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COUNCIL	THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2018	8.30AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 20 September 2018, commencing at 8.30am in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mayor Helen Worboys	(Chairperson)
	Cr Steve Bielski	
	Cr Barbara Cameron	
	Cr Stuart Campbell	
	Cr Shane Casey	
	Cr Michael Ford	
	Cr Hilary Humphrey	
	Cr Phil Marsh	
	Cr Andrew Quarrie	
	Cr Alison Short	
	Cr Howard Voss	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Richard Templer	(Chief Executive)
	Karel Boakes	(Acting General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory)
	Brent Limmer	(General Manager – Community and Strategy)
	Frances Smorti	(General Manager – People and Culture)
	Hamish Waugh	(General Manager – Infrastructure)
	Rebecca Bell	(Strategy Manager)
	John Jones	(Roading Manager)
	Colleen Morris	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Michael Hawker	(Project Delivery Manager)
	Paul Stein	(Communications Manager)
	Ross Wheeler	(Strategic Accountant)
	Paul Greig	(Compliance and Enforcement Team Leader)
	Lisa Thomas	(Policy Advisor)
	Darryn Black	(Asset Management Team Leader)
	Wiremu Greening	(Utility Projects Team Leader)
	Brittney Evans	(Corporate Projects Adviser)
	Nichole Ganley	(Governance Support Officer)
	Danielle Balmer	(Communications Officer)
	Allie Dunn	(Governance Team Leader)

MDC 18/543 MEETING OPENING

Wendy Scott of St John's Anglican Church opened the meeting in prayer.

MDC 18/544 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 18/545 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED

That Councillor Barbara Cameron be granted leave of absence from 1 July to 31 July 2019.

Moved by: Councillor Steve Bielski

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Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

MDC 18/546 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 23 August 2018 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

MDC 18/547 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Alison Short – item 11.1 member of Federated Farmers

Her Worship the Mayor – item 11.2 Provision of Mayoral Vehicle

MDC 18/548 PUBLIC FORUM MATTHEW CURTIS

Matthew Curtis, a Representative Fund recipient, spoke about his experience representing New Zealand at the North American Roller Hockey Championships held in California, USA on 18 June 2018. Although drawing many of their matches, and qualifying for the Silver Division playoffs, they were not able to achieve a prize winning placement. He spoke about his gratitude for the support that Council had given him and his future aspirations to represent New Zealand.

MDC 18/549 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 4 September 2018 presenting submissions received on the Council's Representation Review.

8.35am: Submission #01 - Horizons Regional Council

Councillor Gordon McKellar spoke in support of the submission from the Horizons Regional Council. He noted that the Regional Council were required to take into account the territorial local authority ward boundaries when undertaking their own review of representation, which in hindsight could have been better undertaken after the Manawatū District Council had developed their initial proposal. The Horizons Regional Council supported the Manawatū District Council proposal for a rural ward and an urban ward. He appreciated the concerns of submitters that all elected representatives might come from one area, however he believed that typically this does not happen and it was up to the voters to decide. He noted that once elected all Councillors must act in the best interests of the District as a whole.

He spoke about the Horizons Regional Council's recent review of representation, where they had the Tararua and Ruapehu constituencies outside the plus or minus 10% requirement due to problems with large geographic areas with low population involved

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and the need to have a representative for each constituency. He believed the Manawatū District Council's proposal for two wards simplified matters.

The Council had no questions for Councillor McKellar.

8.50am: Submission #03 - Milton Pedley

Milton Pedley spoke about how he read about the proposal on 4 August, 9 August, 16 August and 23 August. He then did his homework and commented that one ten cent piece would cover the size of the proposed urban ward, and 17 ten cent pieces would cover the size of the proposed rural ward. He asked why there was no mention of the proposal in the Long Term Plan, and asked how the Council determined the population figure as he obtained a different figure by using a Google search. It was clarified that the population numbers used in the proposal were provided by Statistics New Zealand. He also asked how Council would like to see itself represented around the Council table, and who permitted the strict criteria and rules used.

The Council had no questions for Mr Pedley.

9.05am: Submission #04 - Rangiwahia Community Committee

Shelley Dew-Hopkins read the submission from the Rangiwahia Community Committee. Their concerns were:

- Northern Manawatū had its own unique challenges not faced by either the urban area or Southern rural area;
- Impact of lifestyle migrants moving into rural farming areas who may have different views as to what was appropriate in a rural environment;
- Impact of future urban growth over next six years and how this had the potential to decrease the level of rural representation at the Council table;
- Importance of candidates having good understanding of rural farming issues impacted by Local Government decisions;
- Additional cost to campaign in a larger ward;
- Potential for ward representatives to all come from the south of the district, rather than some coming from the north of the district.

