

MINUTES	MEETING	TIME
COUNCIL	THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020	8:32AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 15 October 2020, commencing at 8:32am 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 Grant Hadfield	
	Cr Hilary Humphrey	
	Cr Phil Marsh	
	Cr Andrew Quarrie	
	Cr Alison Short	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Michael Lovett	(Deputy Chief Executive (Acting) for the Central/Local Government Partnerships Group, Department of Internal Affairs)
	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)
	Brittney Evans	(Corporate Projects Adviser)
	Tracy Sharples	(
	Amanda Calman	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Janine Hawthorn	(Community Development Adviser)
	Mathew Bayliss	(Community Facilities Manager)
	Tony Thomas	(Parks and Property Project Support)
	Carl Johnstone	(Parks and Property Team Leader)
	Stacey Bell	(Economist)
	Georgia Etheridge	(Policy Adviser)
	Allie Dunn	(Governance Team Leader)
	Steph Skinner	(Governance Officer)

MDC 20/480 MEETING OPENING

Jocelyn Stephens, of the Lifepoint Church, opened the meeting in prayer.

Councillor Steve Bielski joined the meeting at 8:33am.

MDC 20/481 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 20/482 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED

That the Councillor Steve Bielski be granted leave of absence from 6 to 18 November 2020.

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Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Hilary Humphrey

CARRIED

MDC 20/483 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 1 October 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

MDC 20/484 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 20/485 PUBLIC FORUM - DANIELLE AND GRACE HALLETT

Danielle and Grace Hallett, representative grant recipients, spoke about their selection to compete at recent Netball Manawatū Representative Netball tournaments. Danielle spoke about her participation in netball since starting school. She spoke about being selected as part of the Under 18 Green Representative Team and the three tournaments she competed in held in the Hawkes Bay, Wellington and Palmerston North. She noted there were not as many competitors in the competition as there normally would be due to Covid-19, but was very happy to have a netball season. She noted it was her final year playing representative netball for Manawatū as she would be attending University in Hamilton next year. She noted their team went through the season undefeated, with one draw. Grace spoke about her selection as a member of the Under 14 Representative Team. She spoke about the three tournaments she competed in held in Whanganui, Wellington and Palmerston North. She noted her team won two out of three of the tournaments. Due to Covid-19 restrictions they were not able to have spectators at their games, however some family members were allowed to attend the last tournament held in Palmerston North.

They thanked Council for their support and funding that helped them to attend these tournaments.

MDC 20/486 PRESENTATION - KIMBOLTON SCHOOL ENVIRO GROUP

Heidi Morton, Enviroschools Teacher, introduced her team of students from Kimbolton School who were in attendance to present to Council the results of their project on rural waste. She noted the Enviroschools programme was introduced to the school in 2003 by Principal Linda Campbell. Also in attendance for the presentation was Rowena Brown, Enviroschools Facilitator from Horizons Regional Council.

The students outlined the problem definition, gave insights into the practices over the past 100 years, and how farm practices had changed from generation to generation.

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They spoke about the options used by farmers to dispose of waste, which were burn, bury, dump and recycle. Each student then reported on the case studies they undertook, where they interviewed grandparents or parents on the practices used on their farms to reduce, recycle and dispose of waste, and the challenges faced by the farmers. There were a number of conclusions they reached, including the need for more product stewardship, assistance for toxic waste recycling and collection. They noted the cost of the schemes for recycling rural plastic.

They spoke about regional examples, including guidelines provided by the Horizons Regional Council, national examples of disposal methods and world examples. The world examples provided rankings of countries and their recycling rates, with Germany having the highest proportion of recycling at 56.1% compared to New Zealand's rate at 24.37%. They noted their concern that New Zealand was ranked the third biggest producer of waste in the world.

In conclusion they outlined the solutions that were available for the rural areas, being Agrecovery, Plasback, Transfer Station in Feilding and the Council Rubbish Collection. They noted the importance of everyone taking responsibility for their own waste. They spoke about how the Council could help with their visions for the future.

MDC 20/487 PRESENTATION - ANNUAL RESIDENTS SURVEY

Council's Strategy Manager, Rebecca Bell, gave a presentation summarising the results of the Annual Residents Survey for 2019-20 that measured residents' satisfaction with the Council's performance and provided insights into how the Council could best invest its resources to improve residents' satisfaction with its overall performance.

She noted that work was being done on the survey methodology, which has been traditionally done on a landline basis, on options for changes to reflect more modern technology.

MDC 20/488 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 20/489 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees for consideration.

MDC 20/490 MINUTES OTHER COMMITTEES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no minutes from other committees for information.

MDC 20/491 DELIBERATIONS – DRAFT CEMETERIES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 28 September 2020 presenting a summary of the submissions to the draft Cemeteries Management Strategy for deliberation.

Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor left the meeting at 9:39am and returned at 9:40am.

RESOLVED

That the late submission from Andersons Memorials be accepted.

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Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Council notes that a spatial plan for each of the district's cemeteries would be developed, and notes that specific development requests from submitters would be considered as part of developing those plans.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Council purchases a set of lowering devices and mats for availability for hire.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Council notes that provision had been made in the Annual Plan 2020-21 for installation of a Feilding Cemeteries Ashes Wall to be installed by June 2021.

Moved by: Councillor Shane Casey

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the consideration be made for all cemeteries in the preparation of land utilisation plans for utilising excess cemetery land to optimise the return to the Council and Community, such as provided by the example from Halcombe Community Development Group's use of cemetery land for grazing.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Marsh

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That the Council notes the submission regarding the cleaning and restoration work in the district cemeteries and notes that the proposed written agreement with the RSA permit the cleaning of headstones only, not of plaques.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Marsh

CARRIED

MDC 20/492 REVIEW OF THE RATES REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT POLICY

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 2 October 2020 seeking approval of the draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy for consultation and approval of the two changes as recommended.

RESOLVED

That the Council approve the amendments to clauses 3.2 and 7.4 of the draft Rates Remissions and Postponement policy as set out in the attachment to the report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 5 October 2020.

That the Chief Financial Officer be delegated authority to make any minor changes that may arise from the legal review.

That the Council approve the draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to be included in the draft Ten Year Plan 2021-31 and subsequent consultation.

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

CARRIED

MDC 20/493 MINUTES FROM THE MANAWATŪ YOUTH COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 1 October 2020 presenting minutes from recent meetings of the Manawatū Youth Council and Community Committees for information.

Councillor Phil Marsh left the meeting at 10:23am.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the minutes of the Community Committees and the Manawatū Youth Council meetings.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

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Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

MDC 20/494 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 20/495 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) Manawatū Community Trust – Trustee Appointments and Trust Deed Modification
- c) Purchase of Land for a Roding Corridor within Precinct 5

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 Draft minutes of Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting for information; Feilding Civic Centre Trust - Expiring Trustee Terms Options; and Recommendation from Chief Executive's Employment Committee re Appointment of Acting Chief Executive	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) Manawatū Community Trust – Trustee	As above	As above.

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- c) Purchase of Land for a Roading Corridor within Precinct 5 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.

Also, that Michael Lovett of the Department of Internal Affairs remain at the meeting while the public are excluded.

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 Shane Casey

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10:24am. For items MDC 20/496 to MDC 20/500 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11:18am.

MDC 20/501 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11:18am.