

MINUTES	EXTRAORDINARY MEETING	TIME
COUNCIL	THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2021	10:32AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 8 April 2021, commencing at 10:32am 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 Hilary Humphrey
	Cr Phil Marsh
	Cr Andrew Quarrie
	Cr Alison Short
APOLOGIES:	Cr Grant Hadfield
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)
	Catherine Knight (Senior Policy Adviser)
	Michael Hawker (Project Delivery Manager)
	Amanda Calman (Chief Financial Officer)
	Janine Hawthorn (Community Development Adviser)
	Mathew Bayliss (Community Facilities Manager)
	Stacey Eagle (Community and Strategy Support Officer)
	Stacey Bell (Economist)(via Zoom)
	Georgia Etheridge (Policy Adviser)
	Brittney Evans (Corporate Projects Adviser)
	Lisa Thomas (Senior Policy Adviser)
	Wendy Thompson (Infrastructure Planner)
	Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)
	Steph Skinner (Governance Officer)

MDC 21/755 MEETING OPENING

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open. The film crew from television programme “Country Calendar” were in attendance. They explained they were filming an episode on Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor and were capturing some of her off-farm activities.

MDC 21/756 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Councillor Grant Hadfield be approved.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

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MDC 21/757 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 21/758 10 YEAR PLAN 2021-31 – ADOPTION OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, DRAFT 10 YEAR PLAN AND APPROVAL TO CONSULT

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 1 April 2021 presenting the draft 10 Year Plan, Consultation Document and supporting information for adoption for public consultation.

Clint Ramoo and Ros Rheeder, of Audit New Zealand, spoke about the audit of the consultation document and underlying information and outlined the following areas:

- asset and infrastructure management, noting the nationwide discussion on the state of infrastructure and condition of assets for many Councils in New Zealand;
- relevance of consultation topics;
- balance for the consultation document between being a document to seek views, and being a document reporting back progress Council had made or future work to be undertaken;
- Council’s work in developing a Climate Change strategy and how that area was a focus for the Audit;
- Assurance and documentation for assumptions made regarding external funding sources;
- Robustness of asset condition data for determining renewal planning.

They noted the Letter of Representation that would be presented for the Mayor’s signature would include a reference to one unadjusted financial error, however this was not material so would not impact on the long term plan. There would also be some wording adjustments for the Infrastructure strategy for Council sign-off. Within their Audit Report would be a standard clause drawing readers’ attention to the Government’s three waters reform that was currently underway and future decisions that may flow from that.

In closing they acknowledged the value for the process from their perspective of having a single point of contact, the further streamlining improvements they may make and thanked Council officers for their work and support. In response to a question raised about examples of quality reports from other Councils, they noted that following the completion of the audits they prepare a “best practice guide” that would include any examples from around the country where a good sense of alignment was shown in those documents.

The Acting Chief Executive thanked the Audit team, acknowledging their work.

The Strategy Manager spoke about the minor proofing changes that had been made to the consultation documents since publication, noting these were typographical errors that had been corrected, and a list detailing the changes would be provided to members.

In response to a question regarding the description of the earthquake prone Council building on page 16 of attachment 6 to the agenda, the Acting Chief Executive noted

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that wording would be added to describe that the Council was investigating other IL4 options.

The Council discussed concerns raised about the proposed budget not including provision for community grant funding, due to funding being allocated to Feilding and District Promotion Inc for economic development. It was noted that the proposed plan was a draft for consultation, with public feedback to be sought.

RESOLVED

1. **That the Council adopt:**
 - a. **the Three Waters Asset Management Plan (2021-41);**
 - b. **the Roading Programme Business Case (2021-24) and Activity Management Plan (2021-51);**
 - c. **the Community Facilities Asset Management Plan (2021-31); and**
 - d. **the draft 10 Year Plan 2021-31;**

as supporting information for the consultation document for the 10 Year Plan 2021-31, in accordance with section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. **That the Council adopt the consultation document “Shaping our next 10 years”, in accordance with Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
3. **That the Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive to approve any final edits required to the information in the Asset Management Plans and other supporting information, the draft 10 Year Plan 2021-31 or the consultation document in order to finalise the documents.**

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

MDC 21/759 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11:10am.