



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

MINUTES
Council Meeting
3 August 2020

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 GUYTON STREET, WHANGANUI
ON 3 AUGUST 2020 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Hamish McDouall, Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan, Cr Charlie Anderson, Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Cr Helen Craig, Cr Kate Joblin, Cr Hadleigh Reid, Cr Alan Taylor, Cr Philippa Baker-Hogan, Cr Rob Vinsen, Cr Graeme Young, Cr Brent Crossan, Cr James Barron

APOLOGIES: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Grant Skilton (WRCB Chair), Kym Fell (Chief Executive), Leighton Toy (General Manager Property), Mike Fermor (General Manager Finance), Bryan Nicholson (Chief Operating Officer), Rob Goldsbury (Legal Counsel), Sarah Pomeroy (Communications & Marketing Manager), Stuart Hylton (Contractor), Kirsty Earle (Governance Services Officer), Stephanie Macdonald-Rose (Policy and Governance Manager), Charlotte Almond (Contractor), Michael Homan (Property Operations Manager), Hamish Lampp (Planning Manager), Kate Barnes (Senior Democracy Advisor), Anna Palamountain (Democracy Advisor)

1 OPENING PRAYER / KARAKIA

Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay read the Prayer.

2 APOLOGIES

Resolution 2020/1

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

That the apology received from Cr Alan Taylor is accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

Cr Baker-Hogan's apology for lateness was noted.

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Chandulal-Mackay noted that he was a member of the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust.

5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Resolution 2020/2

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

That the additional information tabled is taken with the relevant items.

Chief Executive's Report – August 2020

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC FORUM

No registrations for Public Forum were received.

8 Reports to Council

8.2 DURIE HILL - LAND PURCHASE OPTIONS

Author: Michael Homan - Property Operations Manager

Rob Goldsbury - Legal Counsel

Authoriser: Leighton Toy - General Manager Property

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Discussion

Michael Homan, Property Operations Manager, explained that the original request received from community group Step Up Durie Hill was for Council to purchase 9 Blyth Street to prevent private development impacting the view and open space feel of the Durie Hill War Memorial Reserve. Since the original request, an agent for 3 Blyth Street contacted Council to advise that this property was also for sale. Mr Homan noted that if the intention was to protect view and open space then the purchase of both plots of vacant land needed to be considered.

In light of 3 Blyth Street, Council staff had made contact with Step Up Durie Hill. Their preference remained with 9 Blyth Street.

Purchasing land on Blyth Street was not recommended by staff as the purchase of either property would exceed the level of service for open space areas in Durie Hill and was also unbudgeted expenditure.

In response to questions, Mr Homan confirmed that both 3 and 9 Blyth Street were residential zoned and highlighted building height and boundary setbacks rules.

To offset the cost to purchase land on Blyth Street, the option of selling Council land at 10 Windsor Terrace was raised. Mr Homan said that this option was considered, but not explored, as the Council was currently not in favour of selling Council land.

Clarification was sought on whether Council needed to undertake public consultation before purchasing land outside the current level of service set in the Long Term Plan. Leighton Toy, General Manager Property, replied yes.

Purchasing a property subject to public consultation was discussed. Mr Toy said that a conditional sale and purchase agreement that provided Council sufficient time to undertake public consultation would be needed.

Motions to enter into an agreement to purchase 9 and 3 Blyth Street were proposed by Cr Craig. The popularity of the area by tourists and the community and the preserving the expansive view of the city was highlighted.

The majority of members were in support of purchasing 9 Blyth Street.

Support for purchasing 3 Blyth Street was divided. While the rationale of purchasing both properties was understood, some members felt they needed to be conscious of Step Up Durie Hill's property preference and the cost to the rate payer of purchasing two properties.

Resolution 2020/3

Moved: Cr Helen Craig

Seconded: Cr Kate Joblin

That Council enter into an agreement to purchase 9 Blyth Street, Whanganui, subject to consultation with the community.

CARRIED

Resolution 2020/4

Moved: Cr Helen Craig

Seconded: Cr Kate Joblin

That Council enter into an agreement to purchase 3 Blyth Street, Whanganui, subject to consultation with the community.

In Favour: Crs Charlie Anderson, Helen Craig, Kate Joblin, Hadleigh Reid, Alan Taylor and Brent Crossan

Against: Mayor Hamish McDouall, Crs Jenny Duncan, Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Graeme Young and James Barron

Abstained: Cr Rob Vinsen

CARRIED 6/5

8.3 MAXWELL NAME CHANGE

Author: Charlotte Almond - Contractor

Authoriser: Kym Fell - Chief Executive

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Discussion

Iwi representatives Fiona Shaw and Leonie Matoe (Ngaa Rauru) and Raymond Hina and Ruta Broughton (Ngaati Maika) sat alongside Charlotte Almond, Contractor, as support was sought to begin the process of changing the name of the Maxwell township to Pākaraka. The historical grievance associated to the name Maxwell and the reasons why this decision was of great importance to Te Kāhui O Rauru was explained.

