

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 22 July 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
Wayne Keightley	Roading Manager

MDC 25-28/311

MEETING OPENING

Janette Waugh from the Salvation Army opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/312

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology for early departure from Councillor Andrew Quarrie to attend a funeral is accepted.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Bridget Bell

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/313

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

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That the minutes of the tabled Council meeting held 17 June 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record, as amended:

- Amend the reference to a Himatangi Beach Community Committee meeting on 16 June 2026 to Hiwinui Community Committee

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (11-0)

Mayor Michael Ford abstained as he was an apology

MDC 25-28/314

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 25-28/315

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/316

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

MDC 25-28/317

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/318

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/319

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Finance and Performance Committee	• 24 June 2026

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Āpiti – Cr Sam Hill	• 17 June 2026
Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader	• 17 June 2026
Colyton – Cr Colin Dyer	• 16 July 2026
Glen Oroua-Taikorea – Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins	• 23 June 2026
Halcombe – Cr Jerry Pickford	• 6 July 2026
Himatangi Beach – Cr Jerry Pickford	• 25 June 2026
Hiwinui – Cr Raewyn Loader	• 21 July 2026
Kiwitea – Cr Andrew Quarrie	• 20 July 2026
Rongotea – Cr Colin Dyer	• 6 July 2026
Sanson – Cr Alison Short	• 9 July 2026
Tangimoana – Cr James McKelvie	• 20 July 2026

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Āpiti – Cr Sam Hill. The Committee was delighted with the arborists' work managing the memorial trees. Some issues around the hall needing maintenance work. The Committee are discussing what projects to use their funds on.
- Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader. They discussed their contestable funding application and are looking forward to receiving funds. They are also looking forward to hearing from Hannah Tokona at their meeting in August.
- Colyton – Cr Colin Dyer. They invited the president of the Colyton Lions Club to see if they were able to hold funds for them. The walkway and cycleway have had an extension. There was some concern around the drivers not slowing down, despite the new speeding signs.
- Glen Oroua-Taikorea – Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins. The meeting was held last night as they had to postpone 16 July. They discussed some events upcoming in the year. They also discussed the emergency management plan which will be presented at the September 2026 meeting. They are pleased that the Rongotea Times is now being delivered there. They discussed library access and the Feilding Town Refresh.
- Halcombe – Cr Jerry Pickford. They discussed what to use their community funding on and made some minor adjustments to their financial policy. Neighbourhood Support are not sharing all information with them due to privacy concerns.
- Himatangi Beach – Cr Jerry Pickford. They were interested in the information from Council around the stormwater modelling – they are looking forward to meeting with staff to discuss this further.
- Hiwinui – Cr Raewyn Loader. They are pleased that a student in their community has been chosen to play football in the Under 12 squad in the U.S. They are also looking at starting a resident flyer for new residents who move to the area. They also want to revisit the end of term newsletter.
- Kiwitea – Cr Andrew Quarrie. There is a lot of enthusiasm with the group. They are holding a quiz night.

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- Rongotea – Cr James McKelvie attended this meeting and noted that the Community is continuing to maintain the Lion’s walkways. They are pleased that the speed limit signs have been adjusted, and they are pleased about the library being open outside of normal hours. There was an unfortunate incident of a member not being able to contact the emergency services, as cell reception is still unreliable. The Community has concerns around the condition of footpaths and lighting. They would like a member of staff to respond to their concerns.
- Sanson – Cr Alison Short. They have now set up their bank account and passed on their thanks to Adie Johansen for being the temporary fund holder for this. Petty crime seems to have eased. The coordinator of the Sanson Cemetery upgrade provided an update to the community. The Committee will apply for funds in the future to assist with this project.
- Tangimoana – Cr James McKelvie. The Department of Conservation visited some trees that had been identified by the Community as being dangerous. There is a centenary celebration upcoming for the McKelvie Hall which is almost 100 years old. There is a lot of concern regarding the condition of Scotts Ferry Road – the Community is worried that the river is destabilising the road.
- Kimbolton – Cr Rob Duindam. They held a special meeting and have elected a new chair. They also discussed finances.

