



Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 27 October 2021 commencing at 1.00pm.

1. Present

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs 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 Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	- Manager - Democracy Services
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager - Corporate
Mr C Chapman	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Ms T Love	- Group Manager - Operations
Mr P Wimsett	- Manager Strategy and Climate Change
Mr M Thomas	- Strategic Policy Adviser
Mr D Watson	- Manager - Special Projects

2. Council Prayer

- 2.1 Mayor Tracey Collis opened the meeting with a Council Prayer.

3. Apologies

- 3.1 *That an apology be sustained from Deputy Mayor Cr Erana Peeti-Webber for non-attendance at the meeting.*

Mayor Collis/Cr Isaacson

Carried

4. Public Forum

- 4.1 Nil

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

- 5.1 An open letter to the Minister of Transport seeking further investment in public transport will be discussed at today's meeting as an item through mayoral matters.

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 29 September 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Crs Hull/Johns

Carried

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

9.1 **Proposed Dog Park Exercise Area at Rotary Park in Pahiatua** (Item 10.1.2)

9.1.1 Ben Luders shall be making a presentation to Explore Pahiatua regarding the proposal to provide a dog park exercise area at Rotary Park funded from private sponsorship.

9.2 **Three Waters Reform** (Item 11.3)

9.2.1 Extreme disappointment and despondency is expressed regarding Minister of Local Government Nanaia Mahuta's announcement this morning that Government's proposed Three Waters Reform programme will be legislated to become mandatory effective from 1 July 2024, thereby creating a new four-entity structure to manage all Three Waters services across New Zealand.

9.2.2 The approach taken by Government in forcing councils and communities to accept this reform without having a conversation on that significant decision was referred to as a black day for democracy in this country. By removing that opportunity it ignored the widespread concern and questions raised regarding this matter, with the feedback not being listened to by Government when it determined its intentions for funding and delivering this essential community infrastructure to provide these services.

10. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports

10.1 **Woodville Districts' Vision**

10.1.1 *That the reports of the Woodville Districts' Vision meetings held on 5 October 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Crs Sutherland/Franklin

Carried

10.2 Pahiatua On Track/Explore Pahiatua

10.2.1 *That the reports of the Pahiatua On Track/Explore Pahiatua meetings held on 6 October 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Crs Sutherland/Franklin

Carried

10.2.2 Name Change

10.2.2.1 The new name of Explore Pahiatua is noted regarding the identity and profile it represents in the community relative to the objectives and plans of the incorporated society community committee formerly known as Pahiatua On Track.

10.2.3 Main Street Upgrade

10.2.3.1 Mayor Tracey Collis has contacted Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency regarding the traffic counter placed in the centre island of Pahiatua, and is waiting to receive a response from them regarding that matter.

10.3 Dannevirke Community Board

10.3.1 *That the report of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 4 October 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Crs Sutherland/Franklin

Carried

10.3.2 Dannevirke Market Day

10.3.2.1 Dannevirke Community Board is congratulated and commended on arranging a very successful market day held in High Street on 22 October 2021 (being the Friday prior to the public holiday for Labour Day).

10.3.3 Carnegie Centre

10.3.3.1 An update is requested on intentions regarding options to proceed with Council's decision to demolish the Carnegie Centre and preserve the façade to acknowledge this building's heritage significance.

10.4 Eketāhuna Community Board

10.4.1 *That the report of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 11 October 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Crs Sutherland/Franklin

Carried

10.4.2 Parking on Alfredton Road

- 10.4.2.1 The concerns raised regarding this matter will be referred for discussion at the November Works Liaison Committee workshop briefing session, including the correspondence received from the Eketāhuna School principal and Board of Trustees.
- 10.4.2.2 It is noted Eketāhuna Community Board Deputy Chairperson Steen McGhie raised this subject at the recent Tararua District Road Safety Group meeting.
- 10.4.2.3 As this matter falls within the national speed management review Tararua Alliance Asset Manager Hamish Featonby will start talking to schools about their requirements before Christmas this year.

11. Reports

11.1 Housing Strategy 2021 Proposed Process for Conclusion

- 11.1.1 *That the report from the Manager Strategy and Climate Change dated 20 October 2021 concerning the Housing Strategy 2021 proposed process for conclusion (as circulated) be received, and*

That Council agree the following process be followed to develop a Housing Strategy for the district:

- a. Council considers a draft Housing Strategy at the Strategy and Policy Committee workshop on 10 November 2021.*
- b. Make any changes based on the above discussion and aim to present a draft for adoption at the Council meeting held on 24 November 2021.*
- c. Combine consultation with the District Strategy process or Annual Plan 2022/2023 process, whichever is the best solution.*
- d. Adjust the Housing Strategy to reflect the District Strategy, should that be necessary.*
- e. Ensure finalised Housing Strategy actions are confirmed where necessary in the Annual Plan (or Long Term Plan) process to reflect the resources actually possible in the short-term.*
- f. Undertake financial modelling for more pensioner units over the next few months, with a separate workshop discussion that leads to the 2022/2023 Annual Plan process.*

And that Council note progress has been made through to stage 2 of the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund for the potential development of two identified areas in Pahiatua South and the former Pahiatua Hillcrest School site for development of new housing and infrastructure investment.

Mayor Collis/Cr Wards

Carried

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

11.2.1 *That the report from the Alliance Asset Manager dated 20 October 2021 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 Dannevirke Car Club to hold a motorsport event.

Road name: Otaria Road, Dannevirke

Date of closure: Saturday 11 December 2021

Period of closure: 9.00am to 6.00pm

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

Crs Johns/Hull

Carried

11.2.2 Group Manager - Infrastructure Chris Chapman will ascertain if road closure applications advertised through the Bush Telegraph are also placed on Council's Facebook page as a further way of inviting any feedback from the community.

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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 the Rotary Club of Pahiatua to hold a market day and Christmas parade.

Road name: Main Street, Pahiatua

Date of closure: Saturday 4 December 2021

Period of closure: 3.00pm to 8.30pm

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.**
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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 Woodville Districts' Vision to hold a Christmas parade and Christmas festival event.

Road name: Vogel Street, Woodville

Date of closure: Saturday 11 December 2021

Period of closure: 11.30am to 12.30pm

Road name: Fergusson Street, Woodville

Date of closure: Saturday 11 December 2021

Period of closure: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Road names: Bowen, Ormond, Pollen and Ross Streets, Woodville

Date of closure: Saturday 11 December 2021

Period of closure: 7.00am to 3.00pm

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 the 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/Treder

Carried

11.5 Staff Report

11.5.1 Mangaone Valley Road

- 11.5.1.1 Mangaone Valley Road is now open to one lane light vehicles, with the intention to extend that capability to other vehicles as soon as practicable.

11.5.2 Dannevirke Water Supply

- 11.5.2.1 Initial repairs have been completed to the liner of the Dannevirke impounded water supply, with a further leak identified requiring attention to rectify the loss of water.

11.5.3 Covid-19

- 11.5.3.1 Tararua Alliance staff have been working with local iwi and arranged for a mobile vaccine centre to come to the Oringi business park over the coming weeks to assist with vaccinating staff for Covid-19.
- 11.5.3.2 Congratulations are conveyed to them on that initiative, noting that every effort needs to be made to encourage and coordinate arrangements to enable all members of the community to get vaccinated.
- 11.5.3.3 This is particularly important given Tararua District is at the bottom of MidCentral District Health Board statistics for vaccination rates in its area.
- 11.5.3.4 There is a need to provide pop up mobile vaccination clinics in outlying rural areas to vaccinate residents who may otherwise find it difficult to get to a medical centre during the week.

11.5.4 Tararua IT Alliance

- 11.5.4.1 Thanks are conveyed to outgoing Tararua IT Alliance staff Chris Whiley (Manager 21 years) and Jeremy Savell (Web Developer 20 years) for their service to Council, with best wishes conveyed to them for the future in pursuing their plans and goals.

11.5.5 DigitalSpaces - Tararua Digital Hub

- 11.5.5.1 DigitalSpaces has improved local business productivity with trainings that relate to all business types across the district.
- 11.5.5.2 Knowledge of DigitalSpaces is becoming more widespread through its digital presence and word of mouth, with more businesses coming into the site to request one on one help or attending different training sessions that suit them.
- 11.5.6 ***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 20 October 2021 concerning an update on key projects and items of interest to the Council (as circulated) be received.***

Crs Franklin/Treder

Carried

12. 2022/2023 Draft Annual Plan

- 12.1 ***That the following Council workshop briefing sessions dates be confirmed for the purpose of undertaking the development of the 2022/2023 Draft Annual Plan.***
- ***10 November at 1.00pm***
 - ***23 and 24 November at 9.00am***
 - ***8 December at 9.00am***
 - ***26 January at 9.00am***
 - ***22 and 23 February at 9.00am***
 - ***9 March at 1.00pm***

Crs Johns/Hull

Carried

13. Portfolio Reports

- 13.1 Nil

14. Mayoral Matters

- 14.1 **Open Letter on Public Transport**

- 14.1.1 ***That this Council support the open letter to the Minister of Transport circulated by Horizons Regional Council Whanganui Councillor Nicola Patrick highlighting the need for further investment in public transport, particularly in the regions.***

Crs Johns/Isaacson

Carried

14.2 **Armistice Day**

- 14.2.1 Mayor Tracey Collis confirmed the arrangements with Councillors to attend various Armistice Day community services throughout the district.

14.3 **Mayor and Councillors Report**

- 14.3.1 A copy of the Mayor and Councillors October report is tabled, and the information set out in that document is circulated as an attachment to the agenda relating to these minutes.

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

- Probus Day and celebration of Dannevirke Probus Club's 25th anniversary
- Covid-19 vaccination Super Saturday and Phone Bank
- The Great New Zealand Shake Out national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi
- Dannevirke market day
- Condolences on the passing of John Bray (the eldest war veteran in the district)
- White Ribbon 2021 November campaign on violence prevention
- Love Local Tararua and support of local eatery establishments for Council day lunches
- Wackrow Memorial Youth Award
- Ross Shield tournament
- Dannevirke Spring Festival and open day to visit nine beautiful gardens at various properties
- Cancellation of this year's 50th anniversary Pahiatua trout fishing carnival celebrations
- Letters of support, condolences and visits
- Events attended by the Mayor
- Councillors portfolio reports

15. **Items Not on the Agenda**

- 15.1 Refer to item 14.1 of these minutes.
- 15.2 The meeting adjourned at 2.25pm, and resumed at 2.42pm.

16. **Public Excluded Items of Business**

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

- ***Eketāhuna wastewater wetland land purchase***
- ***Civic honour nomination***

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.

<i>General subject matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under Section 48 (1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Eketāhuna wastewater wetland land purchase</i>	<i>To protect commercial and industrial negotiations</i>	<i>Section (1)(a)(i)</i>
<i>Civic honour nomination</i>	<i>To protect the privacy of natural persons</i>	<i>Section (1)(a)(i)</i>

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)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

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

Crs Franklin/Sutherland

Carried

16.4 *That open meeting be resumed.*

Crs Sutherland/Treder

Carried

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3.03pm.

Mayor