Ms Almond clarified that consultation in the first instance was to get support from Council to progress with an application to the New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB). Once the application was received community consultation would be undertaken by the NZGB.

The majority of members supported changing the name of the township to Pākaraka.

Resolution 2020/5

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

That Council

- a) agrees to work in partnership with Ngaati Maika of Ngaa Rauru Kaitahi to make application to the New Zealand Geographic Board to change the name of the Maxwell township to Pākaraka.
- b) agrees to carry out the community consultation required to support the application to the New Zealand Geographic Board.

CARRIED

Cr Anderson voted against the motion.

10 MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Resolution CNCL/2020/6

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Brent Crossan

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely items listed overleaf.

Reason for passing this resolution: good reason to withhold exists under section 7. Specific grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution: Section 48(1)(a)

CARRIED

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

“(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

ITEM NO.	GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	SECTION	SUBCLAUSE AND REASON UNDER THE ACT	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORTS CAN BE RELEASED
12.1	Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2020			Refer to the previous public excluded reasons in the agenda for this meeting.	
13.1	Property and Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes - 30 June 2020			Refer to the previous public excluded reasons in the agenda for this meeting	
14.1	Chief Executive's Report - August 2020	s7(2)(a), s7(2)(b)(ii), s7(2)(i)	Privacy, Commercial Position, Negotiations	To protect individuals and commercial and private information	
14.2	Public Excluded Actions Arising - August 2020			Refer to the previous public excluded reasons in the agendas for these meetings.	

Resolution 2020/7

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Brent Crossan

That Grant Skilton be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of the Whanganui Rural Community. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of his role as chair of the Whanganui Rural Community Board.

CARRIED

The meeting reopened to the public at 3.00pm

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Resolution 2020/8

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2020 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.2 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Resolution 2020/9

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Alan Taylor

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 July 2020 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

8.1 TAMAUPOKO RELATIONSHIP DOCUMENT FRAMEWORK

Author: Ngāwai Matthews - Operations Support Officer

Authoriser: Bryan Nicholson - Chief Operating Officer

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Discussion

Bryan Nicholson, Chief Executive Operating Officer, advised that at the Tamaupoko Link meeting held 18 June, it was agreed that the Draft Tamaupoko Relationship Document Framework 2020 would be presented to Council for their approval.

The Mayor spoke of the importance of the relationship between Council and Tamaupoko.

Cr Chandulal-Mackay's efforts in chairing the Tamaupoko Link meetings were acknowledged.

Resolution 2020/10

Moved: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

Seconded: Mayor Hamish McDouall

That Council approves the draft Tamaupoko Relationship Document Framework 2020.

CARRIED

8.4 ROAD NAMING REQUEST, NORTH WEST STRUCTURE PLAN

Author: Hamish Lampp - Planning Manager

Authoriser: Bryan Nicholson - Chief Operating Officer

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Resolution 2020/11

Moved: Cr Rob Vinsen

Seconded: Cr Hadleigh Reid

That Council alters Resolution 2020/39 passed at its meeting of 23 June 2020, as follows:

“That in accordance with section 319(1)(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 Council formally names the public road shown at Reference 1 ‘Tongi Tawhito Terrace-Place.’”

CARRIED

8.5 REPRESENTATION REVIEW UPDATE - AUGUST 2020

Author: Stephanie Macdonald-Rose - Policy & Governance Manager

Authoriser: Bryan Nicholson - Chief Operating Officer

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Resolution 2020/12

Moved: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

Seconded: Cr Alan Taylor

That Council receive the Representation Review Update – August 2020 and hold a workshop to discuss the next steps.

CARRIED

8.6 COLLECTION OF FIBRE AND PLASTICS AT THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

Author: Stuart Hylton - Contractor

Authoriser: Leighton Toy - General Manager Property

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Discussion

Stuart Hylton, summarised the key elements of his report.

Mr Hylton said that other Councils were also facing the current issues associated to recycling plastics 3, 4, 6, 7 and fibre and that many had already decided to cease accepting these products.

Mr Hylton reminded members that earlier in 2020, the Waste Minimisation Advisory Group had signalled to Council that the cost to recycle plastics 3, 4, 6, 7 and fibre were increasing rapidly and that Council had agreed to fund the shortfall for the remaining part of 2019/20. The shortfall for 2020/21 would be loan funded up to an additional \$144,000 conditional on an acceptable business case.

At the June 2020 Waste Minimisation Advisory Group meeting, the feasibility of accepting fibre and plastics 3,4,6 and 7 was discussed and the Group recommended that the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre ceased accepting fibre and certain plastics until the market improves.

