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COUNCIL	THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020	8:30AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 19 November 2020, commencing at 8:30am 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 Heather Gee-Taylor	
	Cr Grant Hadfield	
	Cr Andrew Quarrie	
	Cr Alison Short	
APOLOGIES:	Cr Michael Ford	
	Cr Hilary Humphrey	
	Cr Phil Marsh	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Frances Smorti (Acting Chief Executive)	
	Brent Limmer (General Manager – Community and Strategy)	
	Karel Boakes (Acting General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory)	
	Rebecca Bell (Strategy Manager)	
	Shelley Ashton (Senior Advisor - Marketing and Community Engagement)	
	Michael Hawker (Project Delivery Manager)	
	Ben Caldwell (Communications Officer)	
	Amanda Calman (Chief Financial Officer)	
	Janine Hawthorn (Community Development Adviser)	
	Mathew Bayliss (Community Facilities Manager)	
	Kirsten Pike (Strategic Community Property Adviser)	
	Samantha Kett (Asset Management & Compliance Coordinator)	
	Janine Hawthorn (Community Development Adviser)	
	Rachel Raggett (Executive Assistant - Community and Strategy)	
	Adie Johansen (Library Manager)	
	Brittney Evans (Corporate Projects Adviser)	
	Carl Johnstone (Parks and Property Team Leader)	
	Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)	
	Steph Skinner (Governance Officer)	

MDC 20/525 MEETING OPENING

Rance Stuart, of the Salvation Army, opened the meeting in prayer.

MDC 20/526 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Councillors Michael Ford and Hilary Humphrey be approved, noting their attendance at Local Government New Zealand's Rural and Provincial meeting in Wellington, and the apologies from Councillor Phil Marsh be approved, noting his attendance at the Building Nations Symposium 2020 in Auckland.

Moved by: Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor

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Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

CARRIED

MDC 20/527 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no requests for leave of absence.

MDC 20/528 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 5 November 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Alison Short

Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

CARRIED

MDC 20/529 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Short – Item 11.1 Hearing of Submissions on Community Facilities draft strategy

Councillor Casey – Item 11.1 Hearing of Submissions on Community Facilities draft strategy

MDC 20/530 PUBLIC FORUM - LACHLAN CRATE

Lachlan Crate, representative fund recipient to represent Manawatū in the Under 13 Boys Basketball team, spoke about competing in the Regional tournament held in the Hawkes Bay in October 2020. He thanked Council for their support and funding, and noted that his team won first place in the Regional tournament.

MDC 20/531 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

MDC 20/532 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 20/533 RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RE FIRST QUARTER REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 12 November 2020 presenting a recommendation from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 12 November 2020 regarding the First Quarter Report to 30 September 2020 that provided a summary to 30 September 2020 of the Council's performance against 2020-21 Annual Plan.

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RESOLVED

That the Council receives the Quarterly Performance Report, the Capital Expenditure Report and the Quarterly Treasury Report for the period ended 30 September 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

MDC 20/534 MINUTES OTHER COMMITTEES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no minutes of other committees.

MDC 20/535 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT COMMUNITY FACILITIES STRATEGY

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 26 October 2020 providing Council with a copy of the written and oral submissions received in relation to the draft Community Facilities Strategy.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the report on the Hearing of Written and Oral submissions on the draft Community Facilities Strategy and hears from the fourteen Submitters who indicated that they wish to be heard.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

SUBMISSION 01 FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE

David Young of the Feilding Civic Centre, spoke to their submission, elaborating on the points made in the submission about their concern with the negative comments made in the Strategic Framework about the Feilding Civic Centre. He noted that now that the upgrade and earthquake strengthening had been completed, the centre now had a longer life. He noted the commercial kitchen within the centre. He felt the Assessment and feasibility study needed to be reviewed, and this should take into account the heritage status of the building. He also spoke about the scope of work for the feasibility study seeming to focus mainly on sporting needs, expressing concern that other facilities should be included in the study, not just the Council-owned facilities.

SUBMISSION 04 SPORT MANAWATU

Brad Cassidy of Sport Manawatu spoke to their submission, noting the impact of their organisation in the community. He noted that while they had a preference to focus on the sporting sector, they also took into account other needs of the community. He spoke about the framework and the work they undertook in utilising the needs assessment and how the facilities service the community. He noted that nationally they were battling aging facilities and the challenges that created. He spoke about the expectation from larger funders that the councils needed to invest more than what had

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previously been used. He spoke about the work undertaken with councils and communities to understand priorities that serviced a wide range of groups. He spoke about their belief that multi-purpose facilities were the way of the future. He gave the example of sports hubs with shared facilities as being a possible solution for the future.

SUBMISSION 12 FEILDING GYMNASTICS

Fiona Burke and Alex Short gave a presentation outlining their purpose of providing gymnastics programmes. They noted they were currently using the Manfeild Hall, and have 141 gymnasts. They spoke about their operational expenses, and the cost per gymnast per term. They spoke about their equipment, which was heavy and hard to move and also costly to purchase. They spoke about their need for a sprung floor, which would also cater for martial arts clubs if it was available in a shared use facility. They spoke about their need for an eight metre high ceiling in their venue. They spoke about their concerns with the a number of issues with their facility, including limited to no access when events were on, access only during agreed times with no gate key, inadequate access to toilets, space restrictions, poor lighting and ventilation. They would like to be in an affordable community facility with their own space where equipment could be left out to be used at any time.

SUBMISSION 14 OROUA BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, FEILDING BADMINTON CLUB

Marion Casey spoke to their submission, noting their involvement with the Civic Centre and use of the facility by their Badminton club which had been continuous since the stadium was built. She spoke about the need to have the civic centre in Feilding as it was a benefit to the businesses and an asset to Feilding. The location in Feilding was ideal for their club members. Their organisation did not support going to a large multi-use facility as indicated in the draft Community Facilities Strategy.

SUBMISSION 17 MANFEILD PARK TRUST

Kathy Gibson and Gordon Smith spoke to the Manfeild Park Trust's submission. They spoke about their agreement with the Manfeild Park facility being included in the strategy, and the need to keep district facilities ahead of community needs and also within the Council's means to fund. They outlined key points as follows:

- Manfeild Park facilities could be more fully optimised with minimal investment;
- The need to base decisions on evidence-based data, and consider need for ongoing maintenance;
- Believed the proposed needs assessment and feasibility study would produce sound outcomes.
- The importance of future-proofing regional facilities.

SUBMISSION 02 FEILDING LITTLE THEATRE PLAYERS SOCIETY

Joan Ford spoke to their submission. She gave some background to the society and the building additions that had been made over the years. She spoke about the events that the facility was used for in addition to theatre and music performances. She noted the acoustics in their building were excellent, and the size and functionality of the building was ideal for an intimate theatre. The location was also very good, and noted their lease of the facility through to 2038. She noted they had been submitting for upgrades to the building since 2012 which were recognised in the subsequent Long Term Plans. She noted plans were with Council for future upgrades. They had been working to obtain

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funding for planned upgrades, but noted restrictions in future funding due to Covid-19. She noted the need for the gate from Te Manawa end of building to be altered to allow for fire egress compliance.

SUBMISSION 20 FEILDING AND DISTRICTS SPORTS, ARTS, CULTURAL AND RECREATION COMMUNITY TRUST

Andrew Riley and Nathan Stewart spoke to their submission. They noted they were not a Feilding High School Group, rather they were a community led initiative. They spoke about the need for accessibility, affordability and the need to take into account future growth areas. They felt the new facility needed to also cater for a large range of ages. They spoke about the location of their proposed facility, noting it was within 10 minutes walking distance of four other schools. They spoke about the needs assessment and feasibility study and the need to ensure that all clubs had the opportunity to be heard.