They would prefer to see either a boundary change option that would give two clear representatives from the North of the district, the status quo option being retained by referring the matter to the Local Government Commission, or the Hills, Flats, Urban Ward option discussed by Council on 26 July 2018 being adopted, noting this was their least preferred option as it resulted in a greater number of urban ward Councillors than rural ward Councillors. Shelley Dew-Hopkins noted they were happy with the representation they currently had.

Councillors asked questions to clarify the perceived differences between the northern area of the Manawatū district, and the southern area, and the differences between farming in the north to farming in the south of the district. The following clarification was provided:

- The southern area is more urban population based, with more small communities than there are to the north of Feilding.
- An increasing urbanisation of the southern part of the district;

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- Challenges faced from urban beliefs and systems being imposed on farming;
- Tendency for smaller blocks, dairy and horticulture in the southern part of the district whereas in the northern part of the district small farming families that probably own more properties.
- Challenges faced in the north of the district from climate, distance and school closures.

Clarification was sought on what lack in representation the submitter would see occurring with the Council's proposal. The following clarification was provided:

- The issues are different. Southern part of the district is closer to urban centres. She did not understand issues in the north when she farmed in the south and did not believe a person from Tangimoana for example could understand the issues in Rangiwahia.

Clarification was sought on the submitter's viewpoint regarding equity for electors, where under the proposed two ward system electors in the rural ward would be able to vote for half the members of Council whereas under the previous system could only vote for two members of Council. The following clarification was provided:

- Their concern is that all candidates would come from the southern part of the district. They would like to have a person elected from the north of the district that was articulate and able to persuade Council during debate. They believe in six years' time there will be difficulty in getting people to represent the north of the district.

MDC 18/550 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no items of extraordinary business notified for consideration.

MDC 18/551 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 7 September 2018 presenting recommendations from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 7 September 2018 regarding the draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2018 and details of the process required to adopt the Annual Report.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council receives the draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2018.**
- 2. That the Mayor and Chief Executive be delegated authority to sign the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2018.**

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss

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MDC 18/552 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – LONG TERM PLAN AUDIT MANAGEMENT REPORT

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 7 September 2018 presenting recommendations from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 7 September 2018 regarding the Audit Management Report on the Manawatū District Council Long Term Plan 2018-28 received from Audit New Zealand.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the Audit Management Report from Audit New Zealand on the Long Term Plan 2018-28.

Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

CARRIED

MDC 18/553 PRESENTATION – MANAWATŪ YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Alex Short, Eric Schuster, Amber Fielder-Beaumont, Ella Cameron Smith and Tessa Webb, members of the Manawatū Youth Ambassadors, updated Council on their activities and issues affecting youth in Manawatū. They currently have 17 members aged between 14 and 25. Members choose projects or community groups to be involved in. One of the projects was the Timona Park Pump Track, where members worked with the Parks and Recreation Services team on the project. They spoke about their involvement in other projects including the Young Achievers Awards, making a submission to the Council's draft Long Term Plan and providing feedback on Precinct 4. They have also been involved in developing a Youth Space at the Feilding Public Library. Tessa spoke about an article she was invited to write for On Track. They also have a member who sits on the Board for the Kowhai Park Aviaries development. They have been involved in the artwork installation outside the Feilding Public Library and organising Pink Shirt day at Feilding High School. Eric spoke about attendance at the Future Leaders Conference.

Their future activities include raising their profile, working more with the schools, encouraging youth engagement with local government and connecting more with youth in the wider community.

They talked about some of the problems they see in the world for young people. These include knowing what they wanted to do after finishing school, noting mostly they are encouraged towards university but there was a need to understand other options such as the trades, UCOL and the need to engage schools to talk to youth about what their options are. Another issue they see relates to addictions – not just drugs, but also screens. It was important to know what services there are that people could be directed to. Another issue was driver licensing and the barriers that some young people have. They noted the programmes in schools were helping but believe more needs to be done to help young people get their drivers licence. They talked about the struggles for rural youth and being connected to services that were in town, especially if they did not have a drivers licence.

They believed the issue of mental health was huge and becoming worse and asked what could be done to help the situation and promote the services that were available.

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They spoke about doing a tour of the district and possibly attending Community Committee meetings as part of that, and also holding a speed dating session with the Council to get to know each other better and learn more about issues being faced.

In closing they noted that youth were 25% of the population, but 100% of the future.

The meeting adjourned at 10.07am and reconvened at 10.32am.