MDC 25-28/320

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

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

- Poupatatē Marae – Cr James McKelvie. Met with Fran on 08 July. They discussed their meeting cadence and how they would meet going forwards. They discussed the planned kitchen upgrade. They also discussed damage from a recent storm, and it was noted that there had been some gravel extraction from the Waituna Stream (under the Kākāriki bridge) and are just concerned that they had not been notified of this.
- Cr Bridget Bell update – acknowledged Mātua Whatarangi Winiata who has passed away. She spoke about the workshop with Te Kōtui Reo held 27 June 2026 at Council, where they hosted Mayor Faylene Tunui (Kawerau District Council) and Deputy Mayor Aubrey Ria (Gisborne District Council). Cr Bell also acknowledged Jerald Twomey who presented at the Waitangi Tribunal claim on behalf of Ngāti Raukawa and Taumata o Te Rā Marae. She acknowledged Parewahawaha Marae for their discussion around PFAS contamination and how it had affected hapū there, and Aorangi Marae. Cr Bell further acknowledged Te Roopu Hokowhitu, Ngā Kaitiaki o Ngāti Kauwhata, and Te Rongo Mauri for the Matariki events that they hosted. Lastly, Cr Bell acknowledged the primary and intermediate school kapa haka competition taking place with schools in the District performing today.

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MDC 25-28/321

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM – HEAD START PATHWAY

Report of the General Manager – Corporate presenting to Council the Government's Head Start pathway for local government reform, summarising the work undertaken by Council to date, and seeking Council's decision on its preferred response to the Head Start and Back Stop pathways.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives the report titled “Local Government Reform – Head Start Pathway.”**
2. **Will not submit an outline proposal under the Government’s Head Start pathway for local government reform.**
3. **Confirms its opposition to compulsory local government amalgamation while continuing to engage constructively with the Government on alternative local government reform approaches.**
4. **Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive to continue exploring and advocating for alternative local government reform models outside the Head Start pathway that seek to achieve the Government's objectives while retaining local representation, local decision-making and local accountability, including working collaboratively with other councils where appropriate.**
5. **Authorises the Mayor to communicate Council's position to the Minister of Local Government, Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport, or any affected councils should the Manawatū District Council be identified as a proposed partner in any Head Start proposal or other local government reform proposal that has not been endorsed by the Council.**
6. **Authorises the Mayor to sign the tabled Draft Regional Memorandum of Understanding and tabled Draft Letter to the Minister of Local Government, subject to any minor amendments approved by the Chief Executive.**
7. **Authorises the Chief Executive to approve any minor amendments to the tabled Draft Regional Memorandum of Understanding and tabled Draft Letter to the Minister of Local Government before they are finalised.**

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (12-0)

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MDC 25-28/322

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON COUNCILLORS TO MARAE

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking Council approval for the confirmation of three marae liaison appointments to marae in the District.

RESOLVED

That the Council approves the below marae liaison appointments:

- **Cr Raewyn Loader to Kauwhata marae.**
- **Cr Jerry Pickford to Rangimārie marae.**
- **Cr Andrew Quarrie to Ngāwhakaraua marae.**

Moved by: Cr Bridget Bell

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/323

ROADING EMERGENCY WORKS CLAIM FEBRUARY 2026

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking Council approval to fund the local share of the response and recovery phase following a severe weather event which occurred in February 2026. Noting that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) subsidy is 51%.

RESOLVED

1. **That Council approves an increase in Roothing operational budget for the 2026/27 financial year by \$3,135,281 noting that \$1,598,993 will be funded by NZTA and the balance of \$1,536,288 will be funded by Council. This amount is made up of \$2,966,189 of Opex works and \$169,092 of Capex works.**
2. **That Council fund the local share of Opex works through a combination of use of the Resilience Reserve (\$1,231,035) and the draw down of new debt (\$222,398) and the local share of Capex works through draw down of new debt (\$82,855). Noting this will exhaust the balance of the Resilience Reserve.**

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10.08 am and reconvened at 10.29 am.

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MDC 25-28/324

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/325

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. **Confirmation of Minutes – 17 June 2026**
2. **Tender Award Recommendation - Community Resilience Programme**
3. **Release of Public Excluded items into Open Session**
4. **Feilding Civic Centre Trust Interim Trustee Appointment**

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; 17 June 2026	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 17 June 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 Tender Award Recommendation - Community Resilience Programme	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations <i>This report discusses commercially sensitive details that includes potential contract sums</i>	s48(1)(a)

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14.2 Release of Public Excluded items into Open Session	s7(2)(a) – privacy s7(2)(h) – commercial activities <i>This report includes notes on public excluded resolutions that may not be approved for release into the public forum</i>	s48(1)(a)
14.3 Feilding Civic Centre Trust Interim Trustee Appointment	s7(2)(a) – privacy <i>This report discusses private details of departing trustees and potential future trustees</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

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.30 am. For items MDC 25-28/326 to MDC 25-28/330 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 11.09 am.

