



Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 31 March 2021 commencing at 1.00pm.

## 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, K A Sutherland, R A Treder and S M Wards.

### In Attendance

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	- Manager - Democracy Services
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager - Corporate
Mr C Chapman	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Mr M Thomas	- Strategy and Policy Adviser
Ms T Love	- Group Manager - Operations
Mr P Wimsett	- Manager Strategy and Climate Change
Ms E Roberts	- Revenue Manager
Mr M Maxwell	- Group Manager - Economic and Community Development
Mr C Lunn	- Manager Regulatory Services
Ms V Tomlinson	- Woodville Districts' Vision Chairperson

## 2. Council Prayer

- 2.1 The Mayor opened the meeting with a Karakia/Council Prayer, and acknowledged the passing of Gwen Fairbrother QSM (who made a significant contribution to the Dannevirke community and its wellbeing).

## 3. Apologies

- 3.1 *That an apology be sustained from Cr Peter Johns for non-attendance at the meeting.*

*Mayor Collis/Cr Sutherland*

*Carried*

## 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 Nil

**8. Confirmation of Minutes**

8.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Crs Sutherland/Treder*

*Carried*

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

9.1 **Banks Phasing Out Cheques and Banking Services** (Item 11.3.4)

9.1.1 The impact on communities of bank closures and reduced trading hours is a significant concern that Mayors from rural and provincial councils continue to pursue with Government.

9.1.2 The outcome of the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce survey on that matter is awaited relative to businesses in the district sharing challenges they are experiencing as a result of this situation in the district.

**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 1 March 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Wards/Franklin*

*Carried*

10.2 **Eketāhuna Community Board**

10.2.1 *That the report of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 8 March 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Wards/Franklin*

*Carried*

10.3 **Pahiatua On Track**

10.3.1 *That the report of the Pahiatua On Track meeting held on 3 March 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Wards/Franklin*

*Carried*

## 10.4 Woodville Districts' Vision

10.4.1 ***That the report of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 2 March 2021 (as circulated) be received.***

*Crs Wards/Franklin*

*Carried*

## 10.4.2 Strengthening Communities

10.4.2.1 Woodville Districts' Vision Chairperson Vicky Tomlinson spoke on the focus and approach of the work being undertaken by the community committee to promote and enhance Woodville.

10.4.2.2 Vicky Tomlinson emphasised how community groups are struggling, and the need to ensure there is positive momentum underpinning them through support and encouragement from Council to assist them in working together to achieve their objectives and make communities stronger.

10.4.2.3 Group Manager - Economic and Community Development Mark Maxwell and Mayor Tracey Collis spoke on the proposed direction of Council included in the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan to support community development. This is intended to facilitate assistance to voluntary community groups to help empower and strengthen them.

10.4.2.4 Vicky Tomlinson informed Council Woodville's slogan competition opens tomorrow to brand and provide an identity for the town.

## 11. Reports

### 11.1 Resource Management Reform

11.1.1 ***That the report from the Manager Regulatory Services dated 23 March 2021 concerning resource management reform (as circulated) be received, and***

***That Council note the intention of Government to undertake the reform of the resource management system through introducing three new laws in the form of the Natural and Built Environments Act, the Strategic Planning Act and the Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaption Act, and***

***That given the likely significant impacts arising from this legislation the Council consider making a submission on this matter when the proposed bills are passed by Parliament and open for consultation.***

*Crs Wards/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

### 11.2 Road Closures Requested Under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974

11.2.1 ***That the report from the Alliance Director dated 23 March 2021 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 Eketāhuna Community Board to hold an Anzac Day parade event.***

***Road name: Haswell Street***

***Date of closure: Sunday 25 April 2021***

***Period of closure: 10.40am to 10.45am***

***Road name: Main Street (State Highway 2)***

***Date of closure: Sunday 25 April 2021***

***Period of closure: 10.45am to 10.50am***

***Road name: Jones Street***

***Date of closure: Sunday 25 April 2021***

***Period of closure: 10.50am to 11.30am***

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

***Crs Hull/Franklin***

***Carried***

**11.3 Staff Report**

**11.3.1 Waihi Valley Road Safety Improvements**

11.3.1.1 Group Manager - Infrastructure Chris Chapman will seek an update on progress to complete Waihi Valley Road safety improvements seal extension work.

**11.3.2 Swimming Pools**

11.3.2.1 Manager Strategy and Climate Change Peter Wimsett is requested to include numbers using the Tararua Aquatic Community Trust heated indoor swimming pool in future staff reports.

**11.3.3 Consents**

11.3.3.1 Tararua IT Alliance is working on providing a breakdown of resource and building consents granted by Council for each town in the district.

#### 11.3.4 **Pahiatua Town Centre Upgrade**

11.3.4.1 A town board is to be placed in Main Street to acknowledge contributions made by those giving sponsorship as part of the Pahiatua town centre upgrade project.

#### 11.3.5 **Acknowledgements**

11.3.5.1 Thanks are conveyed to Stephen Dunn for his service and contribution to the Council through leading emergency management in the district over the last two years plus, with best wishes extended for his new position at Horizons Regional Council as its Emergency Management Coordinator-Resilience.

11.3.5.2 Thanks are conveyed to Maria Brensell for her service and contribution to the Council as its Committee Secretary over the past two years plus, with best wishes extended for her new position at Arohanui Hospice as Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive.

11.3.5.3 Thanks are conveyed to Sue Emeny for reporting on Council and Dannevirke Community Board meetings in her role as Hawke's Bay Today Dannevirke News reporter, with best wishes extended for her retirement and future plans.

11.3.6 ***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 24 March 2021 concerning an update on key projects and items of interest to the Council (as circulated) be received.***

*Crs Isaacson/Treder*

*Carried*

### **12. Local Government New Zealand Conference**

12.1 ***That the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), R A Treder and S M Wards be registered as the Council's delegates to attend the annual Local Government New Zealand conference held in Blenheim from 15 to 17 July 2021.***

*Crs Hull/Sutherland*

*Carried*

### **13. Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting**

13.1 ***That the Council, being a member of Local Government New Zealand, appoint the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis as the presiding delegate to vote on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand held on the seventeenth day of July 2021 and at any adjournment thereof, and***

***That the Deputy Mayor - Cr E L Peeti-Webber be appointed as the alternative delegate to vote on the Council's behalf in the absence of the Mayor.***

*Crs Hull/Wards*

*Carried*

## **14. Portfolio Reports**

### **14.1 Covi Motorhome and Caravan Super Show**

14.1.1 Cr Shirley Hull reported on the Covi Motorhome and Caravan Super Show she attended in Auckland to support staff from economic and community development to promote and market the district.

### **14.2 Mayor and Councillors Report**

14.2.1 A copy of the Mayor and Councillors March report is tabled, and the information set out in that document is circulated for reference as an attachment to the agenda relating to these minutes.

14.2.2 Matters included in the Mayor and Councillors report are as follows:

- District tour
- Dannevirke Fire Brigade 25 year Gold Star presentations
- Tararua District Lindauer Art Exhibition and launch of Tararua District book through the lens of our people
- New Zealand Rural Games and success of Stephanie McNair as winner of the New Zealand Sportsperson of the Year category and New Zealand Rural Sports Supreme Award
- Central Districts Field Days
- Tribute to Gwen Fairbrother QSM
- Celebrating success and achievements in the district of Hawke's Bay/Wairarapa Sharefarmer of the Year Award winner (Manaj Kumar and Summit Kamboj) and presentation of St John service awards and honours to volunteers
- Events attended by the Mayor
- Letters of support, condolences and visits
- Councillors portfolio reports

14.3 The meeting adjourned at 2.34pm, and resumed at 2.44pm.

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

15.1 Nil

## **16. Public Excluded Item of Business**

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

***Write-off of rates and penalties for properties classified as rating sales***

**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 follows.**

<b>General subject matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Write-off of rates and penalties for properties classified as rating sales</b>	<b>To protect the privacy of natural persons</b>	<b>Section (1)(a)(i)</b>

**This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:**

**s7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.**

**Crs Sutherland/Hull**

**Carried**

16.2

**That the report from the Revenue Manager dated 24 March 2021 concerning the write-off of rates and penalties for properties classified as rating sales (as circulated) be received and progress made is noted, and**

**That the remaining rates and penalties owing for the rating sales rating units successfully sold as outlined in this report be written-off by Council.**

**Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber**

**Carried**

16.3

**That open meeting be resumed.**

**Crs Hull/Sutherland**

**Carried**

16.4

**That the decision taken with the public excluded be confirmed in open meeting.**

**Crs Hull/Sutherland**

**Carried**

## **17. Mayoral Matters**

### **17.1 Anzac Day**

- 17.1.1 Arrangements were determined for the Mayor and Councillors attendance at various Anzac Day community services throughout the district.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

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Mayor