

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2025	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 3 December 2025, which commenced at 8.30 am at Manfeild Park, South Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:

Mayor Michael Ford	Chairperson
Councillor Bridget Bell	
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	Via Zoom

APOLOGIES: Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shayne Harris	Chief Executive
Hamish Waugh	General Manager – Infrastructure
Frances Smorti	General Manager – People and Corporate
Lyn Daly	General Manager – Community
Amanda Calman	Chief Financial Officer
Ash Garstang	Governance and Assurance Manager

MDC 25-28/059

MEETING OPENING

Kevin Waugh, from the Salvation Army opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/060

APOLOGIES

Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins is on pre-approved Leave of Absence.

MDC 25-28/061

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 12 November 2025 and 19 November 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

CARRIED (11-0)

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MDC 25-28/062

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Grant Hadfield – Item 10.1, recommendation 2h (Feilding Aerodrome). He is a member of the Feilding Aerodrome Society.

MDC 25-28/063

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/064

PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND – NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR SINGLES ZONE FINALS (INDOOR BOWLS)

Adam Wasley was in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- Adam won the Indoors Bowling competition in Hamilton, picking up two wins.
- He finished 3rd in the pair's competition.
- Belongs to the St Brigid's Bowling Club.

MDC 25-28/065

PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND – SHAKESPEARE GLOBE CENTRE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS PRODUCTION 2025

Theo McMenamin was in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- A highlight was a Movement Workshop.
- The week ended with a 40-minute scene from the Tempest, where he got to deliver the final monologue.
- He is going on a three-week trip to London in July 2026 to the Globe Theatre.

MDC 25-28/066

RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY QUARTERLY PRESENTATION

Jeena Baines, Data, Insights and Research Analyst, was in attendance speaking to Council.

MDC 25-28/067

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

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MDC 25-28/068

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/069

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Bainesse-Rangiotu Community Committee	• 19 November 2025
Cheltenham Community Committee	• 2 December 2025
Colyton Community Committee	• 13 November 2025
Halcombe Community Committee	• 1 December 2025
Himatangi Beach Community Committee	• 27 November 2025
Rangiwahia Community Committee	• 26 November 2025
Rongotea Community Development Group	• 1 December 2025
Sanson Community Committee	• 13 November 2025
Tangimoana Community Committee	• 17 November 2025

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Bainesse-Rangiotu Community Committee – Cr Loader. They have a working bee coming up in December for the hall. The water pipe under the septic tank needs looking at. They are looking forwards to ANZAC day and keen to see if there are extra poppies available.
- Cheltenham Community Committee – Cr Duindam. Small enthusiastic group. They are working on signage for the settlement.
- Colyton Community Committee – Mayor Ford. The Lions Club invited the Community Committee and other community members. They had a great community night. Cr Dyer noted that while he was unable to attend the meeting, he had been in touch with the chair – the Committee is about to have their triennial committee elections. They discussed the design possibilities for the Colyton sign.
- Halcombe Community Committee – Cr Pickford. The Committee is keen to get younger members.
- Himatangi Beach Community Committee – Cr Pickford. Good first meeting.
- Rangiwahia Community Committee – Cr Hadfield. They elected a new chair and Committee membership. They are having trouble with the coin box in the shower. They are considering going electronic. They were also successful in getting a grant from the Community Trust – about \$5,000 for their memorabilia room.

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- Rongotea Community Development Group – Cr McKelvie. They discussed Christmas light poles and discussed money for security cameras. They also want to install a “no dog” sign at the skate park. There is a bit of concern around not having a phone at the library, and they have a few older members who are unable to connect with no internet.
- Sanson Community Committee – Cr Short. Their membership is quite low. They had a bit of discussion around traffic and congestion. NZTA have indicated it isn’t a traffic issue at the intersection – the Committee is keen to see some data on vehicle numbers. There is going to be a community barbecue on Tuesday 16 December, and it will be extended to Mt Biggs school.
- Tangimoana Community Committee – Cr McKelvie. They are working on their Resilience Plan preparation. There were a couple of external members present to contribute to this. They had a visit from members of the local iwi who had been doing customary white bait fishing and been approached by a local with concerns.

MDC 25-28/070

CONSIDERATION OF NEW INITIATIVES TO INCLUDE IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27

Report of the Chief Financial Officer seeking direction from Council as to which of the new internal and external initiatives presented (Annex A) are supported for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan Budget.

This item was paused at 9.34 am, prior to discussing each initiative.

MDC 25-28/071

MANAWATU COMMUNITY TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting for consideration the Manawātū Community Trust’s Annual Report for the financial year 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025.

Teresa Hague (General Manager), Allan Davey (Trustee), Ian McKelvie (Trustee), Joanne Shortall (Trustee), Tracey Hunt (Trustee) and Victor Cheng (Finance Manager) were in attendance.

RESOLVED

That the Council receive the Manawātū Community Trust’s Annual Report 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Bridget Bell

CARRIED (11-0)

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MDC 25-28/072

AWAHURI FOREST KITCHENER PARK ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Report of the General Manager Community presenting for consideration the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust's Annual Report for the financial year 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Bessie Nicholls (Chair), Jo Morris (Trustee), Paul Simpson (Trustee) and Vicki Crombie (Trustee) were in attendance.

RESOLVED

That the Council receive the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust's Annual Report 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Moved by: Cr James McKelvie

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

CARRIED (11-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10.30 am and reconvened at 11.07 am.