Questions were asked regarding:

- The other facilities visited by the Trust;
- The possible tension of using ratepayer funding on Ministry owned properties, and understanding how that could work;
- Understanding the needs of school-aged children and the gaps currently in the district;
- The potential conflicts of use of a multi-use facility when the venue was needed for a larger event;
- The situation of many clubs needing to meet on the same night and how this would affect the use of a multi-use facility.

MDC 20/536 SPORT MANAWATU – ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2020

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 21 October 2020 presenting for consideration the Sport Manawatū Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2020. Trevor Shailer, Brad Cassidy and Trinton Latter gave a presentation that went into more detail on the information provided in their Annual Report to 30 June 2020.

Councillor Hadfield left the meeting at 10:00am and returned at 10:02am.

RESOLVED

That the Sport Manawatū Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2020 be received.

Moved by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:31am and resumed at 10:46am

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MDC 20/537 FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE TRUST – TWELVE MONTH REPORT 2019-20

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 21 October 2020 presenting for consideration Feilding Civic Centre Trust’s 12-month report for the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020. Stuart Osborne, David Young and Carla Bennett spoke to their report, highlighting the use made of their facility and the needs of smaller sporting groups.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the Feilding Civic Centre Trust’s 12-month report for the period 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

MDC 20/535 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – DRAFT COMMUNITY FACILITIES STRATEGY - CONTINUED

SUBMISSION 03 ANGELA BAKER

Angela Baker spoke to her submission, noting that she was unclear about the nature of the consultation on the draft Community Facilities Strategy and expressed her concern with the consultation process. She expressed concern about the way that consultation was promoted, noting she found out about the consultation second hand. She spoke about the format where space for response was restricted and pre-formatted questions and ability for any in-depth submissions to be made separately. She expressed concern about the carbon footprint of building new rather than refurbishing existing facilities and suggested that the Council use the lens of carbon footprint analysis for any Council building decisions. She spoke about the importance of community needs as opposed to individualistic needs. She expressed concern about the social services sub-plan and the importance of facilities such as the Community House. She expressed concern with the social services sub-plan which she felt was not well enough informed. She was concerned that the proposed divestment from that facility was set for an earlier timeframe than considering alternatives. She would like the need for small meeting venues in the area to be taken into account, as well as making the best use of Council provided facilities for the benefit of the community.

SUBMISSION 13 TANGIMOANA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Hilary Oxley spoke in support of their submission. She showed images of the hall to illustrate improvements they sought for the facility. She spoke about the assessment recently undertaken by Council which resulted in some remedial works being identified. They sought some additional improvements to be undertaken at the same time that those works were undertaken. She also noted the existing playground needed shading, and sought provision of seating and picnic tables in the area. They would also like additional public toilet provided near the beach. They also sought provision of an education facility at Ellison Reserve, with indoor and outdoor seating and tables.

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SUBMISSION 06 HALCOMBE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Jeannette Henderson and Maureen Lambert spoke to their submission, noting the Halcombe Memorial Hall was an important facility for their community. They noted the hall was originally purchased by the community, and subsequently vested in Council ownership. Maureen spoke about the investment by their community on improvements to the hall and the grants they had received. She noted the growing population of their area, with the only other meeting places in their community being the school hall, the rugby club and the local tavern. They noted the memorial hall provided an important space for community hall usage. They asked that the hall classification be changed to tier 1, high profile, noting the usage of their hall especially since improvements had been made to the hall, and taking into account the historic nature of their hall and their strong hall committee. They noted they were working closely with the Council on deferred maintenance needs. In conclusion they spoke about the proposal for the hall bookings to be centralised by Council, noting their committee were opposed to that proposal. They looked forward to working closely with Council on the future for their facility.

SUBMISSION 07 POHANGINA SATELLITE LIBRARY – ALICIA MCLACHLAN

Alicia McLachlan and Len Osborne spoke to their submission, noting their involvement in running the Pohangina Satellite Library. They asked that the satellite libraries in the community be remembered as an important service for the community and expressed concern about the reduction in the number of books being delivered to their library each month, and asked that the numbers be increased back to their previous levels.

