

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 19 August 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
	Ash Garstang	Governance and Assurance Manager
	Lisa Thomas	Strategy Manager
	Matthew Mackay	Principal Policy Planner
	Richard Hills	Senior Policy Planner
	Ross Patching	Development Navigator
	Axel Malecki	Policy Adviser

MDC 25-28/351

MEETING OPENING

Cr James McKelvie opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/352

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology for Councillor Andrew Quarrie for lateness be approved.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (11-0)

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 05 August 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/354

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 25-28/355

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/356

PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND – FOOTLOCKER U18 BASKETBALL NATIONALS IN AUCKLAND

Luca Giordiani and Brock Piper were unable to attend the meeting.

MDC 25-28/357

PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - U18 NATIONAL MENS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, TAURANGA

Max Dodunski was in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- The team made it to the semi-finals and lost in a shoot-out to Auckland, who went on to win the tournament.
- Max has been selected for the Central Falcons team. He will participate in an upcoming testing and match play, after which the team will be narrowed down to 20 players.

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PRESENTATION - DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY REVIEW

Lisa Thomas (Strategy Manager) was in attendance speaking to Council about the Development and Financial Contributions Policy Review.

Cr Andrew Quarrie arrived at 8.43 am.

MDC 25-28/359

FEILDING AND DISTRICT PROMOTION - ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2026

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting Feilding & District Promotion's Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2026 as required under the grant funding agreement between Feilding & District Promotion and Manawātū District Council.

Evan Tull (Chair) and Sarah Gilbertson (Manager) from FDP spoke to the item.

RESOLVED

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Feilding & District Promotion Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2026.**
- 2. Accepts that Feilding & District Promotion has satisfactorily met its service delivery outcomes and reporting obligations specified for 2025/26.**

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10.10 am and reconvened at 10.33 am.

MDC 25-28/360

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/361

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

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COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Manawatū Water Services	• 12 August 2026

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Hiwinui – Cr Raewyn Loader	• 18 August 2026
Kimbolton – Cr Rob Duindam	• 10 August 2026
Pohangina Valley – Cr Bridget Bell	• 12 August 2026
Sanson – Cr Alison Short	• 13 August 2026
Tangimoana – Cr James McKelvie	• 17 August 2026
Waituna West – Cr Sam Hill	• 12 August 2026

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Manawatū Water Services – Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins. The key item was to adopt the workplan for the 2026/27 year. Information was also provided around the DIA reporting requirements. A key discussion was around the possibility of water metres – the current thinking from staff is that water metering is not required.
- Hiwinui – Cr Raewyn Loader. There have been a number of sporting and maths competition successes at Hiwinui, which were celebrated at their meeting. The Committee did question the variable speed sign outside of the school – it is currently 40 km/h, but they would like to reduce it.
- Kimbolton – Cr Rob Duindam. The new Chair is in place. The Committee rolled over some of their funding. A few of the projects they were looking at are already being partially fulfilled by Council, so the Chair will liaise with Council staff on these. A few points of concern around the Kiwitea water scheme, which Cr Duindam will refer to the Manawatū Water Services Committee.
- Pohangina Valley – Cr Bridget Bell. Acknowledged Stacey McLaughlin's attendance online. They had a County Fair Committee member attending who wanted to know who was responsible for the Branch Road Walkway – this Committee no longer has the capacity to continue the maintenance, and they want to know if Council will have the capacity to take over this work. The temporary rock placement concept from the Roding Team – the Committee would like to know when this work will commence.
- Sanson – Cr Alison Short. There was no quorum, due to sickness, so the August meeting was cancelled.
- Tangimoana – Cr James McKelvie. Some of the hall cladding has been repaired and replaced. There are still concerns around river erosion, particularly where it is undermining Scott Ferry Road.

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- Waituna West – Cr Sam Hill. The Chair spoke about the upcoming cemetery upgrade plans. They plan to have a covered memorial wall where plaques can be placed. They are also going to install park benches and more planting. They have enquired about public access to the Rangitikei River down by the dumpsite on Rangitikei Valley Road.

MDC 25-28/363

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

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

- Cr Bridget Bell – met with the Chairman of Te Iwi Tekau Marae, Aorangi Marae, and the Chairman of the Kauwhata Committee at Council.

MDC 25-28/364

ENDORSEMENT OF THE COUNCIL STRATEGY

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking Council endorsement of the Council Strategy (Annex A) for use as the strategic framing for Council's 2027-37 Long-term Plan (LTP). This will enable the Strategy to be used to help guide prioritisation and decision-making for the LTP project.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council endorse the Council Strategy (Annex A) and agree to its use in setting the strategic direction for Council's 2027-37 Long-term Plan.
2. That the Chief Executive be authorised to approve any final edits required to the Council Strategy (Annex A) prior to its use in setting the strategic direction for Council's 2027-37 Long-term Plan.

Note: The Strategy will be finalised and adopted alongside the 2027-37 Long-term Plan, following consultation and Council's final decisions on the contents of the Plan.

Moved by: Cr Alison Short

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/365

ADOPTION OF THE HALLS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council's adoption of the revised Halls Management Policy (Annex A). The revised policy modernises the governance framework for the management of community halls, clarifies the respective roles of Council and Hall Committees and aligns the policy with Council's current strategic direction.

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1. That Council adopts the Halls Management Policy 2026 (Annex A).
2. That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make minor editorial amendments to the Halls Management Policy prior to publication, provided those amendments do not alter the policy's intent.
3. That Council notes that adoption of the policy does not predetermine future decisions on the retention, renewal, repurposing, divestment, disposal, depreciation, or funding of individual halls, which remain subject to Council decision-making through the Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan, Financial Strategy, asset management planning, and applicable engagement requirements.
4. That Council notes that a more substantive review of the community hall network, including service levels, funding and depreciation settings and network configuration, is intended to be undertaken after the Long-Term Plan 2027-37 review cycle.

Moved by: Cr Sam Hill

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/366

ADOPTION OF THE ROAD STOPPING POLICY

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking Council's adoption of the proposed Road Stopping Policy, attached as Annex A.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council adopts the Road Stopping Policy, attached as Annex A, with effect from 19 August 2026, as amended:
 - Remove "where relevant" from bullet point 4 of section 2.1 of the Policy.
2. That the Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make minor editorial amendments to the Road Stopping Policy prior to publication, provided those amendments do not alter the policy's intent.

Note: That the accompanying report should more appropriately say "where a proposal may affect mana whenua, Council will identify and engage with the affected parties at an early stage of the assessment process."

Moved by: Cr Bridget Bell

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

CARRIED (12-0)

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MDC 25-28/367

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/368

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. **Confirmation of Minutes: 05 August 2026**
2. **Community Honours 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; 05 August 2026	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 5 August 2026.</i> <i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</i>	s48(1)(a)
14.1 Community Honours 2026	s7(2)(a) – privacy <i>To protect the privacy of the nominees and nominators.</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 Michael Ford

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Seconded by: Cr Raewyn Loader

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.24 am. For items MDC 25-28/369 to MDC 25-28/371 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 12.05 pm.

MDC 25-28/372

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 12.05 pm.

Meeting Video

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