



Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 26 January 2022 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 D Watson	- Manager - Special Projects
Mr P Wimsett	- Manager Strategy and Climate Change
Mrs J McKenzie	- Manager - Facilities
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel
Mrs L Powick	- Chairperson - Explore Pahiatua

## **2. Council Prayer**

- 2.1 Mayor Tracey Collis opened the meeting with a 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 Cr Raylene Treder declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda item 11.1 - Bush Aquatic Trust proposed new Pahiatua Swimming Pool.

## **7. Personal Matters**

- 7.1 Congratulations are conveyed to Alistair MacDougall, recipient of a Queen's Service Medal for services to the community and Shane McManaway, appointed as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to agriculture and the community in the New Year Honours List.
- 7.2 The passing of Mike Olsen is noted (a former Dannevirke Borough Council Councillor, businessman and supermarket owner committed to working for the community).

## **8. Confirmation of Minutes**

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

*Crs Franklin/Johns*

*Carried*

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

### **9.1 Rates (Item 10.1.11)**

- 9.1.1 Staff will be liaising with Council's iwi partners to discuss Māori freehold titled land where the owners cannot be found or have advised they are no longer using the land.
- 9.1.2 This discussion shall also include if there are any blocks of Māori land abandoned that iwi may be able to facilitate a suitable conclusion.

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

### **10.1 Explore Pahiatua**

- 10.1.1 *That the report of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held on 1 December 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Hull/Isaacson*

*Carried*

### **10.2 Woodville Districts' Vision**

- 10.2.1 *That the report of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 7 December 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Hull/Isaacson*

*Carried*

10.3 **Dannevirke Community Board**

- 10.3.1 *That the report of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 6 December 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Hull/Isaacson*

*Carried*

10.4 **Eketāhuna Community Board**

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

*Crs Hull/Isaacson*

*Carried*

**11. Reports**

11.1 **Bush Aquatic Trust Proposed New Pahiatua Swimming Pool**

- 11.1.1 Cr Raylene Treder previously declared a conflict of interest regarding this item of business, and abstained from discussion and voting on the motion concerning that matter (having withdrawn from the table to sit in the public gallery).

- 11.1.2 There was discussion on the implications of the options for the ownership, governance and management of the proposed new Pahiatua Swimming Pool, and the significance of the decision regarding undertaking that project.

- 11.1.3 Explore Pahiatua Community Committee Chairperson Louise Powick spoke on the funding required for the new Pahiatua Swimming Pool proposed level of service to provide an indoor aquatic community facility open all year round to meet the needs of Pahiatua and the wider residential population.

- 11.1.4 *That the report from the Manager Facilities dated 19 January 2022 concerning the Bush Aquatic Trust proposed new Pahiatua Swimming Pool (as circulated) be received, and*

*That Council, having considered this report and the risks, financial implications and needs of the community from a service level point of view, determine its preferred option for the ownership, governance and management of the proposed new Pahiatua Swimming Pool is as follows:*

- *A mixed model where Council provide the land, take ownership of the building once complete, and contract the operator. Bush Aquatic Trust is to take responsibility to fundraise and build the facility, then works alongside Council to help secure funding for asset renewals and operating costs.*
- *Council is to budget for capital renewals of \$146,000 annually.*
- *Council is to contract an external operator for the management of the pool.*

- ***The existing community pool site is proposed to be sold and the proceeds passed onto the Bush Aquatic Trust for operational expenditure for the first three years of operation.***

***Crs Johns/Hull***

***Carried***

11.1.5 A report will be presented to Council in due course to provide details of the key milestones, processes and stages involved in working with Bush Aquatic Trust to progress the proposed new Pahiatua Swimming Pool project.

## **11.2 Staff Report**

### **11.2.1 Akitio**

11.2.1.1 Thanks are conveyed to the three waters services team for their response in dealing with the significant demand placing pressure on the water supply, wastewater and environment at Akitio during the holiday period, particularly with a large number of freedom campers and day trippers visiting that area.

### **11.2.2 Woodville Camping Ground**

11.2.2.1 Woodville Camping Ground bookings and administration are now undertaken at the Tararua i-SITE.

### **11.2.3 Building Services**

11.2.3.1 The Solutions Team has settled in well as Council's external contractors conducting inspections and processing building consent applications received for the district.

11.2.3.2 It is requested if possible for future staff reports to include details with the table of building consent applications for dwellings by location to also provide an indication of whether they are able to connect to Council's water supplies.

### **11.2.4 Dog Attacks**

11.2.4.1 Group Manager - Operations Tina Love is to review the basis of information presented in the staff report regarding reported dog attacks by type and location.

### **11.2.5 Department of Internal Affairs Community Funding**

11.2.5.1 Details are requested in future staff reports regarding the number of applications received and their value seeking Department of Internal Affairs community funding.

11.2.6 ***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 18 January 2022 concerning an update on key projects and items of interest to the Council (as circulated) be received.***

***Crs Johns/Franklin***

***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 January report is tabled, and the information set out in that document is circulated as an attachment to the agenda relating to these minutes.

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

- 2022 Super Consultation
- Water
- Communities 4 Local Democracy
- Te Āpiti Manawatū Governance Group
- Accelerate 25
- Jazz in the Park 2022
- Woodville Art and History Gallery and photo exhibition
- Mangamaire sunflower field and handpicked flower farm
- Akitio report from Cr Sharon Wards
- Events attended by the Mayor
- Councillors portfolio reports

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

14.1 Nil

## **15. Water Supply and Demand Update**

15.1 Group Manager Infrastructure Chris Chapman gave an update on the district's water supplies and restrictions applied for water demand management as a result of river levels being at low flows.

15.2 Actions being taken to manage demand for water supply were outlined to support providing resilience as river levels reduce and reliance is through impounded supply storage available capacity.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3.01pm.

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Mayor