



Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 29 September 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, 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 M Maxwell	- Group Manager - Economic and Community Development
Mr P Wimsett	- Manager Strategy and Climate Change
Ms J McKenzie	- Manager - Facilities (until item 11.3)

Speaker in the public forum and representatives from Sport Manawatu and Bush Multisport Trust as outlined

2. Council Prayer and Tribute to the Late Harold Maxwell (Max) Cooper

- 2.1 The Mayor opened the meeting with a Karakia/Council Prayer, and acknowledged the passing of Harold Maxwell (Max) Cooper through a tribute and mark of respect to his local government service to Eketāhuna County Council and Eketāhuna Community Board.

3. Apologies

- 3.1 Nil

4. Public Forum

4.1 Three Waters Reform

- 4.1.1 Richard Parker spoke on his concerns and scepticism regarding the significant difference between Government's desktop assumption projections and those forecast by Council regarding the analysis of costs for the future delivery of Three Waters services to the community.

- 4.1.2 In speaking on that matter Richard Parker referred to a scaremongering approach being taken by Government, and emphasised the need for any decisions to be made democratically by Council in consultation with its communities rather than Government forcing implementation of an unacceptable proposed model.

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 Cr Peter Johns declared a potential conflict of interest regarding item of business 11.5 concerning Woodville Art and History Incorporated Society building lease at 42 Vogel Street in Woodville (as a volunteer worker associated with that project).

7. Personal Matters

- 7.1 Nil

8. Confirmation of Minutes

- 8.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 September 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Crs Hull/Wards

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 **Pahiatua On Track**

- 10.1.1 *That the report of the Pahiatua On Track meeting held on 8 September 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Crs Peeti-Webber/Isaacson

Carried

- 10.1.2 **Proposed Dog Park Exercise Area at Rotary Park in Pahiatua**

- 10.1.2.1 Ben Luders is to make a presentation to Pahiatua On Track regarding the proposal to provide a dog park exercise area at Rotary Park funded from private sponsorship.

10.2 **Eketāhuna Community Board**

10.2.1 ***That the report of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 13 September 2021 (as circulated) be received.***

Crs Peeti-Webber/Isaacson

Carried

10.3 **Dannevirke Community Board**

10.3.1 There was no meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held this month due to Covid-19 alert level three restrictions resulting in the cancellation of the scheduled meeting.

10.4 **Woodville Districts' Vision**

10.4.1 There was no meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision held this month due to Covid-19 alert level three restrictions resulting in the cancellation of the scheduled meeting.

11. Reports

11.1 **Sport Manawatu Annual Report 2020/2021**

11.1.1 Sport Manawatu Active Communities Manager Brad Cassidy and Tararua Recreation Advisor Leah Sole gave a presentation regarding activities and events held within the district through Sport Manawatu, including reference to the following matters:

- Introduction and background of new Tararua Recreation Advisor
- Partnership plan outcomes and highlights focussed on initiatives that enable the following objectives
- Tararua District exceeds the national average for physical activity
- People have the skills to safely and confidently cycle and walk on our active transport network and system
- Everyone is encouraged to be active by playing and being active in sport and recreation facilities across our district
- Sports and community sport events create social opportunities and economic impacts, and delivery of Tararua Sports Awards and involvement with Woodville Grand Prix Motocross event

11.1.2 The team from Sport Manawatu is thanked for the activities and programmes they provide to support sport and physical recreation in the district.

11.2 **Bush Multisport Trust Annual Report 2020/2021**

11.2.1 Bush Multisport Trust Chairman Duncan Elliot thanked Council for its ongoing support and the good relationship established to assist with maintaining this community facility.

11.2.2 Cr Raylene Treder in her role as Bush Multisport Facility Manager gave a presentation on highlights relating to the Bush Multisport complex, including reference to the following matters:

- Contract outcomes
- Maximising the number of sporting/non-sporting and community activities, and opening of Loose Parts Play Park
- Maintaining and enhancing the Bush Multisport Trust facility
- Ensuring Bush Multisport Trust is a financially sustainable organisation

11.2.3 Appreciation is conveyed to the team behind the Bush Multisport Trust complex for their commitment and work in facilitating the management of its operation.

11.3 Three Waters Reform

11.3.1 *That the report from the Chief Executive dated 22 September 2021 concerning the Three Waters Reform (as circulated) be received, and*

That Council endorses the questions and concerns as per Attachment E of this report, and requests the Chief Executive to submit these to the Department of Internal Affairs and Local Government New Zealand on behalf of the Council, and

That Council requests the Chief Executive to report back to it when further information and guidance from Government, Local Government New Zealand and Taituara is received on the next steps to be taken regarding this matter.

Crs Johns/Sutherland

Carried

11.4 Pahiatua Railcar Society Funding Request for the Purchase of Silverfern Railcars

11.4.1 *That the report from the Group Manager - Economic and Community Development dated 31 August 2021 concerning the Pahiatua Railcar Society funding request for the purchase of Silverfern Railcars (as circulated) be received, and*

That Council, recognising this project aligns with the four wellbeing's in the Local Government Act and its Long Term Plan strategic objectives, agree to the funding request from the Pahiatua Railcar Society for \$60,000 in the form of providing a grant as assistance toward the cost of purchasing the Silverfern Railcars, and

That this funding be provided in the current financial year from the Heritage Reserve, with the Pahiatua Railcar Society requested to submit in writing six-monthly progress reports on this project for the information of the Economic Development and Marketing Committee.

