

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 04 MARCH 2026	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 04 March 2026, which commenced at 8.30 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 – People and Corporate
Lyn Daly General Manager – Community
Joel Richards Acting Chief Financial Officer
Ash Garstang Governance and Assurance Manager
Karyn Crawley Community Operations Adviser
Amy Beazer Junior Policy Adviser
Jason Rosenbrock Regulatory Services Manager

MDC 25-28/143

MEETING OPENING

Bobby Kusilifu from St Pauls Presbyterian Church opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/144

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 25-28/145

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 18 February 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record, as amended:

- **MDC 25-28/135 Priority Service Contracts: Amend resolution to show as being Carried (11-0), with Cr Alison Short having abstained from voting.**

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

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CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/146

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 25-28/147

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/148

PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - PACANZ, NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS

Malaya Hinks was in attendance speaking to Council about her attendance at the PACANZ National Young Performer Awards. Highlights:

- The event is a prestigious dance and music competition.
- She completed both a jazz dance and contemporary dance.
- She will perform modern dance next year.
- Her favourite part of the competition was attending the masterclass sessions.
- She will visit New York in April on tour and would like to dance in Australia in the future.

MDC 25-28/149

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/150

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/151

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
District Development Committee	• 11 February 2026

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Bainesse-Rangiotu Community Committee	• 25 February 2026
Cheltenham Community Committee	• 3 March 2026
Colyton Community Committee	• 19 February 2026
Halcombe Community Committee	• 2 March 2026
Himatangi Beach Community Committee	• 26 February 2026
Kimbolton Community Committee	• 2 March 2026
Pohangina Valley Community Committee	• 18 February 2026
Rangiwahia Community Committee	• 25 February 2026
Rongotea Community Development Group	• 2 March 2026

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader. Good turnout at the meeting, they have hot water running in the hall now.
- Cheltenham – Cr Rob Duindam. Unfortunately, only three members were available for the meeting. They are putting in history boards. The group want another opportunity to reach out to the Community to try and get more members on the Committee.
- Colyton – Cr Colin Dyer. They are working on a welcome sign, and the walkway is being metaled and limed. The playground requires final treatment with logs from Mt Lees. The idea of holding a church fair has been proposed.
- Halcombe – Cr Jerry Pickford. ANZAC day preparations are in full swing. They are brainstorming new ideas for a community event.
- Himatangi – Cr Jerry Pickford. The existing chair was re-elected, and they have appointed a secretary. They have a few issues with freedom campers. All members have been invited for a mid-winter swim in June.
- Kimbolton – Cr Rob Duindam. The new Committee met and there were a lot of items on the agenda. The group is making good progress, and the new chair is doing a really good job.
- Pohangina – Cr Bridget Bell. Twelve people attended and Cr Sam Hill attended the meeting as well. The priority points are paper roads. They had some queries around the radio service that came to light during the recent weather event. There will be a theatre show at the Pohangina Hall which members have been invited to.
- Rangiwahia – Cr Alison Short. A good number of members attended, and a big discussion was the recent weather event. The fallen trees caused a wide power outage, and the cell phone tower did not have a sufficient battery back-up to continue throughout this time. They complimented the contractors who were out there getting things back online. There are bats in the Rangiwahia Bush Reserve.

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- Rongotea – Cr Andrew Quarrie. There is a lot of damage throughout the area from the recent weather event. The street lighting in Rongotea is of concern as well – the LED lights do not travel as well as they used to and there are dark patches. Hamish Waugh will follow-up on this topic. Henry Wheeler was awarded the King’s Service Award on 28 February, which was celebrated at the Rongotea Fire Station.
- Regional Transport Committee – Cr Colin Dyer asked for any feedback and details from other members around issues of public transport across our villages. Mayor Ford agreed and advised that Cr McKelvie and himself would liaise with Cr Dyer around this.

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

Cr Bridget Bell advised that the Māori Queen is visiting Parewahaha Marae and Taumata o Te Rā Marae. Marae across the District are preparing for this visit. Members agreed that the marae-Councillor liaison initiative was an important step forwards in the previous triennium and there was enthusiasm to continue this.

