

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
THURSDAY 07 AUGUST 2025	8:31 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 07 August 2025, which commenced at 8.31 am at Hato Hone St Johns, 35 Bowen Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Mayor Helen Worboys Chairperson  
 Cr Bridget Bell  
 Cr Steve Bielski  
 Cr Lara Blackmore  
 Cr Michael Ford  
 Cr Grant Hadfield  
 Cr Colin McFadzean  
 Cr Andrew Quarrie  
 Cr Kerry Quigley  
 Cr Alison Short  
 Cr Fiona Underwood

APOLOGIES: Cr Stuart Campbell

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
	Matthew Mackay	Principal Policy Planner
	Richard Hills	Senior Policy Planner
	Daniel Batley	Consultant Planner

MDC 22-25/1238

#### MEETING OPENING

Martin Baldwin from the Feilding Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer.

MDC 22-25/1239

#### APOLOGIES

Cr Stuart Campbell was on a pre-approved leave of absence.

MDC 22-25/1240

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**That the minutes of the Council meeting held 24 July 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by: Cr Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Cr Kerry Quigley**

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**CARRIED (11-0)**

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 22-25/1242

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 22-25/1243

**PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND PRESENTATION – FEILDING  
INTERMEDIATE: AGRIKIDS NATIONAL COMPETITION**

Eight students from Feilding Intermediate talked to Council about attending the AgriKidsNZ 2025 competition:

- There were 7 modules and 60 questions around general farming knowledge.
- Prior to the event, the participants completed various community-oriented tasks to earn points.

MDC 22-25/1244

**PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND – VANTAGE NATIONAL U18  
MEN'S TOURNAMENT (HOCKEY)**

Ephriam Yearbury was in attendance speaking to Council attending this hockey tournament.

- Ephriam fell ill five days before the tournament, but still attended. He was unable to play in the first couple of games, but played in the last four games. His illness was disappointing as it affected his performance in front of national selectors.
- He thanked the Council for their support towards his travel costs.
- He is looking to continue building his skills and will compete as much as he can within the region.

MDC 22-25/1245

**NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 22-25/1247

## COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Halcombe Community Committee	• 4 August 2025
Himatangi Beach Community Committee	• 24 July 2025
Rongotea Community Development Group	• 4 August 2025
Waituna West Community Committee	• 6 August 2025

YOUTH COUNCIL	
Meeting	• 04 August 2025

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Halcombe Community Committee – Cr Colin McFadzean. The Committee has made the hall available for the cycle tour, and there is planning around the harrier event upcoming.
- Himatangi Community Committee – Cr Andrew Quarrie. The Committee is looking to create a viewing platform behind the dairy.
- Rongotea Community Development Group – Cr Fiona Underwood. There are concerns regarding the adequacy of the street lighting, since the bulbs have been replaced with LED lights. There are concerns around areas that are too dark. Cr Andrew Quarrie raised a concern around street lighting by the playcentre. Staff will liaise with Cr Underwood and Cr Quarrie.
- Waituna West Community Committee – Cr Kerry Quigley. The Committee had no concerns.
- Youth Council – Cr Lara Blackmore. Met on 28 July (not 04 August). The Youth Council debriefed on the Youth Market, and are looking ahead towards the Young Achievers Awards on 15 September 2025.
- Tangimoana Community – Cr Alison Short. Tangimoana had another event with the Deep South Project. The school has been working with Bruce Glavovic from Massey, and they invited the community to attend and see what they have been learning about. The school children discussed various ways the Community might respond to changing environmental conditions in the future.

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#### MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

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

- Parewahawaha Marae – Cr Alison Short had a catch up with Cliff Brown. They recently had their AGM. They have been working with the Māori Land Court to get their trustees updated. Unfortunately while this was in progress the bank froze the Marae's accounts, but they now have access again. They have had ongoing engagement with the NZ Defence Force around consents for a fuel storage facility. The Marae Committee are also redecorating two of their housing units.
- Poupatatē Marae – Cr Bridget Bell. She was invited to the marae on the weekend. She noted it was good to see young people on the Marae Committee. They are hosting Central Energy Trust and Margaret Kouvelis soon around looking at funding for their kitchen.
- Cr Bridget Bell – she has attended meetings with the Chairman of Kauwhata Ngāti Te Ao and Te Tikanga Marae. They are looking forward to the market day that Te Kōtui Reo are hosting to acknowledge their creative artists. They are keen to have an event specifically centred on art. There are also discussions around the Māori referendum. Cr Bell thanked staff for their attendance at the papakāinga housing hui, and advised that they have had very good feedback on this event.

MDC 22-25/1249

#### ADOPTION OF GROWTH FRAMEWORK 2025

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council approval to adopt the Manawātū Growth Framework 2025 (the Growth Framework). The Growth Framework has the purpose of guiding Council's future growth and development programme. It replaces the earlier Feilding Framework Plan of 2013.

Adoption of a Growth Framework helps Council prepare for the 2027 Long-Term Plan. It is an important interim step as Council responds to the changing Central Government housing and infrastructure priorities.

#### RESOLVED

**That the Council adopt the Manawātū Growth Framework 2025.**

**Moved by: Cr Michael Ford**

**Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield**

**CARRIED (11-0)**

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#### CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 22-25/1251

#### PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

#### RESOLVED

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

##### 1. Confirmation of Minutes; 25 July 2025

**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; 24 July 2025	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 24 July 2025.</i>  <i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</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 Helen Worboys**

**Seconded by: Cr Lara Blackmore**

**CARRIED (11-0)**

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.36 am. For items MDC 22-25/1252 to MDC 22-25/1253 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 9.37 am.*

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#### MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 9.37 am.

#### Meeting Video

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