



MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 17 June 2026, which commenced at 8.30 am at the Manawatu District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

- PRESENT:**
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| Councillor Grant Hadfield | Chairperson |
| Councillor Bridget Bell | Via Zoom |
| Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins | |
| Councillor Rob Duindam | |
| Councillor Colin Dyer | |
| Councillor Sam Hill | |
| Councillor Raewyn Loader | |
| Councillor James McKelvie | |
| Councillor Jerry Pickford | |
| Councillor Andrew Quarrie | |
| Councillor Alison Short | |
- APOLOGIES:** Mayor Michael Ford
- IN ATTENDANCE:**
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| 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 |
| Lisa Thomas | Strategy Manager |

MDC 25-28/291

MEETING OPENING

Cr Colin Dyer opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/292

APOLOGIES

Mayor Michael Ford is on a leave of absence.

MDC 25-28/293

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 03 June 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Cr Andrew Quarrie

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

CARRIED (11-0)

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MDC 25-28/294

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Andrew Quarrie – Item 13.1 Vesting of 10 Montgomery Street (non-pecuniary).

MDC 25-28/295

PUBLIC FORUM: TE WHATU ORA – SMOKEFREE/VAPEFREE SIGNS

Julie Beckett and Sally Darragh were in attendance speaking to Council.

- They outlined Health NZ's role in environmental health, disease prevention, and public health regulation.
- Free smokefree/vapefree signs and stickers were made available to Council, for the purpose of supporting community smokefree initiatives.
- A complaints process is available for the public to report smoking, vaping, and illicit tobacco-related concerns.
- Sally Darragh advised that as of 2023, 7.7% of New Zealander's smoke, with smoking rates for Māori being three times higher, and smoking rates for those suffering deprivation being six times higher. As of 2024, 26% of 18-24 year olds vape.

MDC 25-28/296

PRESENTATION: FHS FIRST XV RUGBY TEAM – SANIX WORLD RUGBY YOUTH TOURNAMENT

Justin Lock, Lucas Goodman (Captain) and Monty Gibson (Head Boy) were in attendance speaking to Council.

- Feilding High school competes against the best school rugby teams across the country. In 2024 they placed 3rd nationally, and in 2025 they placed 2nd. This placement resulted in them being extended an invitation to the Sanix World Rugby Youth Tournament in Japan.
- Both players enjoyed the tournament and were struck by how well the Japanese team prepared for their opponents.

MDC 25-28/297

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

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MDC 25-28/298

RECOMMENDATION FROM MANAWATŪ WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE RE: DECISION ON WHETHER TO AUDIT THE WATER SERVICES STRATEGY

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure presenting a recommendation from the Manawatū Water Services Committee meeting on 10 June 2026, recommending that Council does not engage the Audit Office.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- 1. Notes the recommendation of the Manawatū Water Services Committee at its meeting on 10 June 2026 (MWS 25-28/018) that the Council does not engage the Audit Office to audit Council’s Water Services Strategy;**

and

- 2. Does not engage the Audit Office to audit Council’s Water Services Strategy.**

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/299

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

The following Community Committee meetings were notified for information.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Himatangi Beach CC – Cr Jerry Pickford	• 16 June 2026
Kimbolton CC – Cr Rob Duindam	• 8 June 2026
Pohangina Valley CC – Cr Bridget Bell	• 10 June 2026
Sanson CC – Cr Alison Short	• 11 June 2026
Tangimoana CC – Cr James McKelvie	• 15 June 2026

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Himatangi Beach – no comments.
- Kimbolton – Cr Rob Duindam. Fully attended by the Committee, but unfortunately the Chair has resigned. Another member has also resigned. The Committee had a discussion, but they were not yet in a position to appoint a new Chair and will instead have a special meeting on the 29 June and go out to the Community to seek nominations. Nick Galpin and Hannah Tokona came out have been helping with emergency management, which has been appreciated.

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- Pohangina Valley – Cr Bridget Bell. Nick Galpin and Hannah Tokona attended the meeting to discuss emergency management. Wayne Keightley attended the meeting to discuss the fern walk. The Committee appreciated the Council comms around County Fair kitchen. The Committee was unhappy about the timeframe for the local government amalgamation reform (Head Start pathway).
- Sanson – Cr Alison Short. The Committee resolved to spend some of their project funding on 50 chairs. They are looking at purchasing new basketball hoops for the hall, using Ministry of Education funding.
- Tangimoana – Cr James McKelvie. The meeting was cancelled due to a number of apologies.
- Hiwinui – Cr Raewyn Loader. The Community was pleased to see speed limit signs up around the school. There are three events coming up in their hall: lamb and calf day, Matariki breakfast, and the gumboot and glam ball. The school has a new 10-seater van, fundraised by the Lions Club and the school.
- Passenger Transport Committee – Cr Colin Dyer. Horizons transport has been reorganising bus options through Palmerston North and Whanganui. Both places have seen an increase in bus users. On the 04 July there is a new electric bus service between Feilding and Palmerston North, using smaller busses. Horowhenua District Council are actively seeking to get a bus service installed in Levin.