MDC 25-28/331

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTIONS IN OPEN SESSION

MDC 22-25/887 – Contract Award Recommendation – MDC Admin Building Renewal and Strengthening (07 November 2024)

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. *Accepts a proposal from Colspec Construction Ltd to carry out the physical construction works associated with the Manawātū District Council (MDC) Administration Building Renewal and Strengthening project and authorises Council officers to award a contract for one million, two hundred and ninety four thousand, seven hundred and seventy two dollars (\$1,294,772.00) plus GST.*

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2. Approves a contingency figure and principles provision sum of two hundred and seventy eight, nine hundred and fifty five dollars (\$278,955) plus GST to be added to the Manawātū District Council (MDC) Administration Building Renewal and Strengthening project and Strengthening contract, to be expended only upon written approval of the Engineer to the Contract.

Moved by: Cr Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Kerry Quigley

CARRIED (10-0)

MDC 22-25/1234 NZMCA Campground Lease at Mt Lees Reserve (24 July 2025)

RESOLVED

That the Council grant a 10+10-year lease to the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Incorporated to establish a members' only motorhome park at part of the Mt Lees Reserve with a rental negotiated by Council officers.

Moved by: Mayor Helen Worboys

Seconded by: Cr Michael Ford

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/100 Contract Award for MDC 1581-2 Manawātū CCTV Pipework and Sewerage Network Asset Inspections 2026-2028 (17 December 2025)

RESOLVED

1. *That the Council award Contract MDC1581-2 Manawātū CCTV Pipework and Sewerage Network Asset Inspections 2026-2028 to Intergroup Limited for the value of four hundred and twenty-six thousand, eight hundred and eighty-nine dollars and eighteen cents (\$426,889.18) exclusive of GST.*
2. *That the Council approve a contingency value of forty-two thousand, six hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-two cents (\$42,699.92) exclusive of GST for the capital value of the contract to be spent only on written approval according to the MDC Delegations Manual/Procurement Policy.*
3. *That the Council approve of direct negotiation be carried out with Intergroup Limited for future stages of the CCTV pipework and sewerage network asset inspection programme.*

Moved by: Cr James McKelvie

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (10-0)

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MDC 25-28/140 Sale of Part of 10 Eyre Street, Feilding (18 February 2026)

RESOLVED

That the Council decline the offer from Skills Academy Limited to purchase part of 10 Eyre Street, Feilding for the purchase price of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) plus GST (if any).

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (8-4)

FPC 25-28/027 Key Projects Report (25 March 2026)

RESOLVED

That the Committee receives the Key Projects Report.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

MDC 25-28/222 Feilding Civic Centre Trust – Appointment of Chairperson (15 April 2026)

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- 1. Notes the recommendation of the Feilding Civic Centre Trust to appoint Evan Tull as Chair.*
- 2. Approves the appointment of Evan Tull as Chair of the Feilding Civic Centre Trust, effective immediately.*

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (9-1)

Cr Jerry Pickford voted against the motion

Cr Rob Duindam abstained from voting

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MDC 25-28/224 Town Centre Refresh Engagement (15 April 2026)

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. *Approve the stakeholder and community engagement approach outlined in this report for the proposed Market Square covered structure and one-way change to a section of Fergusson and Goodbehere Streets, to be undertaken during May–July 2026*
2. *Agree that engagement will be considered in the final design of the Market Square covered structure and one-way change to a section of Fergusson and Goodbehere Streets, prior to lodging a resource consent application for the proposed Market Square covered structure.*
3. *Note that engagement is intended to:*
 - a. *test community views on elements of the design*
 - b. *inform design refinement*
 - c. *reduce risks associated with the resource consenting process*

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr James McKelvie

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/308 Vesting of 10 Montgomery Street, Feilding to Council (17 June 2026)

RESOLVED

That Council approves the vesting of the buildings located at 10 Montgomery Street, Feilding, into Council ownership.

Moved by: Cr Alison Short

Seconded by: Cr Sam Hill

CARRIED (11-0)

MDC 25-28/332

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11.09 am.

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