

MEETING MINUTES	
MANAWATŪ WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE	TIME
WEDNESDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2026	8:30 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatū Water Services Committee held on Wednesday 09 September 2026, which commenced at 8.30 am at Manawatū District Council, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mr Colin McFadzean	Chairperson
	Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins	
	Cr Bridget Bell	Via zoom
	Cr Grant Hadfield	
	Cr Andrew Quarrie	
	Cr Jerry Pickford	
	Cr Rob Duindam	
	Mayor Michael Ford	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Hamish Waugh	General Manager – Infrastructure
	Steph Skinner	Governance and Strategy Officer
	Cr Alison Short	
	Angela Rule	Senior Policy Adviser
	Lisa Thomas	Strategy Manager
	Lara Blackmore	Project Initiation Manager

MWS 25-28/052

MEETING OPENING

MWS 25-28/053

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Councillor Bridget Bell and Councillor Andrew Quarrie for lateness be approved.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (6-0)

MWS 25-28/054

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Manawatū Water Services Committee meeting held 12 August 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (6-0)

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

Cr Andrew Quarrie joined the meeting at 8.32 am.

MWS 25-28/057

PRESENTATION – SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY - SIGNIFICANT CONTRACTS

Angela Rule (Senior Policy Adviser) and Lisa Thomas (Strategy Manager) introduced the upcoming changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy, which will affect Manawatū Water Services.

Cr Bridget Bell joined the meeting at 8.34 am.

- The Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025, s34 requires territorial authorities to amend their Significance and Engagement Policies in relation to their role in providing water services. Then describes how the significance of a contract within one of the three water services may be assessed for significance and then, if deemed significant, the proposed contract would be consulted on.
- Policy is going to Council in October for adoption.

MWS 25-28/058

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MWS 25-28/059

RISK APPROACH STATEMENT

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking the Manawatū Water Services Committee confirm the strategic risk management approach for Manawatū Water following the Committee workshop, and to seek formal endorsement of the proposed way forward.

RESOLVED

That the Manawatū Water Services Committee:

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1. Confirms that Manawatū Water will operate within Council's existing Risk Management Policy, Risk Appetite Statement and Council-wide strategic risk profiles, with water services-specific impacts and controls considered through those profiles;
2. Confirms that no additional Manawatū Water specific strategic risk drivers will be developed;
3. Recommends to the Finance and Performance Committee that the regulatory and compliance environment be considered for inclusion as an additional Council-wide strategic risk driver; and
4. Notes that officers will implement cyclic strategic and operational risk reporting to the Manawatū Water Services Committee in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (8-0)

MWS 25-28/060

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MWS 25-28/061

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. Contract Award - Wastewater Centralisation Halcombe Pump Stations
2. Tender Award Recommendation - Halcombe to Mount Stewart pipeline stage 2
3. Otamakapua Rural Water Supply Scheme: Kānoa Loan Pre-Approval and Financial Modelling Assumptions
4. Work Programme Update and Key Project Status Reports

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:

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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
11.1 Contract Award - Wastewater Centralisation Halcombe Pump Stations	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations <i>This report discusses commercially sensitive contract terms and pricing</i>	s48(1)(a)
11.2 Tender Award Recommendation - Halcombe to Mount Stewart pipeline stage 2	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations <i>This report discusses commercially sensitive contract terms and pricing</i>	s48(1)(a)
11.3 Otamakapua Rural Water Supply Scheme: Kānoa Loan Pre-Approval and Financial Modelling Assumptions	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations <i>This report discusses commercially sensitive contract terms and pricing</i>	s48(1)(a)
11.4 Work Programme Update and Key Project Status Report	s7(2)(h) - commercial activities s7(2)(f)(ii) – improper pressure or harassment <i>This report contains detailed information on the status of key projects, which may include sensitive and/or commercially-related information</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 Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

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The meeting went into public excluded session at 8.55 am. For items MWS 25-28/062 to MWS 25-28/067 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 10.49 am.

MWS 25-28/068

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTIONS IN OPEN SESSION

MWS 25-28/062 - Contract Award - Wastewater Centralisation Halcombe Pump Stations (09 September 2026)

RESOLVED

That Manawatū Water:

- 1. Approve the direct procurement of Tarros Limited for contract MDC1417-3 – Design of Wastewater Centralisation Halcombe Pump Stations.*
- 2. Approve the award of contract MDC1417-3 Design of Wastewater Centralisation Halcombe Pump Stations, for the maximum sum of five hundred sixty-seven thousand, two hundred eighty-two dollars (\$567,282) plus GST.*
- 3. Approve a total 10% contingency amount of fifty-six thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars and twenty cents (\$56,728.20) plus GST to only be spend upon the prior written approval of the Engineer to the Contract.*

Notes that the hydraulic assessment completed during the design will confirm whether one or two intermediate pump stations are required and that expenditure against any provisional allowance will be subject to that confirmation.

Notes that any future construction contract will be subject to separate evaluation, confirmation of available budget and approval under the Manawatū Water's delegations.

Notes that this is part of a wastewater renewal project which funded via depreciation.

Note: The above resolutions can be immediately released to the public domain.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Colin McFadzean

CARRIED (8-0)

MWS 25-28/063 - Tender Award Recommendation - Halcombe to Mount Stewart Pipeline Stage 2 (09 September 2026)

RESOLVED

That Manawatū Water:

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1. Authorise the award of contract MDC1417-2 Wastewater Rising Main Construction, Halcombe Stage 2, for the total sum of one million one hundred eighty thousand one hundred fifty-nine dollars and forty-eight cents (\$1,180,159.48) plus GST.
2. Approve a total 25% contingency amount of two hundred ninety-five thousand, thirty-nine and eighty-seven cents (\$295,039.87) plus GST to only be spend upon the prior written approval of the Engineer to the Contract.

Note that this is part of a wastewater renewal project which is funded via depreciation.

Note that this contract is awarded to Odlum Group Limited.

Note: The above resolutions can be immediately released to the public domain.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Rob Duindam

CARRIED (8-0)

MWS 25-28/069

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.50 am.

Meeting Video

<https://www.mdc.govt.nz/council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/videos-of-council-and-committee-meetings/manawatu-water-services-committee>