Members' attention was drawn to collection costs. While only 6 percent of plastics collected were 3,4,6 and 7, the cost of accepting fibre was significant. It was estimated that cost to support collection of fibre would be approximately \$200,000 per annum.

The practicality of continuing to accepting fibre was discussed. My Hylton said that if the Centre was to continue to accept and recycle fibre then the Council would need to underwrite the costs associated. He noted that it was not clear how long the situation would continue for.

Cr Chandulal-Mackay noted that he was a member of the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and abstained from voting.

Members understood the position put forward by the Waste Minimisation Advisory Group.

Resolution 2020/13

Moved: Cr Charlie Anderson

Seconded: Cr Helen Craig

That the Council:

- a) requests the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre (WRRRC) Trust:

- (i) cease accepting recycling fibre (paper/cardboard and mixed paper) and Plastics No 3,4,6 and 7 at Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre based on the current trends, market advice and associated costs.
- (ii) monitors the market situation for these and other products and reports back to Council when it believes it is sustainable to consider accepting these products at the Centre again.
- (iii) provides a copy of the Trust's Exit Plan and Media Strategy to cease collection of these products.

CARRIED

Cr Chandulal-Mackay abstained from voting.

8.7 APPOINTMENTS TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE - AUGUST 2020

Author: Nicole Grey - Youth Committee Project Support Officer

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Resolution 2020/14

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Kate Joblin

That the Council appoints Keisha Maniapoto to the Youth Committee.

CARRIED

9 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

9.5 YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 29 JUNE 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Discussion

Charlotte Hardy, Youth Committee Co-Chair, reported on the following:

- Election breakfast event held at Majestic Square
- Youth councillor recruitment
- Building the 2020/21 Business Plan
- Youth Hub project
- Greater use of digital platforms

Resolution 2020/15

Moved: Cr James Barron

Seconded: Cr Kate Joblin

That the Council receive the minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2020.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS TO COUNCIL CONT.

8.8 MAYORAL UPDATE - AUGUST 2020

Author: Eva Osborne - Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Hamish McDouall - Mayor

Resolution 2020/16

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Hadleigh Reid

That the Council receive the report – Mayoral Update - August 2020.

CARRIED

8.9 REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE - AUGUST 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Resolution 2020/17

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Charlie Anderson

That the Council receive the report – Representative Update - August 2020.

CARRIED

8.10 ACTIONS ARISING - AUGUST 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Resolution 2020/18

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

That the Council receive the report – Actions Arising - August 2020.

CARRIED

8 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

9.1 MINUTES OF THE TŪPOHO WORKING PARTY MEETING - 13 MAY 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Resolution 2020/19

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

Seconded: Cr Kate Joblin

That the Council receive the confirmed minutes of the Tūpoho Working Party Meeting held on 13 May 2020.

CARRIED

9.2 MINUTES OF THE TAMAŪPOKO LINK MEETING - 18 JUNE 2020 & 15 JULY 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Discussion

The unconfirmed minutes of the Tamaūpoko Link Meeting held on 15 July 2020 were not received by Council as they were withdrawn from the agenda.

Resolution 2020/20

Moved: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

Seconded: Mayor Hamish McDouall

That the Council receive the confirmed minutes of the Tamaūpoko Link Meeting held on 18 June 2020.

CARRIED

9.3 POLICY AND BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 10 JUNE 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Justin Walters - Policy Analyst Legislative & Performance Management

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Discussion

Justin Walters, Policy Analyst Legislative & Performance Management, explained that aspects of the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2020 could not be amended at this meeting. The

only action that could be taken by Council was to either accept or reject the Bylaw in its entirety. If the Council wished to reject the Bylaw as a whole, the Bylaw would need to be referred back to the Policy and Bylaw Committee to consider alteration.

Resolution 2020/21

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

That the Council receive the minutes of the Policy and Bylaw Committee meeting held on 10 June 2020.

CARRIED

Resolution 2020/22

Moved: Cr Alan Taylor

Seconded: Cr Rob Vinsen

That the Council confirm that:

- (i) a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the issues relating to animals;
- (ii) the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2020 is the most appropriate form of a bylaw; and
- (iii) the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2020 is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

That the Council adopt the amended Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2020 with the following commencement dates:

- (i) Cats - Clause 8(1), (2) and (3) – 1 July 2021
 - (ii) All other sections – 31 August 2020
4. That the Council revoke the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2015.

CARRIED

9.4 WHANGANUI RURAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 11 JUNE 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Resolution 2020/23

Moved: Cr Charlie Anderson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

That the Council receive the minutes of the Whanganui Rural Community Board Meeting held on 11 June 2020.

CARRIED

9.6 PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 30 JUNE 2020

Author: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Resolution 2020/24

Moved: Cr Helen Craig

Seconded: Cr Charlie Anderson

That the Council receive the minutes of the Property and Community Services Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2020.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4.22pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 15 September 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON