

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025	8:33 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 21 August 2025, which commenced at 8.33 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 Alison Short	
Cr Fiona Underwood	

APOLOGIES:

Cr Kerry Quigley
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
Ash Garstang	Governance and Assurance Manager
Lisa Thomas	Strategy Manager

MDC 22-25/1255

MEETING OPENING

MDC 22-25/1256

APOLOGIES

Cr Kerry Quigley was on a pre-approved leave of absence.

MDC 22-25/1257

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 7 August 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Cr Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Lara Blackmore

CARRIED (10-0)

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MDC 22-25/1258

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Steve Bielski – item 14.2 Community Honours. Cr Bielski is a nomination and withdrew from the table during the discussion of this item.

MDC 22-25/1259

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 22-25/1260

PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - NATIONAL U18 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Elan Hinks spoke to Council about attending the National U18 Hockey Tournament.

- They finished top of their pool, beating Canterbury and Bay of Plenty.
- Goal next year is trial for regions NHC team – the highest level below international hockey.

MDC 22-25/1261

PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - MANAWATŪ NETBALL UNDER 16S

Jordie-Lee Kotuhi spoke to Council about participating the Manawātū Netball Under 16s.

- She competed in basketball last year but decided to move to the netball code as felt she would be able to grow more.
- A highlight of the tournament was beating Auckland in the semi-finals.
- It was the first time in 10 years that an U16 netball team (Netball Manawātū) qualified for the finals.

MDC 22-25/1262

PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE FUND - MANAWATŪ BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Sienna Faye Kotuhi spoke to Council about her participation in the Manawātū Basketball regionals.

- Her highlight of the tournament was meeting more of her peers.
- Her team had won the regionals in Hawkes Bay, and she was disappointed not to place higher in the national tournament.

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MDC 22-25/1263

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 22-25/1264

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 22-25/1265

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Āpiti Community Committee	• 14 August 2025
Bainesse-Rangiotu Community Committee	• 20 August 2025
Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee	• 19 August 2025
Hiwinui Community Committee	• 19 August 2025
Kimbolton Community Committee	• 11 August 2025
Kiwitea Community Committee	• 20 August 2025
Pohangina Valley Community Committee	• 13 August 2025
Rangiwahia Community Committee	• 20 August 2025
Sanson Community Committee	• 14 August 2025
Tangimoana Community Committee	• 18 August 2025

YOUTH COUNCIL	
Meeting	• 18 August 2025

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Āpiti Community Committee – Cr Bielski. The Committee spoke about civil defence at their meeting, and they have tested their generator.
- Bainesse-Rangiotu Community Committee – Cr Bell. A number of members are retiring from the Committee. Meeting attendance has been low.
- Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee – Cr Hadfield. There was quite a good turn out at the meeting. The Chair and Secretary will be standing down. They enjoyed the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attending. They are also looking at civil defence but may focus on this more next year.
- Hiwinui Community Committee – Cr Underwood. They had another section of their pathway completed, but their budget is now quite low.

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- Kimbolton Community Committee – Cr McFadzean. They gave Cr McFadzean a farewell supper. There is some confusion on the progress with the security cameras.
- Kiwitea Community Committee – Cr Ford. The meeting has been postponed until 22 October.
- Pohangina Valley Community Committee – Cr Short. The Committee met by Zoom. They are focused on a civil defence event in October. They have had quite a few key people from their civil defence group move away from the area and so are looking for people to replace them.
- Sanson Community Committee – Cr Short. The Committee have spent the last of their money on history boards. They have had drafts from the graphic designer, and confirmed they are going ahead. The big conversation is that the school is talking to the Council and the Hall Committee, regarding whether they can have some of the car park for a hard surface playground, which would be fenced off. Cr Short will follow up with James Adamson to see how this conversation is going.
- Tangimoana Community Committee – Cr Short. The Committee have spent the last of their funding on timber for their hall. One of their committee members is a builder and they will have a working bee soon which he will supervise.
- Rangiwhia Community Committee – Cr Hadfield. The meeting is actually next Wednesday (27 August).
- Youth Council – Cr Blackmore. They had a session on planning with Matthew Mackay, using the Tangimoana Community as a case study. Some final planning for the Young Achievers Awards. At the next meeting they will do a run through of the event night.

MDC 22-25/1266

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

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

- Kauwhata Marae – Cr Bell. There has been a Trustees hui. They are looking forward to supporting Poupatatē Marae for the ‘meet the candidates’ event on Sunday 24 August. They are extending an invitation to all candidates and sitting elected members.

MDC 22-25/1267

FEILDING AND DISTRICT PROMOTION – ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2025

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting to Council approval to for acknowledgement the Feilding & District Promotion Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2025 as required under the contract between Feilding & District Promotion and Manawatu District Council.

Evan Tull (Chair) and Sarah Gilbertson (General Manager) presented their Annual Report to Council.

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RESOLVED

That the Council acknowledge receipt of the Feilding & District Promotion Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2025, and note that Feilding & District Promotion has met its reporting obligations under the current contract.

Moved by: Mayor Helen Worboys

Seconded by: Cr Michael Ford

CARRIED (10-0)

MDC 22-25/1268

SPORT MANAWATŪ – ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2025

Report of the General Manager – Community presenting to Council for acknowledgement the Sport Manawātū Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2025 as required under the contract between Sport Manawātū and Manawātū District Council.

Kelly Shanks (CEO), Carl Johnstone (General Manager – Partnerships-Environments), Megan Hennessy (Community Connector Manawātū), and Erin Wolland (Cycle Skills Advisor) spoke to the Council about their report.

RESOLVED

That the Council acknowledge receipt of the Sport Manawātū Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2025 and to note that Sport Manawātū has met its reporting obligations under the current contract.

Moved by: Cr Colin McFadzean

Seconded by: Cr Steve Bielski

CARRIED (10-0)

MDC 22-25/1269

ADOPTION OF THE WATER SERVICES DELIVERY PLAN

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure presenting to Council the Water Services Delivery Plan for approval to submit to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Minor edits to be considered for the Plan (separate attachment) include:

- Page 60 – Halcombe compliance dates to be made consistent.
- Page 83 – The top sentence to be reviewed for syntax and grammar.
- Page 134 – The “Water borrowing limit (%)” line is missing from the graph.

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1. That Council adopt the Water Services Delivery Plan (Annex A) for approval for submission to the Department of Internal Affairs.

AND

2. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve any minor edits to the Water Services Delivery Plan, detailed in the minutes of this meeting, prior to submission to the Department of Internal Affairs.

Note: The Water Services Delivery Plan must be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs before 3 September 2025 to meet the legislative timeframe for submission.

Moved by: Mayor Helen Worboys

Seconded by: Cr Michael Ford

CARRIED (10-0)

MDC 22-25/1270

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 22-25/1271

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes; 07 August 2025
2. Tender Award MC1961 New Ultra-Violet System at the Manawātū Wastewater Treatment Plant
3. 2025 Community Honours

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
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		the passing of this resolution
13. Confirmation of Minutes; 07 August 2025	To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 07 August 2025. Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.	s48(1)(a)
14.1 Tender Award MC1961 New Ultra-Violet System at the Manawatū Wastewater Treatment Plant	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations The report includes details about commercially sensitive negotiations	s48(1)(a)
14.2 2025 Community Honours	s7(2)(a) – privacy The report includes personal details about the nominees for the 2025 Community Honours and their nominators	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 Michael Ford

CARRIED (10-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.25 am. For items MDC 22-25/1272 to MDC 22-25/1275 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11.58 am.

MDC 22-25/1276

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11.58 am.

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Meeting Video

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