

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 06 MAY 2026	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 06 May 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 – Corporate  
Kate Jarvis General Manager – People  
Lyn Daly General Manager – Community  
Joel Richards Chief Financial Officer  
Ash Garstang Governance and Assurance Manager

MDC 25-28/228

#### MEETING OPENING

Jerald Twomey (Kaitohu Aporei – Māori / Principal Advisor Māori), opened the meeting.

*Cr Andrew Quarrie arrived at 8.31 am.*

MDC 25-28/229

#### APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 25-28/230

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**That the minutes of the Council meeting held 15 April 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield**

**Seconded by: Cr James McKelvie**

**CARRIED (12-0)**

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#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rob Duindam – Item 10.6 Adoption of the Remuneration and Reimbursement for External Committee Members Policy.

Councillor Alison Short – Item 10.6 Adoption of the Remuneration and Reimbursement for External Committee Members Policy.

MDC 25-28/232

#### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/233

#### PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - REGIONAL U14 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Olivia Nagel and Isla Nagel presented to Council. Highlights:

- They both enjoyed the competition and had a great experience.
- They highlighted the opportunity to compete at a higher level and develop their skills, as well as meeting other players from across the region

MDC 25-28/234

#### PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - 2025 ASIA PACIFIC CUP CANOE POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

Brandon Weston was not present to speak to Council.

MDC 25-28/235

#### NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/236

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/237

#### COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

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<b>COMMUNITY COMMITTEES</b>	
Bainesse-Rangiotu Community Committee	• 15 April 2026
Halcombe Community Committee	• 4 May 2026
Himatangi Beach Community Committee	• 23 April 2026
Hiwinui Community Committee	• 21 April 2026
Kiwitea Community Committee	• 20 April 2026
Rongotea Community Development Group	• 4 May 2026
Tangimoana Community Committee	• 20 April 2026

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Bainesse-Rangiotu. Cr Loader – they are working on emergency management and would like Council staff to attend a meeting to provide guidance in this space.
- Halcombe. Cr Pickford – could not attend the meeting but noted that the Halcombe Rugby Club no longer functions.
- Himatangi Beach. Cr Pickford – the Committee is looking forward to having the stormwater catchment modelling completed.
- Hiwinui. Cr Loader – they are looking for information about the removal of speed signs at the intersection of Watershed and Colyton Roads.
- Kiwitea. Cr Quarrie – the meeting was cancelled. However, he spoke to the Committee Chair. They would like someone from the roading team to look at possible safety improvements for the crossing.
- Rongotea. Cr Quarrie – the meeting went well.
- Tangimoana. Cr McKelvie – there was discussion around pine trees near the recycling centre and possible risks they pose. They discussed high hall charges, and cleaning of the pond to prevent it becoming a bog. Cr Quarrie advised that the Committee are hoping to add the name of a World War Two veteran to a memorial in Tangimoana.

MDC 25-28/238

#### MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

There were no verbal updates.

MDC 25-28/239

#### APPOINTMENT OF MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking Council approval for the confirmation of six marae liaison appointments.

#### RESOLVED

**That the Council:**

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**1. Appoints the following marae liaison Councillors:**

<b>Marae</b>	<b>Liaison Councillor</b>
Aorangī	Cr Rob Duindam
Parewahawaha	Cr Alison Short
Poupatatē	Cr James McKelvie
Taumata o te Rā	Cr Colin Dyer
Te Hiiri	Cr Sam Hill
Te Tikanga	Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

**2. Notes that a further report on marae liaison appointments will be presented to Council for confirmation at a later meeting.**

**Moved by: Cr Bridget Bell**

**Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford**

**CARRIED (12-0)**

*Cr Rob Duindam and Cr Alison Short left the meeting at 8.51 am.*

MDC 25-28/240

**ADOPTION OF THE REMUNERATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS POLICY**

Report of the General Manager – Corporate presenting to Council the Remuneration and Reimbursement for External Committee Members Policy to the Council for consideration and adoption.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council adopts the Remuneration and Reimbursement for External Committee Members Policy without amendment.**

**Note: Any cost increases will be accommodated within existing budgets.**

**Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield**

**Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer**

**CARRIED (10-0)**

***Cr Rob Duindam and Cr Alison Short abstained (conflicts of interest)***

*Cr Rob Duindam and Cr Alison Short returned to the meeting at 8.59 am.*

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MDC 25-28/241

**MANFEILD PARK TRUST NINE MONTH REPORT 2025-2026 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026**

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting to Council, for consideration, the Manfeild Park Trust Chair’s and Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2026.

