

MINUTES	MEETING	TIME
COUNCIL	THURSDAY 23 JULY 2020	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 23 July 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 Michael Ford
 Cr Heather Gee-Taylor
 Cr Grant Hadfield
 Cr Hilary Humphrey
 Cr Phil Marsh
 Cr Andrew Quarrie
 Cr Alison Short

IN ATTENDANCE:

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)
 Michael Hawker (Project Delivery Manager)
 Ben Caldwell (Communications Officer)
 Mathew Bayliss (Community Facilities Manager)
 Brittney Evans (Corporate Projects Adviser)
 Karel Boakes (Regulatory Manager)
 Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)
 Steph Skinner (Governance Officer)

MDC 20/325 MEETING OPENING

Major Wayne Jellyman, of the Salvation Army Church, opened the meeting in prayer.

Her Worship the Mayor noted the sad passing of former Councillor Arthur George Billett, elected member from 1995 to 1998, who passed away recently aged 90. The Council expressed their sympathies to his family.

MDC 20/326 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Councillor Steve Bielski for lateness, and Councillor Shane Casey for early departure, be approved.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Marsh

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MDC 20/327 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED

That Councillor Shane Casey be granted leave of absence from 10 to 13 August 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

MDC 20/328 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 2 July 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

MDC 20/329 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dr Richard Templer – public excluded item “Recommendation from Chief Executive’s Employment Committee”.

MDC 20/330 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 20/331 PRESENTATION - TE AWA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Clive Pedley, Andrew McLean and Owen Greig spoke to Council about Te Awa Community Foundation, giving a presentation that outlined the background to the foundation, a charitable trust established to receive gifts in wills and donations to be invested for the lasting benefit of community organisations and causes. They noted the foundation was part of a national body supporting New Zealand’s growing network of Community Foundations. The foundation covered the entire Horizons region, which included seven districts. They highlighted recent progress by Te Awa Community Foundation.

Councillor Steve Bielski joined the meeting at 8.41am.

They talked about the opportunity for the Manawatū District to co-sign the in-principle Joint Agreement with other Councils in the region, to establish a District Committee that would provide guidance to the foundation on where the funding needs in the community were, establish a Te Awa Manawatū sub-brand, and establish a Manawatū District Fund to provide an opportunity for local donors to support local causes in perpetuity.

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It was noted that the Council would have further discussions on the proposal and report back to the Foundation on the outcome of those discussions.

MDC 20/332 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 20/333 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 20/334 MINUTES OTHER COMMITTEES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no minutes from other committees for information.

MDC 20/335 PREPARATIONS FOR HOUSING STRATEGY – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 25 June 2020 providing initial background information on legislation, common terms and definitions, and an overview of Housing in New Zealand prior to the commencement of the Housing Strategy Development project. The report also sought consideration of the scope of the Housing Strategy.

The Project Delivery Manager shared a diagram illustrating the Housing Continuum under the headings of Social, Affordable and Market, for Council discussion on where on the continuum the Council wished to place its focus for development of the Housing Strategy.

It was noted that one of the steps would be a Manawatū Housing Stocktake report to inform Council's focus on the spectrum. It was asked that consideration be given to including the wider Manawatū Region within that report.

Clarification was also sought on whether the development of the strategy should to continue to be worked through by the Community Development Committee, and reported to Council, or whether because of the widened scope that it be brought directly through Council. It was agreed the strategy would be brought directly to Council.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the report.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

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That the Council agrees to consider the total housing continuum as part of the Housing Strategy.

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Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Short

CARRIED

Councillors Michael Ford and Heather Gee-Taylor recorded their votes against the resolution

RESOLVED

That the Council notes that this was a broader scope than that identified in the Community Development Strategy.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Council notes that the first step in the development of the strategy would be preparation of a Manawatū district housing stocktake.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey

CARRIED

MDC 20/336 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND AGM REMITS

Report of the Chief Executive dated 24 June 2020 seeking Council's position on the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2020 remits. An additional proposal from Local Government New Zealand was circulated, that outlined a proposal to amend the rules to reduce the term limit on the office of the President from three terms to two term.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- 1. Supports the remit on public transport support.**
- 2. Does not Support the remit on housing affordability.**
- 3. Supports the remit on returning GST on rates for Councils to spend on infrastructure.**
- 4. Supports the remit on natural hazards and climate change adaptation.**
- 5. Does not Support the remit on annual regional balance of transfers.**
- 6. Supports the remit on Local Government electoral cycle.**

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7. Does not Support the remit on water bottling.
8. Supports the remit on quorum when attending local authority meetings.
9. Supports the remit on use of macrons by local authorities.
10. Supports the remit on rates rebates for low income property owners.
11. Does not Support the remit on Local Government's CO2 emissions.
12. Supports the proposed rule change to reduce the term limit on the office of the President from three terms to two terms.

Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

CARRIED

MDC 20/337 MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 10 July 2020 presenting minutes from recent meetings of Community Committees for information.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives the minutes of the Community Committees' meetings.

Moved by: Councillor Phil Marsh

Seconded by: Councillor Grant Hadfield

CARRIED

MDC 20/338 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 20/339 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

- a) Recommendation from Chief Executive's Employment Committee

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:

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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
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a) Recommendation from Chief Executive's Employment Committee meeting	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.
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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: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10:11am. For items MDC 20/340 to MDC 20/342 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 10:19am.

MDC 20/343 RESOLUTION CONFIRMED IN OPEN SESSION

The following public excluded resolution was confirmed in open session:

MDC 20/341 RECOMMENDATION FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE RE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR SECOND TERM

That the Council appoints the Chief Executive for a second term under Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 7 Clause 34 subclause (5)(a), for a term not exceeding two years, as from 9 May 2021.

This appointment to be made under the same terms and conditions as the current Chief Executive's Employment Contract.

MDC 20/344 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10:20am.