

| MEETING MINUTES | |
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| COUNCIL | TIME |
| WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026 | 8:30 AM |

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20 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
Jeena Baines Data, Insights and Research Analyst
Helen King Grants Connector

MDC 25-28/251

MEETING OPENING

Cr Raewyn Loader opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/252

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 25-28/253

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 06 May 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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MDC 25-28/254

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 25-28/255

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/256

REPRESENTATIVE FUND - REGIONAL U14 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN HAWKES BAY

Te Koha Cooper Burton was in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- The competition was very challenging.
- He enjoyed meeting a lot of other great players at the event.

MDC 25-28/257

PRESENTATION – RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY – WAVE 3

Jeena Baines (Data, Insights and Research Analyst) was in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- Overall resident satisfaction remains high and above benchmark levels, with most service areas performing well.
- Key concerns raised by residents included rates and value for money, infrastructure maintenance, and rural service levels.
- Satisfaction with enquiry handling declined this quarter, with improvement actions focused on communication and customer service.

MDC 25-28/258

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

A late report titled “Trustee Recruitment – Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust” was notified, for consideration in public excluded session.

RESOLVED

That Council considers the late item “Trustee Recruitment – Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust” in public excluded session.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

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Seconded by: Cr Bridget Bell

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/259

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/260

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

| COMMUNITY COMMITTEES | |
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| Hiwinui Community Committee | • 19 May 2026 |
| Sanson Community Committee | • 14 May 2026 |
| Tangimoana Community Committee | • 18 May 2026 |
| Waituna West Community Committee | • 13 May 2026 |

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Hiwinui – Cr Raewyn Loader. They have a close relationship with the school committee. They have updated their security and lighting. They would like the speed reduction sign on Watershed Road and Colyton Road returned. There is a fundraiser in November “Gumboots and Glam”.
- Sanson – Cr Alison Short. Good turnout at the committee meeting. They discussed whether a small generator for the hall might be a good use for their project funding. There was a concern raised about theft and vandalism, and the Chair of the Community Committee has contacted the Feilding Police station.
- Tangimoana – Cr James McKelvie. Cr Quarrie has been working with the Committee on the monument to their fallen soldier – they have picked a suitable site. The fence has been completed around the green waste area. They would also be keen for the first little stretch of Scott Ferry Road sealed.
- Waituna West – Cr Sam Hill. The Committee was happy that the hall was due to be painted. They raised several issues around road damage and tree damage (from earlier storms). Cr Hill encouraged Committee members to lodge issues via Antenno. They suggested that a memorial wall could be raised as part of the Waituna West Cemetery upgrade next year.

MDC 25-28/261

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

There were no updates.

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MDC 25-28/262

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON COUNCILLOR TO NGĀTI TE AU MARAE

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking Council approval for the confirmation of a marae liaison appointment to Ngāti Te Au Marae.

RESOLVED

That the Council appoints Deputy Mayor Grant Hadfield to be the Council’s marae liaison to Ngāti Te Au Marae.

Moved by: Cr Bridget Bell

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (11-0)

Cr Grant Hadfield abstained from voting

MDC 25-28/263

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

- Late Report – Trustee Recruitment – Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust**

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 |
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| 13. Late Report – Trustee Recruitment – Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust | <i>s7(2)(a) – privacy The late report discusses recruitment considerations around private individuals</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

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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 (12-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 09.09 am. For items MDC 25-28/264 to MDC 25-28/266 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 9.19 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.19 am and reconvened at 9.32 am.

MDC 25-28/267

PRIORITY SERVICE CONTRACTS – ANNUAL REPORTS

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council receive these reports.

RESOLVED

That Council receives all three 12-month Priority Service Contract reports for the period ending 30 June 2025 from:

- **St Johns Feilding Area Committee**
- **Tenants' Union**
- **Feilding Community Patrol**

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/268

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTIONS IN OPEN SESSION

MDC 25-28/265 – Trustee Recruitment – Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park (20 May 2026)

RESOLVED

That Council:

1. *Accepts Bessie Nicholls' letter dated 15 May 2026 advising that her revised effective resignation date from the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust is 20 May 2026.*
2. *Approves the appointment of Cr Grant Hadfield as an interim Trustee of the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust, effective immediately, until the Trust is officially dissolved on 30 June 2026.*

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3. *Agrees that this resolution can be released to the public.*
4. *Notes that this report has been tabled late due to the timing of the resignation advice.*
5. *Notes that the matter cannot be deferred to the next Council meeting, as the Trust would otherwise be unable to achieve a quorum for its meeting scheduled on 21 May 2026.*

Moved by: Cr Colin Dyer

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (11-0)

Cr Grant Hadfield abstained from voting

MDC 25-28/269

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.21 am.

Meeting Video

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