

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 03 JUNE 2026	8:31 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 03 June 2026, which commenced at 8.31 am at the Manawatū 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
Frances Smorti	General Manager – Corporate
Lyn Daly	General Manager – Community
Ash Garstang	Governance and Assurance Manager
Kemi Hughes	Senior Adviser – Environmental Policy
Karyn Crawley	Community Operations Adviser
Wayne Keightley	Roading Manager
Amy West	Technical Infrastructure Support Officer
Lisa Thomas	Strategy Manager

MDC 25-28/270

MEETING OPENING

Jan McGaffin from the Hub Church opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/271

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology from Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins for lateness be approved.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/272

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

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That the minutes of the Council meeting held 20 May 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/273

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 25-28/274

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/275

PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - REGIONAL U14 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

A video presentation was played from Piata Atutahi and Arorangi Atutahi.

- They enjoyed putting their training to use in this highly competitive tournament.

MDC 25-28/276

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/277

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/278

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

The following Council Committees and Community Committees were notified for information:

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Manawatū Water Services Committee	• 13 May 2026

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Cheltenham Community Committee	• 2 June 2026
Colyton Community Committee	• 21 May 2026
Halcombe Community Committee	• 1 June 2026
Himatangi Beach Community Committee	• 28 May 2026
Rangiwahia Community Committee	• 27 May 2026
Rongotea Community Development Group	• 1 June 2026

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Cheltenham – Cr Rob Duindam. Full attendance from the Committee, and they are ready for installation of welcome signs. They have a heritage project underway with photo boards and put a grant application in for this. Cr Duindam discussed the public meetings around the local government changes with them.
- Colyton – Cr Colin Dyer. They talked about their beautification plan and have completed 50 metres each side of the intersection. They are looking at the creation of a tree avenue. There has been a \$5,000 donation from a local resident and are applying for money from the contestable fund. They had a long discussion about the amalgamation reforms.
- Halcombe – Cr Jerry Pickford. Met with the Halcombe Trust. They are keen to install security cameras.
- Himatangi – Cr Jerry Pickford. Meeting in the surf club and they wanted an update on the stormwater planning. They also discussed the amalgamation reforms.
- Rangiwahia – Cr Grant Hadfield. They have had another break in at the shower coin box. The offenders were apprehended which was good news for the community. They applied for a grant some time ago for memorabilia room and are now working on decking this out. Steve Bielski advised that there are bats in the reserve and they are installing traps to catch pests.
- Rongotea – Cr James McKelvie. They had a reshuffle of the Rongotea Times with a new editor. The internet in the recreation centre has been improved. Their security cameras are functioning. The Committee talked about the amalgamation reforms.

MDC 25-28/279

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

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

- Cr Bell – mihi to the Kauwhata Trustees for a strategic hui they held with an independent facilitator. Cr Bell advised that Awahuri Forest was raised in this

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hui, and unfortunately there was some belief around Council having forcibly taken the forest back – rather than the Trust voluntarily winding up.

MDC 25-28/280

RESILIENT TANGIMOANA: PRELIMINARY ADAPTATION PLAN: 2026-35

Report of the General Manager – Corporate presenting Council with the Resilient Tangimoana: Preliminary Adaptation Plan 2026–2035, outline its development and key findings and to introduce the stormwater modelling now underway to inform future flood-risk decisions.

RESOLVED

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Resilient Tangimoana: Preliminary Adaptation Plan 2026-35.**
- 2. Notes that MDC and Horizons have commissioned stormwater modelling to support future decision-making on flood-risk reduction in Tangimoana.**

Moved by: Cr Alison Short

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/281

CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FINAL STATEMENT OF INTENT 2026/27

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) final Statement of Intent for 2026 to 2027.

Jaqui Middleton (Finance and Operations Manager), Jordyn Blackett (Marketing and Communications Manager), and Margy Maré (Board Member) were present from CEDA.

RESOLVED

That Council agrees with the final Statement of Intent 2026 to 2027 submitted by the Central Economic Development Agency (Attachment 2).

Moved by: Cr Colin Dyer

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

CARRIED (11-0)

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MANAWATU COMMUNITY TRUST FINAL STATEMENT OF INTENT 2026/27

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting the Manawatū Community Trust Final Statement of Intent 2026-2027 in accordance with the Local Government Act (2002) Schedule 8 Part 1.

