

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
THURSDAY 03 APRIL 2025	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 03 April 2025, which commenced at 8.30 am at Hato Hone St Johns, 35 Bowen Street, Feilding.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Helen Worboys	Chairperson
Cr Bridget Bell	Via Zoom
Cr Steve Bielski	
Cr Stuart Campbell	
Cr Grant Hadfield	
Cr Colin McFadzean	
Cr Andrew Quarrie	
Cr Kerry Quigley	
Cr Alison Short	
Cr Fiona Underwood	

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Michael Ford, Cr Lara Blackmore

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Hamish Waugh	Acting Chief Executive
Frances Smorti	General Manager – People and Corporate
Lyn Daly	General Manager – Community
Amanda Calman	Chief Financial Officer
Ash Garstang	Governance and Assurance Manager
Matthew Mackay	Principal Policy Planner
Star Wilson-Jennings	Policy Planner
Richard Hills	Senior Policy Planner
Daniel Batley	Consultant Planner

MDC 22-25/1074

#### MEETING OPENING

Kevin Waugh of the Salvation Army opened the meeting with a prayer.

MDC 22-25/1075

#### APOLOGIES

Cr Michael Ford and Cr Lara Blackmore - Leave of Absence for the Zone 3 Meeting.

MDC 22-25/1076

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**That the minutes of the Council meeting held 20 March 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by:** Cr Alison Short

**Seconded by:** Cr Kerry Quigley

**CARRIED (9-0)**

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MDC 22-25/1077

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 22-25/1078

#### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 22-25/1079

#### PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND RECIPIENT - NATHANIEL HASTELOW

Nathaniel Hastelow was in attendance speaking to Council about his participation at the World Kickboxing Association Asia Pacific Open – Bali 2025. Highlights included:

- Winning two golds and one silver medal.
- He is looking to transition into a coaching role, and would like to support youth in the community via this sport.

MDC 22-25/1080

#### PRESENTATIONS - REPRESENTATIVE FUND RECIPIENT - KAYDENCE-CAPRI QUINLAN

Kaydence-Capri Quinlan was in attendance speaking to Council about their participation in the TNZ Youth Nationals, U16 Touch Rugby. Highlights included:

- The grant allowed her to attend the Youth Touch Nationals, and helped fund travel and accommodation costs.
- In the lead up to the event she did a lot of training after school and early sessions in the weekend. She intends to compete again next year.
- Her ultimate goal is to try out for the New Zealand team.
- She also plays netball, rugby, and rugby league.

MDC 22-25/1081

#### NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 22-25/1082

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

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#### COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

The following Council Committees, Community Committees and Youth Council meetings were notified for information.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Colyton Community Committee	• 20 March 2025
Himatangi Beach Community Committee	• 27 March 2025

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Colyton Community Committee – Mayor Worboys advised that they had a community day on Sunday. Cr Short advised that it was a good event.
- Himatangi Beach Community Committee – Cr Quarrie was unable to attend, but understands that there were some concerns around stormwater.
- Joint Annual Community Committee Meeting – Mayor Worboys advised this went well and it was good to hear from the Committee representatives around current projects and challenges.

*Cr Bridget Bell joined the meeting at 8.47 am via Zoom.*

MDC 22-25/1084

#### MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

Councillors provided a verbal update on their marae committee.

- Parewahawaha Marae – Cr Short had a catch-up with the Chair and Māori adviser from the Rangitikei District Council. They have ongoing consent discussions with RNZAF Base Ohakea, monitoring river management. And a project at the marae refurbishing some of their flats.
- Te Kōtui Reo – Cr Bell and Hamish Waugh met with Te Kōtui Reo last week on the Local Water Done Well legislation. There is now a good opportunity for liaison Councillors to discuss this with marae. Te Kōtui Reo will invite all of their claimants to a meeting next week, which Cr Bell, Shayne Harris and Hamish Waugh will attend.

Te Kōtui Reo are looking at the Māori ward referendum, and they will do some work in this space to education their Māori communities on this.

MDC 22-25/1085

#### PLAN CHANGE I: MINOR AMENDMENTS OPERATIVE REPORT

Report of the General Manager – Community dated 26 February 2025 seeking Council approval to make operative Plan Change I: Minor Amendments.

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Approving a plan change and making it operative is the final administrative step required by Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and completes the plan change process.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council approves Plan Change I: Minor Amendments to the Manawātū District Plan, pursuant to Clause 17(2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, in accordance with the decisions of the Hearing Commissioner, dated 14 February 2025.**

**That the Council declares that Plan Change I: Minor Amendments will become operative as of 17 April 2025 in accordance with Clause 20 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.**

**Moved by: Cr Stuart Campbell**

**Seconded by: Cr Alison Short**

**CARRIED (10-0)**

MDC 22-25/1086

**APPROVAL TO NOTIFY PLAN CHANGE B: RESIDENTIAL REVIEW AND PLAN CHANGE E: TOWN CENTRE REVIEW**

Report of the General Manager – Community dated 06 March 2025 seeking Council approval to publicly notify Plan Change B: General Residential Zone (PCB), and Plan Change E: Feilding Town Centre (PCE) in accordance with Clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council approve Proposed Plan Change B: General Residential Zone and Proposed Plan Change E: Feilding Town Centre to be publicly notified under Clause 5, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, noting that:**

- **The section on General Residential Zone & Subdivision Chapters has been updated to ensure consistency in approach to “matters of discretion”, and has been tabled at this meeting**

**That the General Manager – Community be authorised to make minor amendments to Proposed Plan Changes B & E if required prior to public notification, including amendments required following peer legal review and further iwi engagement.**

**Moved by: Mayor Helen Worboys**

**Seconded by: Cr Colin McFadzean**

**CARRIED (10-0)**

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**SIGNIFICANCE & ENGAGEMENT POLICY: APPROVAL TO CONSULT**

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate dated 25 March 2025 presenting the draft Significance and Engagement Policy to Council for approval to consult under Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council:**

1. **Endorses the draft Significance and Engagement Policy (tabled), with amendments.**

**AND**

2. **Adopts the Statement of Proposal (tabled) for formal consultation on the draft Significance and Engagement Policy, noting that this is subject to final design and minor edits.**

***Note that public consultation will commence on Friday 04 April 2025 and run through until 12.00 pm on 05 May 2025***

**Moved by: Cr Colin McFadzean**

**Seconded by: Cr Kerry Quigley**

**CARRIED (10-0)**

MDC 22-25/1088

**CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 22-25/1089

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED**

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

1. **Confirmation of Minutes: 20 March 2025**
2. **Tender Award Recommendation - MC1963 Wastewater Centralisation Rising Main Construction**

**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:**

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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; 20 March 2025	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 20 March 2025.</i>  <i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</i>	s48(1)(a)
14.1 Tender Award Recommendation - MC1963 Wastewater Centralisation Rising Main Construction	s7(2)(h) Commercial activities  <i>The publication of this report could jeopardise negotiations</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 Helen Worboys

**Seconded by:** Cr Alison Short

**CARRIED (10-0)**

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.11 am. For items MDC 22-25/1090 to MDC 22-25/1092 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11.06 am.*

MDC 22-25/1093

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11.06 am.

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