MDC 25-28/300

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

There were no councillor updates.

MDC 25-28/301

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27

Report of the Chief Financial Officer seeking Council adoption of the Annual Plan 2026/27.

RESOLVED

1. **That in accordance with Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council adopts the Annual Plan 2026/27 (Annex A).**
2. **That the Chief Executive be authorised to approve any final edits required to the Annual Plan 2026/27 in order to finalise the document.**

Moved by: Cr Andrew Quarrie

Seconded by: Cr Raewyn Loader

CARRIED (10-1)

Cr Jerry Pickford voted against the motion.

MDC 25-28/302

ADOPTION OF THE RATES RESOLUTION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27

Report of the Chief Financial Officer seeking Council approval to set rates, due dates, and penalties for unpaid rates, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as required by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

RESOLVED

That the Manawātū District Council, in pursuance of the exercise of powers conferred on it by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and any other empowering provisions, resolves to set the following rates on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027:

All rates and amounts expressed are inclusive of goods and services tax.

A. General Rates

Under section 13(2)(b) and 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a general rate on every rating unit, assessed on capital value and on a differential basis.

Differential Category	Differential	Rate in the \$ of CV
1. Feilding Residential	1.00	0.00114
2. Feilding Rural	0.50	0.00057
3. Feilding CBD	2.25	0.00256
4. Rural	0.40	0.00046
5. Industrial and Commercial	1.60	0.00182
6. Utilities	1.60	0.00182
7. Defence	0.40	0.00046

B. Uniform Annual General Charge

Under section 15(2)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a uniform annual general charge of \$620 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

C. Parks, Reserves and Sports Grounds Targeted Rate

Under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate on every rating unit, assessed on capital value and on a differential basis.

Differential Category	Differential	Rate in the \$ of CV
1. Feilding Residential	1.00	0.00057
2. Feilding Rural	0.30	0.00017
3. Feilding CBD	2.75	0.00158
4. Rural	0.30	0.00017
5. Industrial and Commercial	1.50	0.00086
6. Utilities	1.75	0.00100

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7. Defence	0.30	0.00017
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D. Parks, Reserves and Sports Grounds Uniform Targeted Rate

A targeted rate for parks, reserves and sports grounds, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit in the district, of \$25.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

E. Roading Targeted Rate

Under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate on every rating unit, assessed on capital value and on a differential basis.

Differential Category	Differential	Rate in the \$ of CV
1. Feilding Residential	1.00	0.00094
2. Feilding Rural	1.00	0.00094
3. Feilding CBD	1.00	0.00094
4. Rural	1.00	0.00094
5. Industrial and Commercial	1.00	0.00094
6. Utilities	1.00	0.00094
7. Defence	1.00	0.00094

F. Roading Uniform Targeted Rate

A targeted rate for roading, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit, of \$100.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

G. Makino Aquatic Centre Targeted Rate

A targeted rate for the Makino Aquatic Centre set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, assessed on a differential basis described below:

- Within Feilding Differential Rating Area \$ 233.00
- Outside the Feilding Differential Rating Area \$ 163.00

H. Library Targeted Rate

A targeted rate for the library set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, assessed on a differential basis described below:

- Within Feilding Differential Rating Area \$ 253.00
- Outside the Feilding Differential Rating Area \$ 177.00

I. Kerbside Recycling Targeted Rate

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A targeted rate for the kerbside recycling collection service, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of:

- **\$130.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the kerbside recycling collection service is available, excluding vacant lan.**

J. Feilding CBD Parking Enforcement Targeted Rate

A targeted rate for the Feilding Central Business District (CBD) Parking Enforcement set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of:

- **\$0.00012 in the dollar of capital value on all rating units situated within differential category 3 (Feilding CBD).**

K. Feilding CBD Security Targeted Rate

A targeted rate for Feilding CBD security, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of:

- **\$309.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit situated within differential category 3 (Feilding CBD).**

L. Ultra-Fast Broadband Infrastructure Targeted Rate

A targeted rate for the ultra-fast broadband infrastructure in the Kawakawa Road/Darragh Road industrial area, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of:

- **\$704.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is within 10 meters of the Ultra-Fast Broadband infrastructure.**

M. Stormwater Targeted Rate

A targeted rate on each rating unit in the areas that are located in: Feilding Differential and all rating units zoned as ‘village’ in the District Plan located in Rongotea, Sanson, Himatangi Beach, Tangimoana, Halcombe and Cheltenham.

This rate is a fixed amount of \$207.00 per rating unit that are connected directly or indirectly to a stormwater network set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

N. Rural Land Drainage Targeted Rates

Targeted rates, based on land value (LV), for rating units that are part of one of the schemes listed below, for the maintenance and development of land drainage schemes, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of:

Category	Rate in \$ of LV

Bainesse drainage district	
Bainesse Class A	0.000890
Bainesse Class B	0.000430
Bainesse Class C	0.000350
Makowhai drainage district	
Makowhai Class A	0.000170
Makowhai Class B	0.000170
Makowhai Class C	0.000040
Maire drainage district	
Maire Class A	0.000200
Maire Class B	0.000090
Maire Class C	0.000120
Maire Class D	0.000140
Oroua Downs drainage district	
Oroua Downs Class A	0.000740
Oroua Downs Class B	0.000360
Oroua Downs Class C	0.000210

O. Water Supply Targeted Rate – Urban

A targeted rate applied on a differentiated basis of provision or availability of service for the reticulation and treatment of potable water through Council’s water network (excluding those properties connected to a rural water supply scheme), set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of:

Water Supply - Connected	\$500.00 per SUIP
Water Supply - Available	\$250.00 per SUIP
Water Supply - Restricted	\$400.00 per SUIP

P. Volumetric Water Charges

For rating units that have opted for water volumetric charging and extraordinary users of the water scheme under Council’s bylaw, a differential targeted rate based on the level of service provision (connection size and number of connections) to the rating unit (as set out in the table below):

Connection size	Charge per connection
15 mm to 50 mm	\$869.40
80 mm to 150 mm	\$885.50

A water consumption charge set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for consumption in excess of 380 cubic meters within the rating year of \$2.37 per cubic meter of water supplied.

Q. Wastewater Disposal Targeted rates

A targeted rate applied on a differentiated basis of provision or availability of service for the reticulation, treatment and disposal of sewage and trade effluent, (to properties that are not subject to volumetric trade wastewater charges) set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002,

Wastewater disposal - Connected	\$1,149.00 per rating unit
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Wastewater disposal - Available	\$574.50 per rating unit
Wastewater disposal - Restricted	\$919.00 per rating unit

R. Water Supply Targeted Rates – Rural

Targeted rates, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, for the rural water supply treatment, reticulation, and supply of water per unit allocated or supplied to each participating rating unit in the following schemes.

- Stanway/Halcombe Rural Water Scheme – per unit allocated \$458.00
- Waituna West Rural Water Scheme – per unit allocated \$522.00
- Ohakea Rural Water Scheme – per unit allocated \$355.75
- Kiwitea Rural Water Scheme – per unit allocated \$281.75
- Kiwitea Rural Water Scheme – per additional unit used but not allocated
\$281.75

S. Capital Contribution Targeted Rate

Where a ratepayer has signed an agreement to pay their capital contribution over a set term, for the Himatangi Beach wastewater scheme or the Rongotea water scheme capital contribution, a targeted rate is set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Each of the rates is a fixed amount per rating unit, as set out in the table below.

Capital Contribution Targeted Rate	Targeted Rate Amount
Himatangi beach wastewater scheme - twenty-year term, 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2033	\$923
Rongotea water scheme - twenty-year term, 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2035	\$374

T. Rates invoice and penalty dates

Rates are set for the year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027.

Rates will be payable in four equal instalments (except for volumetric water rates) and must be paid by the due date. Payment can be made using online banking, direct debit, credit card through internet or at the Council Office situated at 135 Manchester Street, Feilding between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 9.00am and 5.00pm Thursday.

If the total annual rates (not including volumetric water rates) are paid in full by 30 November 2026, any penalties added for instalment one will be remitted.

	Instalment One	Instalment Two	Instalment Three	Instalment Four
Invoice Date	1 August 2026	1 November 2026	1 February 2027	1 May 2027

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Payment Due Date	28 August 2026	30 November 2026	26 February 2027	31 May 2027
Penalty Date	3 September 2026	10 December 2026	4 March 2027	10 June 2027

Volumetric Water charges will be invoiced at the end of each quarter and are due for payment on the last working day of the following month (as set out in the table below).

	Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Quarter Four
Invoice Date	30 September 2026	31 December 2026	31 March 2027	30 June 2027
Payment Due Date	30 October 2025	29 January 2026	30 April 2026	30 July 2026

U. Instalment Penalty

Under section 57 and 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a 10% penalty will be added to any portion of the current instalment (not including volumetric water rates) that remains unpaid after the due date. The penalty will be added on the date set out in the table above in the “Penalty Date” row.

V. Additional Arrears Penalty

A 10% penalty will be added on 9 July 2026 to any unpaid rates from previous financial years that remains unpaid on 8 July 2026. Another 10% will be added on 16 January 2027 to any unpaid rates from previous financial years that remain unpaid on 15 January 2027.

Moved by: Cr Andrew Quarrie

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (10-1)

Cr Jerry Pickford voted against the motion.

MDC 25-28/303

ADOPTION OF THE BORROWING RESOLUTION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27

Report of the Chief Financial Officer seeking Council authorisation for the Chief Executive to borrow when necessary to fund the programmes identified in the Annual Plan 2026/27.

RESOLVED

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1. That the Council authorises the Chief Executive to borrow new loans up to \$17,918,000 to fund the capital projects identified in the Annual Plan 2026/27.
2. That the Council authorises the Chief Executive to borrow to refinance existing loan facilities as they fall due. Loans can only be refinanced within the terms of the original loan approval as outlined in the financial strategy.
3. That the Council authorises the Chief Executive to negotiate and agree the terms, interest rate payable, type of loan facilities or issues of stock and/or swaps that make up the borrowing and to execute any agreements, documents, and certificates in respect of such loans, facilities, or stock on behalf of the Council.
4. That the borrowing be secured by a Debenture Trust Deed over all rates made from time to time by Council under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
5. Council notes that the planned draw down of debt will breach the debt cap under the Current Liability Management Policy. However, due to Councils AA credit rating the planned total debt will not breach covenants with the Local Government Funding Agency.

Moved by: Cr Colin Dyer

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (10-1)

Cr Jerry Pickford voted against the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.06 am and reconvened at 10.25 am.

MDC 25-28/304

DEVELOPMENT OF GRANTS POLICY

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council adoption of the new Grants Policy and revoke the existing Community Development Policy. The report also introduces the accompanying Community Grants Guidelines, which will provide operational detail and criteria for Council-administered funding programmes.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. **Adopts the Grants Policy.**
2. **Revokes the Community Development Policy.**

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3. Notes that the operational detail, eligibility criteria, assessment processes, and funding priorities for Council-administered funding programmes will be contained within the Community Grants Guidelines.
4. Notes the following proposed funding approach changes for the 2026/27 funding year that will be outlined in the Community Grants Guidelines:
 - a. The Representative Fund will be focused on applicants aged 19 years and under, with tiered funding available for regional, national, and international representation.
 - b. The Community Development One-Off Fund criteria will be clarified to reflect that the “one-off” nature of the fund relates to the funding allocation itself rather than limiting support to one-off initiatives or projects, allowing greater flexibility to support initiatives and services that demonstrate clear community benefit.
 - c. The Events Fund will move to a fully contestable approach, with no specific funding allocations reserved for individual events or organisations.
 - d. The Council-funded traffic management support will continue for Anzac Day commemorations, Rural Day, and the Feilding Christmas Parade for the 2026/27 funding year, with all other event-related traffic management requests to be considered through the Events Fund application process.
 - e. The future structure and administration of the Traffic Management Fund may be reviewed through future Long Term Plan discussions.
 - f. The consequential amendments will be made to the Community Committee Policy and Marae and Hapū Development Policy to incorporate relevant funding administration and accountability provisions previously contained within the Community Development Policy.

Moved by: Cr Sam Hill

Seconded by: Cr Rob Duindam

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/305

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking Council approval for adoption.

RESOLVED

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That the Council adopts the updated Risk Management Policy, without amendment.

Moved by: Cr Rob Duindam

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/306

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/307

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

- Vesting of 10 Montgomery Street, Feilding to Council**

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
13.1 Vesting of 10 Montgomery Street, Feilding to Council	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations <i>The report includes details of a commercial nature, that may be sensitive</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: Cr Grant Hadfield



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Seconded by: Cr James McKelvie

CARRIED (11-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.51 am. For items MDC 25-28/308 to MDC 25-28/309 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 10.56 am.

MDC 25-28/310

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.56 am.

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