



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

MINUTES

**Council Meeting
8 October 2019**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 GUYTON STREET, WHANGANUI
ON 8 OCTOBER 2019 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Hamish McDouall (Chair), Cr Jenny Duncan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Charlie Anderson, Cr Philippa Baker-Hogan, Cr David Bennett, Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Cr Helen Craig, Cr Kate Joblin, Cr Hadleigh Reid, Cr Alan Taylor, Cr Rob Vinsen, Cr Graeme Young.

APOLOGIES: Murray Cleveland (leave of absence)

IN ATTENDANCE: Kym Fell (Chief Executive), Mike Fermor (General Manager Finance), Karyn Turner (Governance Services Senior Officer).

1 OPENING PRAYER / KARAKIA

Cr Graeme Young read the Council Prayer.

At Mayor McDouall's request, the Council stood in silence in memory of Jasmine Wilson and Feona McKay-Patea, two young women recently tragically killed in Whanganui.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Murray Cleveland (19 August to 8 October 2019)

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

5 CORRESPONDENCE / LATE ITEMS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nil

6 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM

No registrations for Public Engagement Forum were received.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2019

Author: Kim Fielder - Governance Services 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 2019/96

Moved: Cr Jenny Duncan

Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 June 2019 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.2 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2019

Author: Kim Fielder - Governance Services Officer

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

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

Motion

Moved: Cr Helen Craig

Seconded: Mayor Hamish McDouall

THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 1 August 2019 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

7.3 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2019

Author: Kim Fielder - Governance Services 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 2019/97

Moved: Cr Helen Craig

Seconded: Cr David Bennett

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 August 2019 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.4 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2019

Author: Kim Fielder - Governance Services Officer

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

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

Motion

Moved: Cr Jenny Duncan

Seconded: Cr Helen Craig

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 August 2019 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

8 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

8.1 ADOPTION OF COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Author: Mike Fermor - General Manager Finance

Authoriser: Kym Fell - Chief Executive

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

Discussion

Prior to the Council's Annual Report presentation, Mike Fermor (General Manager Finance) acknowledged the retirement of the Council's long-serving Management Accountant, Mike Brennan and the appointment of Wieham Labuschagne, originally from Tararua District Council.

Mr Fermor advised that other than a small change within the deferred tax calculations, there were no material changes in the report provided to Elected Members. Referring to the report's summary, Mr Fermor said financially the Council had performed well with effectively a break-even rates funded balance and a debt balance of \$99.75M compared to a budgeted debt balance of \$116.37M. A signed copy of the 2019 Management Representation letter to Council was available if requested.

Debbie Perera (Audit Director) acknowledged the Council's Finance Team. The team had undertaken a significant amount of work to enable the Council to be in a position to adopt its annual report much earlier than the end of October.

Mrs Perera provided a summary of Audit New Zealand's focus this year and said part of her role was to ensure the Council was reporting fairly and providing the correct information.

Mrs Perera said she was in a position to provide the Council with an unmodified audit opinion from Audit New Zealand for its 2019 Annual Report.

Mrs Perera and Mr Fermor responded to Elected Members' questions of clarification.

Resolution 2019/98

Moved: Cr Rob Vinsen

Seconded: Cr Jenny Duncan

THAT the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019 is adopted.

THAT Council provides an Audit Letter of Representation to Audit New Zealand.

THAT Mrs Debbie Perera be thanked for her presentation.

CARRIED

8.2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - OCTOBER 2019

Author: Kim Fielder - Governance Services 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 2019/99

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Kate Joblin

THAT the Council receive the report – Actions Arising from Previous Minutes - October 2019.

CARRIED

9 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

Nil

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

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

Resolution 2019/100

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Kate Joblin

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	Confidential Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 1 August 2019	s6(a)	Maintenance of Law	Negotiations	
12.2	Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 August 2019	s6(a)	Maintenance of Law	b	
12.3	Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 August 2019	s6(a)	Maintenance of Law	v	
14.1	Actions Arising from Previous Minutes - Confidential - October 2019	s6(a)	Maintenance of Law	n	

Adjournment 1.51pm to 1.57pm

The Meeting reopened to the public at 2.04pm.

The Meeting closed at 2.04pm.

The minutes of this meeting were signed by Whanganui District Council's Chief Executive and the Chair in accordance with the Council Standing Orders, Clause 25.4.

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed on