

MEETING MINUTES	
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THURSDAY 04 SEPTEMBER 2025	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 04 September 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 Lara Blackmore
 Cr Stuart Campbell Via Zoom
 Cr Michael Ford
 Cr Grant Hadfield
 Cr Colin McFadzean
 Cr Andrew Quarrie
 Cr Alison Short Via Zoom
 Cr Fiona Underwood

APOLOGIES: Cr Kerry Quigley

IN ATTENDANCE: Hamish Waugh Acting Chief Executive
 Lisa Thomas Acting General Manager – People and Corporate
 Lyn Daly General Manager – Community
 Amanda Calman Chief Financial Officer
 Ash Garstang Governance and Assurance Manager
 Jeena Baines Data, Insights and Research Analyst
 Maree Pritchard Community Operations Adviser
 Brittney Evans Project Initiation Manager
 Wiremu Greening Utilities Manager

MDC 22-25/1277

MEETING OPENING

Jan McGaffin from the Hub Church opened the meeting with prayer.

Cr Bridget Bell joined the meeting at 8.35 am.

MDC 22-25/1278

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology from Councillor Kerry Quigley be approved.

Moved by: Cr Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (8-0)

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 21 August 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Cr Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Colin McFadzean

CARRIED (8-0)

MDC 22-25/1280

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 22-25/1281

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 22-25/1282

PRESENTATION – FINN MACDONALD – ASPIRING LEADERS FORUM

Finn Macdonald from Manawātū District Youth Council spoke about his experience attending the Aspiring Leaders forum.

- The forum was held in Wellington, and Finn was part of a group that included five other attendees.
- They visited Parliament and sat in on question time.
- They cleaned up a stream in Wellington as part of the community service part of the forum.
- Finn's highlight was meeting other attendees and making meaningful connections with his peers there.

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PRESENTATION – RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Jeena Baines, Manawātū District Council Data, Insights and Research Analyst spoke to Council about the latest Residents survey results.

- Satisfaction rates have generally remained above benchmark levels across most measures, with the exception of enquiry handling and “Value for Money.”
- In Wave 4 (May–June 2025), 51% of questions showed a decrease compared with the previous year, 43% saw an increase, and 5% had no change.
- The largest improvements were in enquiry handling (ease, timeliness, and overall experience), while the largest decreases were in dog control and liquor licensing — both influenced by low response numbers and some negative feedback.
- Council will continue to focus on improving enquiry handling, strengthening communication, and benchmarking performance against other councils once comparative data is available.

MDC 22-25/1284

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 22-25/1285

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 22-25/1286

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Cheltenham Community Committee	• 2 September 2025
Colyton Community Committee	• 28 August 2025
Halcombe Community Committee	• 1 September 2025
Himatangi Beach Community Committee	• 28 August 2025
Rangiwahia Community Committee	• 27 August 2025
Rongotea Community Development Group	• 1 September 2025
YOUTH COUNCIL	
Meeting	• 1 September 2025

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Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Cheltenham Community Committee – Cr Andrew Quarrie. They are looking to get another swing for the playground.
- Colyton Community Committee – Cr Lara Blackmore. Recently installed a sharing shelf, where the community can share excess items, books, produce etc. They are going to upgrade the playground at the hall. At the next meeting they are doing civil defence training.
- Halcombe Community Committee – Cr Colin McFadzean. They have put some pressure on the Horizon's candidates around the management of the stream. They have finished the next stage of their story board.
- Himatangi Beach Community Committee – Cr Andrew Quarrie. Was unable to attend.
- Rangiwahia Community Committee – Cr Grant Hadfield. Very good turnout. They are continuing to look at security for their facilities.
- Rongotea Community Development Group – Cr Fiona Underwood. There was some miscommunication on the meeting date, and she was unable to attend.
- Youth Council – Cr Lara Blackmore. They practiced for the Young Achievers Awards, taking place on 15 September.

MDC 22-25/1287

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

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

- Aorangi Marae – Cr Andrew Quarrie. They are concerned about the Feilding Aerodrome and trying to get the airport authorities to be more aware of special events taking place at the marae. Cr Grant Hadfield advised that the Aerodrome Committee has met with the marae several times and asked to be kept informed of events. Cr Alison Short advised that when the District Plan work picks back up (after the RMA review) there may be a more formal process that both parties can go through.
- Cr Michael Ford would like staff to seek an update from marae chairs on how the liaison process is going (from the marae's perspective). He is concerned that there has been a limited uptake of this. Mayor Helen Worboys requested a formal update at the next Council meeting.

MDC 22-25/1288

CEDA APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS POLICY REVIEW

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council review and approve the CEDA Appointment of Directors Policy.

In February 2025, the Manawatu District and Palmerston North City Councils requested the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Electoral College

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review the CEDA Appointment of Directors Policy. The Electoral College have met and updated the policy, recommending changes are adopted as per attachment 1.

RESOLVED

That the Council adopt the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Appointment of Directors Policy 2025 (Attachment 1), as recommended by the Electoral College.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

MDC 22-25/1289

BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS FROM 24/25

Report of the Chief Financial Officer seeking Council to approve the requested financial budget carry forward expenditure along with relevant funding as listed on the attached document from the 2024-25 financial year to the 2025-26 financial year as per the Delegations Policy.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council approve the requested financial carry forwards of \$20.2M for capital budgets into the 2025-26 financial year to be funded from a mix of development contributions, renewal reserve and loan funding.**
- 2. That the Council note the capital and operational budget carry forwards approved by the Chief Executive of \$7.0M capital expenditure and \$1.3M of operational expenditure under section 10.4 of the Delegations Manual.**

Moved by: Cr Lara Blackmore

Seconded by: Cr Colin McFadzean

CARRIED (8-0)

MDC 22-25/1290

WASTE LEVY BUDGET TRANSFER – ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL RAMP

Report of the General Manager Infrastructure seeking Council approval of an unbudgeted capital expenditure request for the use of Waste Levy reserves to construct a new interim Organic Waste Disposal Ramp at the Manawātū Resource Recovery Park to enable temporary consolidation of Feilding food waste before transportation for processing.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

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1. Approves an unbudgeted capital expenditure request of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) exclusive of GST funded from Waste Levy Reserves to fund materials and construction of an organic waste disposal ramp at the Manawātū Resource Recovery Park.
2. Approves the addition of a new action to the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2022 – 2028 for the construction of an organic waste disposal ramp at the Manawātū Resource Recovery Park to support Feilding Food Waste Collection.

Note: Council has Waste Levy Reserves of \$2.1M which will fully fund this unbudgeted capital expenditure. There will be no rates or debt impacts from this request.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

MDC 22-25/1291

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 22-25/1292

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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; 21 August 2025	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public</i>	s48(1)(a)

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	<i>excluded Council meeting on 21 August 2025.</i> <i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</i>	
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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 Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.11 am. For items MDC 22-25/1293 to MDC 22-25/1294 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 10.12 am.

MDC 22-25/1295

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.12 am.

Meeting Video

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