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<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020</b>	<b>8:31AM</b>

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 6 August 2020, 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:** Richard Templer (Chief Executive)  
 Shayne Harris (General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory)  
 Hamish Waugh (General Manager - Infrastructure)  
 Brent Limmer (General Manager – Community and Strategy)  
 Frances Smorti (General Manager – People and Culture)  
 Rebecca Bell (Strategy Manager)  
 Ben Caldwell (Communications Officer)  
 Mathew Bayliss (Community Facilities Manager)  
 Rārite Mātaki (Principal Adviser – Māori)  
 Carl Johnstone (Parks and Property Team Leader)  
 Kirsten Pike (Parks and Property Officer - Legal and Planning)  
 Adie Johansen (Library Services Manager)  
 Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)  
 Steph Skinner (Governance Officer)

#### MDC 20/350 MEETING OPENING

Rārite Mātaki opened the meeting with karakia.

#### MDC 20/351 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### MDC 20/352 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no requests for leave of absence.

#### MDC 20/353 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### **RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the Council meeting held 23 July 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey**

**CARRIED**

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#### MDC 20/354 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### MDC 20/355 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

#### MDC 20/356 PRESENTATION - MANAWATŪ DISTRICT RURAL CONNECTIVITY

Caitlin Metz of the Rural Connectivity Group attended via Zoom and provided an update on the Rural Connectivity Project, which was tasked with providing broadband connectivity in identified areas that did not already have that service available. She noted that additional mobile coverage through the 4G network would be an added benefit. She talked about the Crown targets for coverage that each site was required to meet, ensuring that eligible end users could access broadband. She gave a presentation that outlined the progress with sites within the Manawatū-Whanganui region, noting that of the five sites being developed within the Manawatū district, two were live and operational, two were currently under construction, and one site was still under lease negotiations. She spoke about the impact on the construction from the Covid-19 lockdown. She outlined the 4G Voice Calling network and the process for people to connect to that network through their service providers. She spoke about the lessons learned to date and showed a map of the proposed coverage from the new Rural Connectivity Group sites within the wider Manawatū-Whanganui region.

Questions were asked about the following:

- Feedback received from communities that their connectivity had not improved;
- Provision of mobile coverage on the highway through Halcombe;
- Provision of mobile coverage that extended to boats on the sea near Tangimoana;
- Consultation with community regarding placement of towers;
- Whether there was a way to boost the signal at towers.

She undertook to take the feedback received to the Crown Infrastructure Partners and also circulate a copy of the 4G Mobile Calling Fact Sheet to Councillors.

#### MDC 20/357 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

#### MDC 20/358 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

#### MDC 20/359 MINUTES OTHER COMMITTEES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no minutes from other committees for information.

#### MDC 20/360 DELIBERATIONS – DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Report of the General Manager –Community and Strategy dated 29 May 2020 seeking consideration of the oral and written submissions received on the draft Reserve

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Management Plans. It was noted that the updated draft of the Reserve Management Plan would be brought to the 3 September 2020 Council meeting for adoption.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council having considered the information presented in the report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 29 May 2020 approves the draft Reserve Management Plans being updated with the recommended amendments.**

**Moved by: Councillor Shane Casey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Steve Bielski**

**CARRIED**

**MDC 20/361 DELIBERATIONS – DRAFT WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY**

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 12 June 2020 seeking consideration of oral and written submissions received on the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy. It was noted that the updated draft of the Walking and Cycling Strategy would be brought to the 3 September 2020 Council meeting for adoption.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council having considered the information presented in the report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 12 June 2020 approves the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy being updated with the recommended amendments.**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Councillor Steve Bielski**

**CARRIED**

**MDC 20/362 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 REQUESTS TO 23 JULY 2020**

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 23 July 2020 presenting requests for information received by Council under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

*Councillor Humphrey left the meeting at 9:39am and returned at 9:42am.*

**RESOLVED**

**That the report detailing the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the month of July 2020 be received.**

**Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh**

**Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey**

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MDC 20/363 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 20/364 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) Council Building Project – Strengthening and Modernisation Options
- c) Manawatū Wastewater Centralisation Project – Mt Stewart to Awahuri / Feilding Road Intersection

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 recommendation from Chief Executive's Employment Committee meeting	Section 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	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 information would exist, under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
b) Council Building Project – Strengthening and Modernisation Options	Section 7(2)(h) – enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and Section 7(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage,	As above

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negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

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| <p>c) Manawatū Wastewater Centralisation Project – Mt Stewart to Awahuri / Feilding Road Intersection</p> | <p>Section 7(2)(h) – enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> | <p>As above</p> |
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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: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

**CARRIED**

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 9:43am. For items MDC 20/365 to MDC 20/369 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11:08am.*

#### MDC 20/370 RESOLUTION CONFIRMED IN OPEN SESSION

The following public excluded resolution was confirmed in open session:

MDC 20/368 MANAWATŪ WASTEWATER CENTRALISATION PROJECT – MT STEWART TO AWAHURI / FEILDING ROAD INTERSECTION

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council awards the installation contract for the Wastewater Centralisation Project Stage 1b - Mt Stewart to the Awahuri / Feilding Rd intersection to Fulton Hogan Limited for One Million, Four Hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Eight Dollars and Sixty Two Cents plus GST (\$1,497,628.62 plus GST).
2. That the Council notes the contract includes a contingency figure of \$136,148.06 plus GST which will only be expended upon the prior written authority of the Engineer to the Contract.
3. That the Council notes the intention to negotiate subsequent stages of the installation contract for the Wastewater Centralisation Project with Fulton Hogan Limited subject to satisfactory progress of Stage 1b and agreement of appropriate commercial terms. The award of subsequent stages will require Council resolution.

#### MDC 20/371 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11:09am.