- Parewahawaha Marae – Cr Alison Short. She is continuing to catch up with the marae chair.

MDC 25-28/152

FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE TRUST FINAL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS 2026/2027

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council approval of the Statement of Expectations for the 2026 to 2027 year for Feilding Civic Centre Trust.

RESOLVED

That Council approve the Feilding Civic Centre Trust Statement of Expectations for the 2026 to 2027 year, and subject to agreed changes with the Chief Executive.

Moved by: Cr James McKelvie

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/153

AWAHURI FOREST KITCHENER PARK TRUST STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS 2026/2027

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council approval of the Statement of Expectations for the 2026 to 2027 year for Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust.

RESOLVED

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That Council approve the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust Statement of Expectations for the 2026 to 2027 year, and subject to agreed changes with the Chief Executive.

Moved by: Cr Sam Hill

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/154

**MANAWATŪ COMMUNITY TRUST DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT 2026/2027
AND SIX-MONTHLY REPORT 2025/2026**

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting to Council for consideration the Manawatu Community Trust’s Six-Month Reporting for the 2025/2026 financial year, and the draft Statement of Intent 2026/2027 for feedback in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Lyn Daly provided an overview of the draft Statement of Intent.

Cr Bridget Bell left the meeting at 9.15 am and returned at 9.20 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.23 am and reconvened at 9.31 am.

Teresa Hague, Ian McKelvie, Victor Cheng, Liam Greer, and Allan Davey were in attendance from the Trust to speak to the report.

RESOLVED

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Manawatū Community Trust’s Six-Month Report 2025/26 for the six months ending 31 December 2025 (Appendices 1 and 2).**

and

- 2. Agrees to the Manawatū Community Trust draft Statement of Intent 2026/2027 (Appendix 3), subject to feedback, if any, being incorporated into the final Statement of Intent, and subject to agreed changes with the Chief Executive.**

Moved by: Cr Alison Short

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9.50 am and reconvened at 10.20 am.

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PRIORITY SERVICE CONTRACTS - ANNUAL REPORTS

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council approval of the following reports.

Presenting:

- Plant to Plate Aotearoa – Courtney Manu and Ciara Funnell
- Manawatū Historic Vehicle Trust – Bryan Guy

RESOLVED

That Council receives the 12-month Priority Service Contract reports for the period ending 30 June 2025 from:

- **Plant to Plate Aotearoa**
- **Manawatū Historic Vehicle Trust**

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Andrew Quarrie

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/156

FEES AND CHARGES: PROPOSED PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION FEES FOR 2026/27

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate requesting that Council adopts the Statements of Proposal for the review of Planning fees and charges, Environmental Health fees and charges, and Development Contribution fees and charges for 2026/27, for public consultation.

RESOLVED

That the Council adopts the Statement of Proposal ([attachment 1](#)) for the review of Planning fees and charges for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027, for public consultation.

AND

That the Council adopts the Statement of Proposal ([attachment 2](#)) for the review of the Environmental Health fees and charges for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027, for public consultation.

AND

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That the Council adopts the Statement of Proposal ([attachment 3](#)) for the review of the Development Contribution fees for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027, for public consultation.

AND

That the Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial or formatting amendments to the Statements of Proposal prior to publication.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/157

**FINANCE & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE
AMENDMENT**

Report of the General Manager – People and Corporate seeking Council approval to amend the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Performance Committee to reflect proposed governance refinements.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- 1. Approve the amendments to the Finance and Performance Committee Terms of Reference, as attached to this report, being:**
 - a. Requiring all priority service contracts to be considered by the Committee for approval.**
 - b. Delegating authority to the Grants Connector to approve grants up to \$1,000 in accordance with the Grants Policy.**
 - c. Appointing Cr Rob Duindam to the Committee membership.**
- 2. Adopt the amended Terms of Reference effective from 4 March 2026.**

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Raewyn Loader

CARRIED (11-1)

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CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

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PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes, 18 February 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; 18 February 2026	<p><i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 18 February 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.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.20 am. For items MDC 25-28/160 to MDC 25-28/161 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11.21 am.



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MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11.21 am.

Meeting Video

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