This report responds to the key focus areas associated with the operational grant provided by Manawatū District Council (Council). In December 2025, Council formalised a revised set of key performance indicators, which will apply from January to June 2026 and be reported on in the Trust’s end-of-year report.

While reporting has historically been provided on a six-month basis, the Trust has extended the current reporting period to provide a more up-to-date view of its position.

Hamish Waugh, Kevin Hansen, and Stefan Speller presented the report to Council.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council receive the Manfeild Park Trust Nine Month Chairs and Financial Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.**

**Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield**

**Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins**

**CARRIED (12-0)**

MDC 25-28/242

**FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE TRUST NINE MONTH REPORT 2025-2026 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026**

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting to Council, for consideration, the Feilding Civic Centre Trust’s nine-month chair, centre manager and financial report for the period ending 31 March 2026.

Evan Tull presented the report to Council.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council receives the tabled Feilding Civic Centre Trust’s nine-month chair, centre manager and financial report for the period ending 31 March 2026.**

**Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield**

**Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer**

**CARRIED (12-0)**

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*The meeting was adjourned at 9.48 am and reconvened at 10.31 am.*

MDC 25-28/243

**AWAHURI FOREST KITCHENER PARK NINE MONTH REPORT 2025-2026 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026**

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting to Council, for consideration, the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust’s nine-month report for the period ending 31 March 2026.

Jo Morris presented the report to Council.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council receives the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust’s nine-month chairs and financial reports for the period ending 31 March 2026.**

**Moved by: Cr Sam Hill**

**Seconded by: Cr Rob Duindam**

**CARRIED (12-0)**

MDC 25-28/244

**DISSOLUTION OF THE AWAHURI FOREST KITCHENER PARK TRUST**

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting to Council, the outcome of a decision made by the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust (AFKPT) to dissolve the AFKPT and transition the operations to Manawātū District Council (Council) as of 1 July 2026.

Jo Morris was present for this item.

**RESOLVED**

**That Council:**

- 1. Accept the decision of the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust to dissolve the Trust and transition the management of the Awahuri Forest and Kitchener Park to Council as of 1 July 2026.**
- 2. Note that no additional funding is required, and the grant funding to the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust of \$148,380 + GST be reapplied to the relevant Council operational budget.**

**Moved by: Cr Alison Short**

**Seconded by: Cr Rob Duindam**

**CARRIED (11-0)**

*Cr Alison Short left the meeting at 11.00 am*

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**MANAWATŪ WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE – ADOPTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE, MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING DATES**

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking Council approval to establish the terms of reference, membership and 2026 meeting dates for the Council’s Manawatū Water Services Committee.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Notes the change of name from the ‘Water Services Unit Committee’ (reported to Council 29 October 2025) to the ‘Manawatū Water Services Committee’.**
- 2. Adopts the attached Terms of Reference for the Manawatū Water Services Committee.**
- 3. Confirms the membership of the Manawatū Water Services Committee as set out below, noting that the Chair was appointed at the Council meeting on 29 October 2025 and the remaining members were confirmed at the Council meeting on 12 November 2025:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Deputy Chair</b>	<b>Members</b>
Manawatū Water Services Committee	Colin McFadzean (external)	Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins	Crs Grant Hadfield, Andrew Quarrie, Jerry Pickford, Rob Duindam, Bridget Bell, and the Mayor

- 4. Adopts the following meeting dates for 2026.**
  - **13 May 2026**
  - **23 July 2026**
  - **9 September 2026**
  - **12 November 2026**

**Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield**

**Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer**

**CARRIED (11-0)**

MDC 25-28/246

**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**

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; 15 April 2026	<p><i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 15 April 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 Shelley Dew-Hopkins**

**CARRIED (11-0)**

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.04 am. For items MDC 25-28/248 to MDC 25-28/249 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11.05 am.*

MDC 25-28/250

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11.05 am.



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