COMMUNITY TRUST DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT 2021-24**

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 17 February 2021 presenting the Manawatū Community Trust draft Statement of Intent 2021/22 for feedback in accordance with Schedule 8 Part 1 Section 1 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Manawatū Community Trust draft Statement of Intent 2021/22 be agreed subject to feedback being incorporated into the final Statement of Intent.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short**

**CARRIED**

#### **MDC 21/688 CEDA STATEMENT OF INTENT PROCESS EXTENSION**

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 9 February 2021 requesting a one month extension to the Central Economic Development Agency Statement of Intent process in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 8 Part 1 Clause 4 “Shareholding local authority may extend deadlines by up to 1 month”.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council agree as Shareholder to notify the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) in writing of a one (1) month extension to the Statement of Intent Process for the 2021-2022 CEDA Statement of Intent.**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield**

**CARRIED**

#### **MDC 21/689 ROAD STOPPING – 21 PEARCE STREET, HALCOMBE**

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 2 February 2021 seeking approval to proceed with the road stopping of a section of road (Sections 1 and 2 SO 552253) along the northern front boundary of 21 Pearce Street, Halcombe and Lot 1 DP 549607.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council approve the road stopping under section 116 of the Public Works Act 1989 of a 1,698m2 section of road (Sections 1 and 2 SO 552253) along the northern front boundary of 21 Pearce Street, Halcombe and Lot 1 DP 549607.**

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**Moved by: Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**CARRIED**

#### MDC 21/690 ROAD STOPPING – 31B PEARCE STREET, HALCOMBE

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 12 February 2021 seeking approval to proceed with the road stopping of a section of road along the north-western boundary of 31B Pearce Street, Halcombe.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council approve the road stopping under section 116 of the Public Works Act 1989 of a 4,102m<sup>2</sup> section of road along the north-western boundary of 31B Pearce Street, Halcombe.**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short**

**CARRIED**

#### MDC 21/691 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 18 February 2021 presenting requests for information received by Council under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

**RESOLVED**

**That the report detailing the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the month of February 2021 be received.**

**Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**CARRIED**

#### MDC 21/692 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEM – ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure dated 1 March 2021 seeking Council approval for the award of three electricity supply contracts for a 30 month fixed term commencing 1 September 2021.

*Councillor Stuart Campbell left the meeting at 10:45am.*

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**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council enter into a Time of Use (TOU) electricity supply contract with Contact Energy Limited to the value of Five Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars (\$537,984) plus GST for a 30 month term commencing 1 September 2021 until 29 February 2024.
2. That the Council enter into a Non-Half-Hour (NHH) electricity supply contract with Meridian Energy Limited to the value of One Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars (\$1,256,984) plus GST for a 30 month term commencing 1 September 2021 until 29 February 2024.
3. That the Council enter into a Distributed Unmetered Load (DUML) electricity supply contract with Genesis Energy Limited to the value of One Hundred and Twenty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty Two Dollars (\$123,732) plus GST for a 30 month term commencing 1 September 2021 until 29 February 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

**CARRIED**

**MDC 21/693 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- a) Confirmation of Minutes
- b) Ohakea Rural Water Supply – New Reservoir Tender Award Recommendation

That the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
a) Confirmation of minutes re Feilding Civic Centre Trust – Request for Advisory Trustees and Sale of Land on South Street	Section 7 (2) (a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons and Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on,	Section 48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to result in a disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding that

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| (Special Development Zone).  | without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).   | information would exist, under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. |
| b) Ohakea Rural Water Supply – New Reservoir Tender Award Recommendation | Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). | As above.  |

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Phil Marsh recorded his vote against the motion.*

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 10:49am. For items MDC 21/694 to MDC 21/697 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11:08am.*

**MDC 21/698 PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTION CONFIRMED IN OPEN SESSION**

**MDC 21/696 OHAKEA RURAL WATER SUPPLY – NEW RESERVOIR TENDER AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council:**

1. **Accept the tender from Reliant Solutions Ltd. for design and construction of a reservoir at Ohakea and award contract MDC 1293-3 for \$736,049.35 plus GST and inclusive of a contingency amount of \$66,913.58.**

**Note: The reservoir at Ohakea is to be funded by a grant from the Ministry for the Environment.**

2. **Allow the direct negotiation for a second similar reservoir as part of the Feilding Water Strategy, as described in the request for tender documentation and Council Procurement Policy, with Reliant Solutions Ltd. up to a value of \$850,744.50 plus GST and inclusive of a contingency amount of \$77,340.41, and awarded for construction during 2021/22.**

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**Note: The Feilding Water Strategy reservoir is to be funded from within the allocated Council water renewal budget.**

MDC 21/699 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11:09am.