MDC 25-28/073

CONSIDERATION OF NEW INITIATIVES TO INCLUDE IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27

Report of the Chief Financial Officer seeking direction from Council as to which of the new internal and external initiatives presented (Annex A) are supported for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan Budget.

This item was continued at 11.07 am, and each initiative was discussed.

Cr Grant Hadfield left the table during the discussion on the Feilding Aerodrome Runway Resealing initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.05 pm and reconvened at 1.47 pm.

MDC 25-28/074

CONSIDERATION OF NEW INITIATIVES TO INCLUDE IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27

Report of the Chief Financial Officer seeking direction from Council as to which of the new internal and external initiatives presented (Annex A) are supported for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan Budget.

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees the following capital budget initiatives for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan Budget:

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- (a) Mt Stewart Development – Stage 2 (\$20k capex)
- (b) Sandon (Sanson) Cemetery Fencing and Planting (\$27k capex)
- (c) Ōroua River Walkway – Land Acquisition (\$335k capex)
- (d) Community Libraries Open Plus Access (\$40k capex)
- (e) Installation of Footpaths and Drainage in Urban Areas (\$10k capex)
- (f) New Footpath and Safe Crossing Installations (\$50k capex)
- (g) Feilding Water Resilience (bring forward budget) (\$500k capex)
- (h) Wastewater Centralisation – Halcombe to Mt Stewart (bring forward budget) (\$2.6M capex)
- (i) Replace Himatangi Beach Reservoir Roof (\$100k capex)
- (j) Ranfurly Road Landfill Closure: Earthworks and boundary fencing (\$115k capex)

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (11-0)

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees the following operational budget initiatives for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan Budget:

- (a) Community Libraries Free WiFi (\$12k opex)
- (b) Legal Budget for Local Water Done Well Bylaw Reviews (\$30k opex)
- (c) Feilding Freight Movement and Intersection Demand Business Case (\$250k opex, \$122.5k rates impact)
- (d) Dangerous Tree Removal (\$50k opex)
- (e) Rural community limestone footpath maintenance (\$10k opex)
- (f) Ranfurly Road Landfill earthworks, topsoiling and removal of buffer areas (\$85k opex)
- (g) Grant for resurfacing the Sanson Domain (\$17k opex)

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

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CARRIED (11-0)

Cr Grant Hadfield left the table.

RESOLVED

That Council supports the Feilding Aerodrome by way of a loan of up to \$185k for up to five years. The Aerodrome will pay the interest and the principal.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (7-3)

Cr's Bridget Bell, Rob Duindam and Sam Hill voted against the motion.

Cr Grant Hadfield did not participate in the vote, due to a conflict of interest.

Cr Grant Hadfield rejoined the table.

RESOLVED

That Council agrees to remove the resilience reserve and self-insurance reserve (\$744k) from the draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/075

SUBMISSIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

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

RESOLVED

That the Council receives and notes the listed submissions, lodged on behalf of the Manawātū District Council between 24 June 2025 to 30 October 2025.

- 1 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Consultation**
- 2 Freedom Camping Homelessness Exemption**
- 3 RMA National Direction Packages 1 - 3**
- 4 Draft National Infrastructure Plan**
- 5 Moving People in 2055**
- 6 Online Casino Gambling Bill**

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- 7 **Going for Housing Growth**
- 8 **Open Letter to Minister Watts on Rates Capping**
- 9 **Building New Zealand's Long Term Resilience to Hazards**
- 10 **Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill**
- 11 **Standard Code of Conduct**
- 12 **Antisocial Road Use Legislation Bill**
- 13 **ID For Water Services**
- 14 **Education and Training (Vocational Education and Training System) Amendment Bill**

Moved by: Cr Bridget Bell

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/076

DELEGATIONS MANUAL – RMA 1991 AMENDMENTS (INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLIANCE OFFICER)

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate requesting Council make amendments to Section 8.2 (Resource Management Act 1991) of the Delegations Manual, specifically with regards to delegation changes for designations and notice of requirements.

RESOLVED

That the Council approves the following changes to Section 8.2 (Resource Management Act 1991) of the Delegations Manual, including delegations to the Infrastructure Compliance Officer – Wastewater and Trade Waste (replacing the 'Three Waters Technician' role) and to the Infrastructure Compliance Officer – Water and Stormwater (new role):

- **Section 15 – Discharge of contaminants into Environment**
- **Section 17 – Duty to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects**
- **Section 22 – Power to require certain information (Enforcement Officer)**
- **Section 322 – Power to serve abatement notices**
- **Section 328 – Compliance with Excessive Noise Direction**
- **Section 332 – Power of entry for inspection**
- **Section 333 – Power of entry for survey**
- **Section 343B/343C – Approval of infringement notices and serving of infringement notices**

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Moved by: Cr Sam Hill

Seconded by: Cr Rob Duindam

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/077

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/078

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes: 12 November 2025 and 19 November 2025**
- 2. CEDA Appointment of Directors**
- 3. Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park trustee recruitment**

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; 12 November 2025 and 19 November 2025	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 2 November 2025 and 19 November 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 CEDA Appointment of Directors	s7(2)(a) – privacy <i>This report discusses the details of private individuals who may or may not be</i>	s48(1)(a)

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	<i>appointed to the CEDA Board of Directors</i>	
14.2 Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park trustee recruitment	s7(2)(a) – privacy <i>This report discusses the details of private individuals who may or may not be appointed to the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust</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 (11-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 2.09 pm. For items MDC 25-28/079 to MDC 25-28/082 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 2.32 pm.

MDC 25-28/083

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 2.32 pm.

Meeting Video

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