

MINUTES	MEETING	TIME
COUNCIL	THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2019	8.30AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 21 February 2019, 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)
	Frances Smorti	(General Manager – People and Culture)
	Shayne Harris	(General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory)
	Brent Limmer	(General Manager – Community and Strategy)
	Hamish Waugh	(General Manager – Infrastructure)
	Colleen Morris	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Rebecca Bell	(Strategy Manager)
	Janine Hawthorn	(Community Development Adviser)
	Paul Stein	(Communications Manager)
	Stacey Bell	(Economic Development Adviser)
	Mat Bayliss	(Community Facilities Manager)
	Rachelle Johnston	(Principal Planner)
	Danielle Balmer	(Communications Adviser)
	Georgia Etheridge	(Digitisation Officer)
	Lorraine Thompson	(Executive Assistant - Chief Executive)
	Allie Dunn	(Governance Team Leader)

MDC 19/652 MEETING OPENING

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

MDC 19/653 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 19/654 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED

That leave of absence be granted as follows:

Councillor Shane Casey – 15 to 22 April 2019

Councillor Steve Bielski – 26 April to 3 May 2019

Her Worship the Mayor - 25 May to 3 June 2019

Councillor Stuart Campbell – 7 to 14 June 2019

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Moved by: Councillor Howard Voss

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

MDC 19/655 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 20 December 2018 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

MDC 19/656 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hilary Humphrey – Public Forum Feilding Tennis Courts

MDC 19/657 PUBLIC FORUM - FEILDING TENNIS COURTS

Greg Backhouse and Deborah Backhouse spoke about the proposed sale of the Feilding Tennis Courts. Greg Backhouse outlined his view that sporting facilities were valuable to the community and felt that assets should not be sold to pay debt. They circulated a handout of evidence to support their case, including letters of support from the community. He noted there was a growing population in wider Manawatū and Feilding and believed that selling assets would not address that growth in the future. He spoke about the background to the tennis courts, noting it was one of the codes that ran all year round, with the courts being used all year round. He said they had looked into alternative venues but these were not feasible for the volume of games they play at the courts with its associated overflow effect, including hosting large tournaments that bring people into the district. The events they had day to day were business house, premier sports, ladies tennis, with the junior side of tennis growing. In summary they felt it was important to keep this piece of land, as it was a community asset which was important to the community as a wider entity. They advised they were willing to look into sharing the venue with other sports.

Following questions they were thanked for taking the time to speak during public forum.

MDC 19/658 PUBLIC FORUM - FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL CONDOR SEVENS

Terrence and Coby, team members of the Feilding High School Under 19 Boys Rugby Team, thanked the Council for providing financial support towards their team competing in the Condor Sevens tournament. They spoke about the benefits from playing rugby at a higher level and the opportunities for them to improve their game while representing their school and community. They spoke about the challenges from being tested against top teams such as Kelston Boys High School, and Te Puke High School. They noted that one of their team members now had a contract playing league in Australia. They were

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placed in the top 8 in New Zealand at the tournament. The Council thanked them for coming in and looked forward to seeing their achievements in the future.

MDC 19/659 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

MDC 19/660 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 19/661 RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE RE FUNDING APPLICATION FROM THE MANCHESTER STREET SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

Recommendation of the Community Funding Committee meeting held 12 February 2019 regarding an application for funding from the Manchester Street School Robotics Team who qualified for entry to the 2019 Vex Robotics World Championships being held in Louisville, Kentucky, USA from 27 to 30 April 2019.

RESOLVED

That the Manchester Street School Robotics Team be granted \$3,000 from the Community Development Fund towards their attendance at the 2019 Vex-IQ Robotics World Championships being held in Louisville, Kentucky, USA from 27 to 30 April 2019.

Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Cameron

CARRIED

MDC 19/662 RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RE SECOND QUARTER REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

Recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 9 November 2018 regarding the first quarter report to 30 September 2018. Questions for clarification were asked regarding the following items in the report:

- Outdoor pool renewals
- Parks and reserves walkways and reserve linkage
- Roading growth
- Subsidised bridge renewals
- Subsidised drainage renewals
- Stormwater growth in Feilding
- Software document management
- Change in accounting practices in reporting for Feilding Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Port Street completion date
- Desludging oxidation ponds variance
- Stormwater –unexpected expenditure for replacement pump
- Stormwater districtwide

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- Update on position of internal auditor

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the Second Quarter Report and the Capital Expenditure Report for the period ended 31 December 2018.

Moved by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Cameron

CARRIED

MDC 19/663 MINUTES OTHER COMMITTEES – FOR INFORMATION

The draft minutes of the Community Funding Committee meeting held 12 February 2019, Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held 12 February 2019 and the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 15 February 2019 were circulated for information.

Councillor Humphrey noted that the Community Funding Committee would be discussing the Representative Fund at its next meeting and considering whether to recommend to Council a reallocation of the grant funds set in the Long Term Plan.

Councillor Short reported that members of Te Roopu Waiata did an impromptu performance of their new Waiata “Hui E” at the meeting of Ngā Manu Tāiko in response to a request from committee members. Councillors asked that a performance of Hui E be made at a future Council meeting.

MDC 19/664 PROPOSED DISTRICT PLANNING FEES 2019-20

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 14 January 2019 presenting the statement of proposal on the review of District Planning service charges for 2019-20 to Council for adoption for public consultation.

RESOLVED

That the Council adopts the Statement of Proposal on the review of District Planning service charges for 2019-20 for public consultation in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss

CARRIED

MDC 19/665 PROPOSED FOOD ACT FEES 2019-20

Report of the General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory dated 14 January 2019 presenting the statement of proposal on the review of the Food Act fees and charges for 2019-20 to Council for adoption for public consultation.

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RESOLVED

That the Council adopts the Statement of Proposal on the review of the Food Act fees and charges for 2019-20 for public consultation under section 205 of the Food Act 2014.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss

CARRIED

MDC 19/666 COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 11 February 2019 presenting the Communications Strategy that will guide and provide direction for the way the Council conducts its communications both internally and externally with the Council’s stakeholders.

RESOLVED

That the Council endorses the Manawatū District Council Communications Strategy 2019.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss

CARRIED

MDC 19/667 MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 8 February 2019 presenting minutes from recent meetings of Community Committees for information.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the minutes of Community Committee meetings.

Moved by: Councillor Howard Voss

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

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MDC 19/668 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items for consideration.

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MDC 19/669 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) Notice of Requirement for Te Ahu a Tūranga – Manawatū Tararua Highway Appointment of Commissioners
- c) Appointment of Trustee to Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust

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 Appointment of Chairperson to Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust and Manfeild Park Land Purchase	Section 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons; and Section 7(2)(i) –Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); and 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.
b) Notice of Requirement for Te Ahu a Tūranga – Manawatū Tararua Highway Appointment of Commissioners	Section 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;	As above
c) Appointment of Trustee to Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust	As above	As above

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.

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Moved by: Councillor Howard Voss

Seconded by: Councillor Barbara Cameron

CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded at 10.01am. For items MDC 19/670 to MDC 19/674 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 10.16am.

MDC 19/675 RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMED IN OPEN SESSION

The following public excluded resolutions were confirmed in open session:

MDC 18/648 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON TO AWAHURI FOREST-KITCHENER PARK TRUST

RESOLVED

That the Council re-appoints Geoff Lovegrove as Trustee and Chairperson to the Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust, commencing 16 January and expiring 31 March 2019.

MDC 19/672 NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR TE AHU A TURANGA – MANAWATU TARARUA HIGHWAY APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLVED

1. **That with regard to the Council resolutions made on 26 November 2018, tikanga Māori experts Miria Pomare and Rawiri Faulkner be added to the existing list of Commissioners appointed for the Notice of Requirement for Te Ahu a Tūranga – Manawatū Tararua Highway.**
2. **That in the event that any Commissioner formally assigned to a Hearings Panel for the Notice of Requirement for Te Ahu a Tūranga – Manawatū Tararua Highway becomes unavailable and a replacement within the same expert area is also unavailable (i) if the hearing has not commenced, the Hearings Panel may continue without the unavailable Commissioner or an alternative Commissioner with a different expert area may be assigned, and (ii) if the hearing has commenced, the Hearings Panel may continue without the unavailable Commissioner.**

MDC 19/676 MEETING CLOSURE

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.17am.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record:

CHAIRPERSON

DATE