

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2026	8:31 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 02 September 2026, which commenced at 8.31 am at the Manawātū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Mayor Michael Ford Chairperson
 Councillor Bridget Bell
 Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins
 Councillor Rob Duindam
 Councillor Colin Dyer
 Councillor Grant Hadfield
 Councillor Sam Hill
 Councillor Raewyn Loader
 Councillor James McKelvie
 Councillor Jerry Pickford
 Councillor Andrew Quarrie
 Councillor Alison Short

IN ATTENDANCE: Shayne Harris Chief Executive
 Hamish Waugh General Manager – Infrastructure
 Frances Smorti General Manager – Corporate
 Kate Jarvis General Manager – People
 Lyn Daly General Manager – Community
 Joel Richards Chief Financial Officer
 Steph Skinner Governance and Strategy Officer
 Adie Johansen Community Services Manager
 Wayne Keightley Rooding Manager
 Amy West Technical Infrastructure Support Officer

MDC 25-28/373

MEETING OPENING

Oriana Paewai from Aorangi Marae opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/374

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 25-28/375

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 19 August 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record, with the following amendment:

- **MDC 25-28/363: that the wording be corrected to Te iwa tekau ma iwa.**

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

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MDC 25-28/376

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 25-28/377

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/378

PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND – WORLD HIP HOP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP, ARIZONA

Oscar Hansen-Wall & Lenny Hansen-Wall were in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- Oscar and Lenny dance with Nova from Wellington – 23 members, ages 17 – 23 years.
- Three other dance troupes were also competing from New Zealand.
- They trained for 6 hours a day in 40 plus-degree heat while in Arizona, making the semifinals, and placed 16th overall.

MDC 25-28/379

PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND – NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kaylee Miller was in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- Competition was held in Auckland, over 3 days, with 175 schools competing and over 800 swimmers.
- Kaylee gained two personal bests, and two New Zealand short course qualifying times.
- Next year she plans to specialise in specific races rather than entering everything she qualified for.
- Kaylee adds gym work and netball academy to her fitness regime, which helps with her swimming fitness.

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MDC 25-28/380

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/381

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/382

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

The following Community Committee meetings were notified for information.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader	• 19 August 2026
Cheltenham – Cr Rob Duindam	• 25 August 2026
Himatangi Beach – Cr Jerry Pickford	• 27 August 2026
Rangiwahia – Cr Grant Hadfield	• 26 August 2026
https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/committees-and-organisations/community-committees-and-plans	

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader. The Hall Committee elected their new chair and treasurer. Hannah Tokona from MDC Civil Defence attended the Community Committee meeting where members learnt how to test the emergency radios. The Committee is looking at the roadside trees that need trimming on Rangiotu Road, signage for the rest area, and wanting to investigate stock crossing regulations in a Council bylaw.
- Cheltenham – Cr Rob Duindam. Old historic photos have been moved to the fire station and archived. Police came and gave a presentation on rural crime. Community photos and story boards being set up in the playground. Welcome village signs will be installed shortly. The Committee is looking at the new Halls Policy and any maintenance required.
- Himatangi Beach – Cr Jerry Pickford. A few issues were raised and have been passed onto Council staff. The Committee love the new tennis courts and fencing. A new café is opening in the area.
- Rangiwahia – Cr Grant Hadfield. Otara Bridge discussions and bridge restrictions saw a good turnout from residents at the Committee meeting. The judder bars were also a contentious issue. Overall, a robust, but civil discussion.

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MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

Councillors provided a verbal update on their attendance at marae meetings.

- Kauwhata Marae – Cr Raewyn Loader met with Melissa last week discussing strategic happenings at the marae. Kauwhata were very complimentary on their meeting with Aorangi Marae and Iwa Tekau Iwa Marae.
- Cr Bridget Bell – noted it was positive to see staff at the group marae meeting, held at Aorangi Marae, having held seven Monday meetings with a further fourteen to go. Also, there was discussion on ‘where to from here’ once the Māori Ward is disestablished.

MDC 25-28/384

SPORT MANAWATŪ 12-MONTH REPORT

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council’s receipt of Sport Manawātū’s report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, as required under the contract between Sport Manawātū and Manawātū District Council.

Presenting from Sport Manawātū – Carl Johnstone, Megan Hennessey, Katie Duff, and Kelly Shanks.

RESOLVED

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Sport Manawātū 12-Month Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.**
- 2. Accepts that Sport Manawātū has satisfactorily met its service delivery outcomes and reporting obligations specified for 2025/26.**

Moved by: Cr Sam Hill

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/385

AMENDMENT TO SILVER FERN RALLY CLOSURE

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking Council approval to add Sandon Block Road and Sandon Block Road Extension to the approved road closure for the Silver Fern Rally 2026, in order to allow a route change for the Peep-O-Day/Waipuru stage.

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That the Council, pursuant to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, permit the following roads to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic between 08.55am and 01.25pm on Thursday 3 December 2026, for the purpose of allowing Ultimate Rally Group Ltd to conduct the Silver Fern Rally 2026. This remains subject to the receipt of current Public Liability Insurance and an approved Traffic Management Plan.

Roads proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic:

Sandon Block Road - from its intersection with Waipuru Road/Mangamako Road until its change into Sandon Block Road Extension.

Sandon Block Road Extension - from its intersection with Sandon Block Road, until 200 metres before its intersection with State Highway 54 (Cheltenham Hunterville Road)

*** Note: To assist with the stage security, the closure is also to include 120 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for.**

Adjoining Roads: Mangatieka Road (no exit).

Moved by: Cr Raewyn Loader

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/386

SYSTEM OF VOTING

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking a Council resolution on which voting system should be used for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections, and any associated elections.

RESOLVED

That the Council retains First Past the Post (FPP) as its system of voting for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections, and any associated elections.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr James McKelvie

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/387

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

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MDC 25-28/388

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes; 19 August 2026

That 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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
13. Confirmation of Minutes; 19 August 2026	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 19 August 2026.</i> <i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</i>	s48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.53 am. For items MDC 25-28/389 to MDC 25-28/390 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 9.54 am.

MDC 25-28/391

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 9.54 am.

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Meeting Video

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