Crs Hull/Treder

Carried

11.5 Woodville Art and History Incorporated Society Building Lease at 42 Vogel Street in Woodville

11.5.1 Cr Peter Johns previously declared a potential conflict of interest regarding this item of business, and abstained from discussion and voting on the motion concerning that matter.

11.5.2 ***That the report from the Manager Strategy and Climate Change dated 17 August 2021 concerning Woodville Art and History Incorporated Society building lease at 42 Vogel Street in Woodville (as circulated) be received, and***

That Council congratulate Woodville Art and History and its volunteers for the success in fundraising and its efforts in bringing the former Library and i-SITE into a site suitable for an art gallery that Woodville and the district can be proud of, and

That the Chief Executive be authorised to provide a lease to Woodville Art and History Incorporated Society for a five-year period commencing 1 September 2021, with a rent holiday for the first twelve months, and at least a cost recovery basis for years two to five.

Crs Sutherland/Wards

Carried

11.6 Appointment of an Independent Commissioner for the Puketoi Wind Farm Application to Extend the Resource Consent Lapse Date

11.6.1 ***That the report from the Group Manager - Operations dated 16 September 2021 concerning the appointment of an Independent Commissioner for the Puketoi Wind Farm application to extend the resource consent lapse date (as circulated) be received, and***

That pursuant to Sections 34A, 125 and 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991, Council delegate to Certified Independent Commissioner Paul Rogers the necessary functions, powers and duties to consider and determine the application from Mercury Energy to extend the lapse period for the resource consent and change or cancel consent conditions on application by the consent holder for the Puketoi Wind Farm.

Crs Johns/Treder

Carried

11.7 Council Controlled Organisation Exemption for Manawatu - Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services

11.7.1 ***That the report from the Group Manager - Corporate dated 13 August 2021 concerning a Council Controlled Organisation exemption for Manawatu-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services (as circulated) be received, and***

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022.

Crs Hull/Sutherland

Carried

11.8 Remissions of Excess Water Charges

11.8.1 *That the report from the Group Manager - Corporate dated 21 September 2021 concerning remissions of excess water charges (as circulated) be received, and*

That the typographical error in the remissions of excess water charges policy be amended through paragraph 12.7 stating delegation is provided to management to approve remissions of up to 100% in accordance with the policy, thereby correctly reflecting Council's intent to provide such discretion for those decisions to be made by staff as an operational matter.

Crs Hull/Isaacson

Carried

11.9 Audit and Risk Committee

11.9.1 *That the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 August 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Crs Wards /Johns

Carried

11.10 Staff Report

11.10.1 Mangaone Valley Road

11.10.1.1 Mangaone Valley Road is still closed due to a large dropout, and some enabling works are being undertaken to alleviate land movement.

11.10.1.2 Geotechnical testing of the area will occur to assist in identifying repair options, and the intention is to initially open one lane until emergency works can be programmed early next year to restore the damaged section of the road.

11.10.2 Dannevirke Water Supply

11.10.2.1 Splits have been identified in the liner of the Dannevirke impounded water supply resulting in the loss of water, and work is being undertaken to repair the damaged sections of the liner.

11.10.3 Blockages in the Wastewater Networks

11.10.3.1 Wet wipes being disposed of down the toilet are causing blockages in the wastewater networks, including one at Ranfurly Street pump station in Dannevirke.

11.10.4 Building Consents

11.10.4.1 The national shortage of building materials has resulted in the level of building consents received slowing as a consequence of its impact on the ability for some types of work to be undertaken.

11.10.5 Staff Movements

11.10.5.1 It is noted that Council has experienced an annual staff turnover rate from 1 July 2021 of 9.4%.

11.10.5.2 Chief Executive Bryan Nicholson is requested to ascertain if information could be provided to compare this staff turnover rate to previous years.

11.10.6 Power Outages Caused By Severe Wind Weather Event

11.10.6.1 Discussion is to occur with Powerco regarding the lack of communication with its customers in the southern part of the district affected with power outages of one to three days caused by the severe wind weather event on 10 September 2021.

11.10.7 ***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 21 September 2021 concerning an update on key projects and items of interest to the Council (as circulated) be received.***

Crs Franklin/Johns

Carried

12. Portfolio Reports

12.1 Nil

13. Mayoral Matters

13.1 Mayor and Councillors Report

13.1.1 A copy of the Mayor and Councillors September 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.

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

- Passing of Harold Maxwell (Max) Cooper, JP retired
- Bead and proceed epic workshop on the seventeen United Nations sustainable development goals
- Opening of the Dannevirke Bowling Club season, Ross Shield tournament and Tararua College sporting highlights
- Infometrics Institute of Directors presentation by Brad Olsen to Chamber of Commerce after five's event
- Letters of support, condolences and visits
- Events attended by the Mayor
- Councillors portfolio reports
- Wairarapa Times Age column by the Mayor

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 3.19pm.

Mayor