MDC 18/554 MINUTES OTHER COMMITTEES – FOR INFORMATION

The minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 7 September 2018 and the Community Funding Committee meeting held 11 September 2018 were circulated for information.

MDC 18/555 BASIS OF PROVISION OF MAYORAL VEHICLE

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 27 August 2018 seeking an amendment to the basis of provision of the Mayoral Vehicle, for recommending to the Remuneration Authority.

Her Worship the Mayor declared an interest, and vacated the Chair for this item. Councillor Michael Ford took the Chair.

RESOLVED

That the Council recommends to the Remuneration Authority a change in the basis of provision of the Mayoral Vehicle to the Manawatū District Mayor, from restricted private use to full private use and that this change take effect from 1 July 2018.

Moved by: Councillor Howard Voss

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

CARRIED

Councillors Barbara Cameron and Hilary Humphrey recorded their votes against the motion.

Her Worship the Mayor resumed the Chair.

MDC 18/556 ENERGY FIXED TERM CONTRACTS

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 23 August 2018 seeking approval from Council for the Chief Executive to negotiate and enter into fixed term contracts for electricity and gas supply.

RESOLVED

That the Council gives authority for the Chief Executive to negotiate and enter into fixed price contracts with power and gas retailers, up to the amount of one million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) plus GST, annually, for a maximum term of up to five years.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

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Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

MDC 18/557 REVOCATION OF URBAN FIRES BYLAW 2014

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 31 August 2018 seeking to revoke the Manawatū District Council's Urban Fires Bylaw 2014.

RESOLVED

That in accordance with the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017, the Council resolves to revoke the Urban Fires Bylaw 2014 in full.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss

CARRIED

MDC 18/558 EASTER SUNDAY SHOP TRADING POLICY AND STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL – ADOPTION FOR CONSULTATION

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 11 September 2018 presenting the draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy and the Statement of Proposal for consideration and adoption for public consultation.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council adopts the draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy for public consultation.**
- 2. That the Council adopts the Statement of Proposal regarding the Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy for public consultation.**

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Bielski

CARRIED

MDC 18/559 MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY COMMITTEES AND MANAWATŪ YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 27 August 2018 presenting minutes from recent meetings of Community Committees and the Manawatū Youth Ambassadors for information.

Councillor Stuart Campbell left the meeting at 11.12am and returned at 11.15am.

RESOLVED

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

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Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

MDC 18/560 ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER – SANSON WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure dated 10 September 2018 recommending the acceptance of the tender from MC1072 for construction of the Sanson Water Treatment Plant.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the 2018/19 Water Treatment capital budget loan be increased by \$682,748 (excl. GST) to enable the completion of the Sanson Water Treatment Plant in the 2018/19 financial year.**
- 2. That Contract MC1072 for the Sanson Water Treatment Plant be awarded to Max Tarr Industrial Ltd. for the sum of One Million, Fifty Two Thousand and Sixty One Dollars excluding GST (\$1,052,061 excl GST).**
- 3. That the Council notes the current budget for the 2018/19 financial year is \$417,252 (excl. GST) and the revised total project forecast for the remainder of the Sanson Water Treatment Plant is \$1,100,000 which includes a 15% contingency and project management costs.**

Moved by: Councillor Howard Voss

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Bielski

CARRIED

MDC 18/561 JUNE 2018 STORM DAMAGE FUNDING REQUEST

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure dated 30 August 2018 requesting approval for the expenditure required to cover the initial response and permanent reinstatement repairs to the roading network caused by damage from the severe weather event on 12 June 2018.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council approves additional expenditure of up to \$1,075,532 plus GST for roading emergency works.**
- 2. That the Council notes 59.4% of this cost, being up to \$638,837 plus GST, will be funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency and the remaining local share being 40.6%, up to \$436,695 plus GST, be part funded by way of a loan raised within the roading activity and an allocation of \$47,000 plus GST from the existing road maintenance budget.**

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Cameron

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CARRIED

Councillor Stuart Campbell recorded his vote against the motion.

MDC 18/562 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 18/563 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) Minutes Other Committees – for information

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 recommendations from Audit and Risk Committee re Insurance Loss Modelling	Section 7(2)(c)(i) – Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	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) Minutes from Other Committees – Audit and Risk Committee 7 September 2018	Section 7(2)(b)(ii) - protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	As above

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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 Shane Casey

CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.58am and resumed open session at 12.02pm. For items MDC 18/564 to MDC 18/567 refer to public excluded minutes.

MDC 18/568 MEETING CLOSURE

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.02pm

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record:

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE