



Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 29 January 2020 commencing at 1.03pm.

## **1. Present**

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), A K Franklin, S A Hull, C J Isaacson, P A Johns, K A Sutherland, R A Treder and S M Wards.

### **In Attendance**

Mr B King	- Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	- Governance Manager
Mr R Suppiah	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr C McKay	- Finance Manager
Mr M Thomas	- Strategy and Policy Adviser
Mrs S Walshe	- Senior Financial Accountant
Mr M Maxwell	- Economic Development and Communications Manager
Mr D Le Mar	- Financial Accountant
Ms A Yonge	- Programme and Projects Manager
Mr D Watson	- Group Manager Plant and Property
Mr P Wimsett	- Manager Strategy and District Development
Mr M Alben	- Projects Manager
Mr H Featonby	- Alliance Asset Manager
Ms E Roberts	- Revenue Manager
Mr C Lunn	- Manager Regulatory Services

## **2. Council Prayer**

2.1 The Mayor opened the meeting with the Council Prayer.

## **3. Apologies**

3.1 Nil

## **4. Public Forum**

4.1 Nil

**5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

5.1 Nil

**6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

6.1 Nil

**7. Personal Matters**

7.1 Condolences are conveyed to Cr Isaacson on the passing of her brother.

7.2 Congratulations are conveyed to Abby Treder on being selected for the Manawatu under 15 girls cricket team, and having her leadership and ability recognised again in being named as their captain.

7.3 Correspondence has been received from Mary Thurston (New Zealand Embassy Warsaw Ambassador) conveying thanks for the Mayor's letter and book sent telling the story of the Pahiatua children in English.

**8. Confirmation of Minutes**

8.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 December 2019 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Crs Wards/Hull*

*Carried*

**9. Any Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise dealt with in the Agenda**

9.1 Nil

**10. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports**

**10.1 Dannevirke Community Board**

10.1.1 *That the report of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 2 December 2019 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Isaacson/Johns*

*Carried*

**10.2 Eketahuna Community Board**

10.2.1 *That the report of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 9 December 2019 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Sutherland/Franklin*

*Carried*

10.2.2 **Eketahuna Our Town Committee**

10.2.2.1 Eketahuna Our Town Committee is congratulated on the new flag trax system they installed in the town centre.

10.3 **Woodville Districts' Vision**

10.3.1 *That the report of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 3 December 2019 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Hull/Johns*

*Carried*

10.4 **Pahiatua On Track**

10.4.1 *That the report of the Pahiatua On Track meeting held on 4 December 2019 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Franklin/Treder*

*Carried*

**11. Reports**

11.1 **Woodville In Focus Incorporated Proposed Sport and Recreation Hub Project**

11.1.1 The Strategy and Policy Adviser outlined new information received since his report was circulated which gave further background about the Woodville Recreation Reserve Grounds and tennis courts land history.

11.1.2 Archives Central found a gazette notice from 1877 indicating the land area was originally designated for the purpose of a gravel pit, and this may mean it is a local purpose reserve.

11.1.3 In 1885 the land designation changed through a gazette notice by the New Zealand Governor to an endowment in aid of Town Board funds.

11.1.4 The tennis courts land was owned by Woodville Borough Council, and in 1922 they agreed with a community group to partly fund building the courts.

11.1.5 In 1928 the land was handed over to a tennis club for a considerable rental, and there is no mention of the land ever having been designated as reserve land.

11.1.6 Further research and advice is required to find more information about these matters to clarify the legal position regarding this land, and it reinforces the need to carry out a Reserves Act process relative to considering any future plans for a development of the type proposed by Woodville In Focus Incorporated.

11.1.7 *That the report from the Strategy and Policy Adviser dated 22 January 2020 concerning the Woodville In Focus Incorporated proposed Sport and Recreation Hub project at Woodville Recreation Reserve Grounds (as circulated) be received, and*

***That Council support Woodville Districts' Vision in liaison with Woodville In Focus Incorporated undertaking further investigation to progress the concept to develop a Sport and Recreation Hub on the Woodville Recreation Reserve Grounds, noting further information is necessary before a decision can be made on this matter, and***

***That with regard to the level of detail required to plan for this project and the long-term needs for future recreational facilities development in the district Woodville Districts' Vision and Woodville In Focus Incorporated be advised to progress that proposal the following information is required:***

- ***An assessment is carried out on the future demand for community recreation land, including consultation and input from the sporting clubs and Woodville Districts' Vision as the Community Committee recognised by Council to assist in the facilitation of such dialogue in Woodville.***
- ***A business case is prepared that details the costs of development, the funding sources and future maintenance and renewal costs.***
- ***The agreement of Woodville Recreation Trust is obtained on the proposed use of the Woodville Recreation Reserve Grounds that surround the old rugby clubrooms occupied by them as situated on this land.***
- ***Council would need to consider the development of a Reserves Management Plan that follows the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977, and***

***That Council note the development of a Reserves Management Plan to use the Woodville Recreation Reserve Grounds land as proposed for the location of a Sport and Recreation Hub is not a project currently included in existing works programmes, and any such work should also include all other reserves land in Woodville and the existing tennis courts, and***

***That the project proposed to work jointly with Woodville Districts' Vision in conjunction with Woodville In Focus Incorporated is best considered through the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan process, and they be asked to make further background information available as outlined above to assist Council to consider their proposal and planning for the future needs in developing recreational facilities within the district.***

***Crs Hull/Sutherland***

***Carried***

11.1.8 Cr Johns requested his dissenting vote be noted regarding the decision concerning this item of business.

## 11.2 **Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region**

11.2.1 ***That the report from the Governance Manager dated 22 January 2020 concerning the Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region (as circulated) be received, and***

*That the Mayor is authorised to sign this document on the Council’s behalf to confirm its acceptance of the draft Triennial Agreement dated March 2020.*

*Crs Johns/Wards*

*Carried*

**11.3 Policy on Elected Members Allowances and the Recovery of Expenses**

**11.3.1** *That the report from the Governance Manager dated 22 January 2020 concerning the policy on elected members allowances and the recovery of expenses (as circulated) be received, and*

*That the draft policy attached to this report which amends the existing policy to include the option of paying an allowance to a Councillor towards childcare expenses incurred while the member is engaged on local authority business be approved, and*

*That the basis of this provision is in accordance with the direction provided by the Remuneration Authority as detailed in its gazetted determination for the payment of local government elected members remuneration and allowances, and*

*That item 8 of the expenses section of the policy be amended to read as follows:*

*“The Council shall extend to the partners of the Council’s and Community Board’s accredited representatives at the New Zealand Local Government Conference and the Community Boards National Conference an invitation to this event, and the associated costs shall be paid by the Council except for any airfares involved”.*

*Crs Johns/Hull*

*Carried*

**11.4 Road Closures Requested Under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974**

**11.4.1** *That the report from the Alliance Asset Manager dated 22 January 2020 concerning a road closures application under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 (as circulated) be received, and*

*That pursuant to Section 342 (1) (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, Council closes the following roads for the purpose of allowing Dannevirke Car Club to hold a motorsport event.*

*Road name: Pahaheke Road*

*Date of closure: Saturday 22 February 2020*

*Period of closure: 9.00am to 5.00pm*

*Road name: Waituna Road*

*Date of closure: Saturday 22 February 2020*

*Period of closure: 9.00am to 5.00pm*

**Conditions Applied to the Granting of these Road Closures**

- 1. That Tararua Alliance in conjunction with the organiser will assess shortly prior to this event the condition of the roads involved to determine their suitability for this purpose.**
- 2. That if Tararua Alliance identify any road or roads as being in an unsuitable condition arising from this assessment then they have the discretion to request the organiser to withdraw such road from the route of this event.**
- 3. That shortly after the event has been held Tararua Alliance shall carry out a drive over of the roads that were closed for this event to assess their condition.**

**Advisory Note**

**That should Council incur any additional maintenance costs as a consequence of the event then those expenses shall be recovered from the event organiser.**

**Crs Johns/Sutherland**

**Carried**

**11.5 Road Closure Requested Under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974**

**11.5.1 That the report from the Alliance Asset Manager dated 22 January 2020 concerning a road closure application under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 (as circulated) be received, and**

**That pursuant to Section 342 (1) (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, Council closes the following road for the purpose of allowing Bush Cycle Tour to hold a cycle sports event.**

**Road name: Kohinui Road**

**Date of closure: Saturday 14 March 2020**

**Period of closure: 9.00am to 2.00pm**

**Conditions Applied to the Granting of this Road Closure**

- 1. That Tararua Alliance in conjunction with the organiser will assess shortly prior to this event the condition of the road involved to determine its suitability for this purpose.**
- 2. That if Tararua Alliance identify the road as being in an unsuitable condition arising from this assessment then they have the discretion to request the organiser to withdraw the road from the route of this event.**
- 3. That shortly after the event has been held Tararua Alliance shall carry out a drive over of the road that was closed for this event to assess its condition.**

**Advisory Note**

**That should Council incur any additional maintenance costs as a consequence of the event then those expenses shall be recovered from the event organiser.**

**Crs Treder/Peeti-Webber**

**Carried**

11.5.2 It is noted the requirement in the road closures application form for applicants to have insurance cover with regard to fundraising community events may need to be reviewed in the future.

## 11.6 **Staff Report**

### 11.6.1 **Pahiatua Dissolved Air Flotation Plant**

11.6.1.1 The pilot Pahiatua dissolved air flotation plant at the wastewater treatment plant is producing very good results, with a large increase in sludge removal from the system.

11.6.1.2 This is good news in the treatment process, and presently extra tank storage is being set up to accumulate sludge prior to transportation to Dannevirke wastewater treatment plant.

### 11.6.2 **Dannevirke Transfer Station**

11.6.2.1 Staff are having ongoing discussions working with Smart Environmental's Area Manager regarding the untidiness and condition of Dannevirke transfer station, and the need to remedy that situation.

11.6.2.2 Council will need to review through the Long Term Plan process the level of service it provides regarding the type of items it accepts for recycling, particularly some plastics where there is no longer any market and many councils do not accept them for recycling.

### 11.6.3 **Tararua Aquatic Community Trust**

11.6.3.1 Congratulations are conveyed to the trustees of the Tararua Aquatic Community Trust on increasing their turnover and achieving a positive operating position, and making improvements to the delivery of services.

### 11.6.4 **Woodville Tree Sculpture**

11.6.4.1 It is pleasing to note Tom Dodd (Site Engineer) has started working with the Woodville community to assess options for resurfacing the tree sculpture to ensure it will last well into the future, and thanks are conveyed for the assistance he is providing to determine suitable options to address that matter.

11.6.5 ***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 22 January 2020 concerning an update on key projects and items of interest to the Council (as circulated) be received.***

***Crs Wards/Johns***

***Carried***

## 12. Portfolio Reports

### 12.1 Tararua Health and Wellbeing Group

12.1.1 Cr Franklin reported the Age on the Go Tararua Expo will be held on 23 April 2020, and funding is being sought to assist cover the costs of around \$10,000 to arrange that event.

### 12.2 Pahiatua Main Street Upgrade Project

12.2.1 Cr Hull reported Pahiatua Main Street upgrade project is progressing, and following the Christmas/New Year break work on-site recommenced on 6 January 2020 and is moving towards stage 3 which is where the majority of the commercial activity occurs.

### 12.3 Events and Meetings

12.3.1 The Mayor and Councillors reported on the following official events and meetings they had attended:

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| Cr Peeti-Webber<br>Deputy Mayor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting with Labour Party ministers at Brackenridge in Martinborough (also attended by the Mayor)</li></ul>  |
| Cr Sutherland                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forestry portfolio meeting (also attended by the Mayor and Cr Johns)</li></ul>   |
| Cr Treder                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting with Alfredton School principal and Eketahuna Community Board chairperson</li><li>• Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway walk (also attended by the Mayor and Cr Hull)</li><li>• Tararua College powhiri to welcome new students and families (also attended by the Mayor)</li></ul> |
| Cr Johns                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting with Economic Development and Communications Manager and club captains regarding the inaugural Tararua golf open tournament</li></ul>  |
| Cr Wards                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Akitio Beach Community and Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting (also attended by the Mayor)</li><li>• Pongaroa Rural Water Supply Incorporated meeting</li><li>• Meeting with staff regarding Strategy and Policy Committee arrangements</li></ul>                                       |

Cr Isaacson

- New Zealand Show jumping Championships at Dannevirke A and P showgrounds (also attended by the Mayor)

### **13. Mayoral Matters**

#### **13.1 Land of Ranges**

13.1.1 The Mayor acknowledged the gift from Arapera Paewai and Cherry Peeti of the following whakatauki for Council's use:

“Let the winds of the Ruahine and Tararua give you strength and may the waters of the Manawatu nourish you, for we are pounamu of Te Tapere nui o Whatonga”.

13.1.2 These are powerful words and ones it is hoped people can draw strength from, and recognise the significance of Te Apiti - the Manawatu Gorge, its history and spirit as a special place that lies between the district's maunga the Ruahine and Tararua ranges.

13.1.3 The Mayor spoke on 2020 as a significant year for the district with the start of the new Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatu Tararua Highway, and the district's identity being recognised in that name.

13.1.4 The Mayor conveyed her thoughts on 2020 being a year of growth throughout the district for its population and businesses, and this leading into the health and prosperity of the people and their communities and the creation of strength in unity.

### **14. Items Not on the Agenda**

14.1 Nil

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2.55pm.

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