Questions for clarification were asked regarding:

- Wheel chair access for the library noting this was available through Country Fayre although not ideal.
- The ratio of the number of registered users back in 2015 compared to delivered books

SUBMISSION 18 GLEN OROUA HALL COMMITTEE

Christine Finnigan, Raewyn Persson and Phil Lightbourne spoke to their submission. Christine noted the hall history starting with its construction in 1903, and the purchase of the hall by the community, which remained in ownership of the Glen Oroua Hall Society. They spoke about the usage of the hall within their community and the good condition of the hall. They noted the contribution from Council in past years to assist with maintenance of the hall which they expressed appreciation for. They noted the usage of the hall remained steady, but was not high, however the hall was a popular venue for small community events. They spoke about the importance of having their bookings managed locally. They spoke about the use of the hall as a civil defence centre. In conclusion they noted that they valued their hall, and its good condition and wished to keep their hall and manage the hall locally by their Hall Committee. They noted their community only had a school and a hall, and they wanted to keep both to maintain their identity. It was noted that their community did not have a community committee which was something that could be followed up.

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SUBMISSION 10 STANWAY HALL

Wayne Short spoke to their submission, noting there had been little cost to the community for running and maintaining their hall as their fundraising mainly came from pub charities and their own fundraising. He noted the difference between Community Committees and Hall Committees, and the feeling that Hall Committees were disadvantaged as Hall Committees did not have the same funding support as Community Committees received. As an example he noted the post-Covid funding provided to the Community Committees, that the Hall Committees did not receive. He asked that the Council consider the inequities between Hall Committees and Community Committees.

Councillor Shane Casey left the meeting at 11:46am.

MDC 20/538 AWAHURI FOREST-KITCHENER PARK TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 3 November 2020 presenting for consideration the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust’s Annual Report for the period of 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Jill Darragh and Bessie Nicholls spoke to their report. A copy of their audit report was tabled, noting it was not available at the time the agenda for the meeting was prepared. Jill noted that one of their Trustees had needed to retire from the Trust and it was not proposed to replace her at this stage. She spoke about the botanist and a professional seed collector that had been appointed to work with the Trust. She spoke about their concern with the vandalism taking place on the stoat traps. She noted the survey of the Southee property with matters relating to paper roads passed on to Council to resolve. She spoke about events attended, including an EnviroSchools event at Mt Lees Reserve, and visits by Manawatu Youth Council, schools and kindergartens.

Councillor Shane Casey returned to the meeting at 11:52am.

Jill Darragh then spoke about an application to the Ministry of Primary Industries being worked on. Bessie Nicholls spoke about the application which was for funding for a three year plan for the five most degraded areas of the Park.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust’s Annual Report for the period of 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Steve Bielski

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm and reconvened at 12:21pm.

MDC 20/539 DRAFT LIABILITY MANAGEMENT POLICY

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 5 November 2020 presenting the draft Liability Management Policy for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED

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That Council adopts the Liability Management Policy as set out in appendix one of the report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 5 November 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

MDC 20/540 DRAFT INVESTMENT POLICY

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 5 November 2020 presenting to Council the draft Investment Policy for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED

That Council adopts the Investment Policy as set out in appendix one of the report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 5 November 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

MDC 20/541 MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY COMMITTEES AND MANAWATU YOUTH COUNCIL

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 5 November 2020 presenting minutes from recent meetings of the Manawatū Youth Council and Community Committees for information.

RESOLVED

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

Moved by: Councillor Heather Gee-Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

MDC 20/542 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 20/543 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

a) Confirmation of minutes

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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 Reprioritisation of Feilding Civic Centre Operational Funding	of Section 7(2)(j) Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	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.

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 Stuart Campbell

CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session at 12:34pm. For items MDC 20/544 to MDC 20/546 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 12:36pm.

MDC 20/547 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 12:36pm