Teresa Hague (General Manager), Ian McKelvie (Trustee), Tracey Hunt (Trustee) and Allan Davey (Trustee) were in attendance on behalf of the Trust.

Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins joined the meeting at 9.36 am.

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees to the Manawatū Community Trust Final Statement of Intent 2026 – 2027 (Attachment 2), noting the below amendment to goal 2:

- **From: 2050 homes by 2030**
- **To: 250 homes by 2030**

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr James McKelvie

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/283

COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS EXEMPTION REPORT

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council consider the granting of exemptions to the Manawatū District Youth Development and Wellbeing Trust, MWLASS, Camp Rangi Woods Trust, Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund, RNZAF Ohakea Visitor Centre Trust, and Heartland Contractors from being a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) in accordance with section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002.

RESOLVED

That the Council grants exemptions from Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO) status under section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 to the following entities for a three-year period expiring 16 June 2029:

1. **Manawatū District Youth Development and Wellbeing Trust**
2. **Camp Rangi Woods Trust**
3. **Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund**
4. **RNZAF Ohakea Visitor Centre Trust**
5. **MWLASS**

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6. Heartlands Contractors

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/284

SILVER FERN RALLY 2026 ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking Council consider the application from Ultimate Rally Group Ltd to close various roads within the Manawatū District Council jurisdiction in order to undertake the Silver Fern Rally 2026.

RESOLVED

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 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 the Public Liability and Insurance Policy which will be current at the time of the event, and a traffic management plan, prepared by an authorised Site Traffic Management Supervisor and in accordance with the New Zealand Transport Agency Code of Practice of Temporary Traffic Management.

Roads proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic:

Stage Name: ZigZag / Ridge Road

Time of Closure: 07.30am to 12.00pm

Zigzag Road - 200m from its intersection with Valley Road, to its intersection with Finnis Road.

Finnis Road - from its intersection with ZigZag Road, to its intersection with Ridge Road.

Ridge Road - from its intersection with Finnis Road, to stage finish at house #2931 (approx 1km south from its intersection with Reids Line Apiti).

*** 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: Finnis Road, Pollock Road, Branch Road (no exit), Coulters Line, Te Awa Road, Londons Ford Road and Coal Creek Road (no exit).

Stage Name: Peep-O-Day /Waipuru Road

Time of Closure: 08.55am to 01.25pm

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Peep-O-Day Road - at its intersection with Rangiwahia Road, to its intersection with Upper Pakihikura Road.

Upper Pakihikura Road - from its intersection with Peep-O-Day Road, to its intersection with Mangapapa Road.

Mangapapa Road - from its intersection with Upper Pakihikura Road, to its change into Waipuru Road.

Waipuru Road - from its intersection with Mangapapa Road, to its intersection with Mangamako Road.

Mangamako Road - from its intersection with Waipuru Road, to finish at house #1437 (approx 2km from its intersection with Otara 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: Ireland Road (no exit), Waituna Tapuae Road, Lower Pakihikura Road, Sandon Block Road, Orangipongo Road (no exit).

Moved by: Cr James McKelvie

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/285

SUBMISSIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL – 12 MARCH TO 14 MAY 2026

Report of the General Manager – Corporate presenting to Council for information, copies of recent submissions lodged on behalf of the Manawatū District Council.

RESOLVED

That the Council receives and notes the listed submissions, lodged on behalf of the Manawatū District Council between 12 March and 14 May 2026.

- 1 Health and Safety at Work Amendment Bill**
- 2 Proposals to Change Total Mobility**
- 3 NZTA Lane Use Improvements**
- 4 NZTA Revised Procurement Manual**
- 5 Statistics NZ Infringement Consultation**
- 6 Targeted Speed Limit Reviews**
- 7 Technical Amendments to the Wastewater Performance Standards**
- 8 Data and Statistics Amendment Bill**
- 9 Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructure**
- 10 Policing Amendment Bill 2026**

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- 11 Firefighting Water Supplies – Code of Practice**
- 12 Sale of Alcohol (Improving Alcohol Regulation) Amendment Bill**

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/286

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/287

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 May 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; 20 May 2026	<p><i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 20 May 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</i></p>	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.



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Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

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The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.58 am. For items MDC 25-28/288 to MDC 25-28/289 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 9.59 am.

MDC 25-28/290

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 9.59 am.

Meeting Video

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