

MEETING MINUTES	
MANAWATŪ WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE	TIME
WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2026	8:31 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatū Water Services Committee held on Wednesday 12 August 2026, which commenced at 8.31 am at Manawatū District Council, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mr Colin McFadzean	Chairperson
	Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins	
	Councillor Bridget Bell	via Zoom
	Councillor Grant Hadfield	
	Councillor Jerry Pickford	
	Mayor Michael Ford	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Hamish Waugh	General Manager – Infrastructure
	Steph Skinner	Governance and Strategy Officer
	Councillor Alison Short	via Zoom
	Councillor Sam Hill	Via Zoom
APOLOGIES:	Councillor Rob Duindam	
	Councillor Andrew Quarrie	

MWS 25-28/037

MEETING OPENING

MWS 25-28/038

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology from Cr Rob Duindam be approved, and lateness for Cr Andrew Quarrie be approved.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (6-0)

MWS 25-28/039

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Manawatū Water Services Committee meeting held 23 July 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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MWS 25-28/040

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MWS 25-28/041

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MWS 25-28/042

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

MWS 25-28/043

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MWS 25-28/044

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure presenting the Water Services Committee Workplan for 2026 and 2027 to the Committee for adoption. The Workplan will be updated as required, and an update provided to the Committee quarterly.

RESOLVED

That the Committee Workplan for 2026 and 2027 be adopted without amendment.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (6-0)

MWS 25-28/045

INFORMATION DISCLOSURES TO COMMERCE COMMISSION

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure advising the Manawatu Waters Committee of the first information disclosures completed for Manawatu Water under the Commerce Commission's new economic regulation framework.

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The report presented the three disclosures lodged on 1 August 2026 relating to dividends, funding growth, and water services fees and charges.

RESOLVED

That the Manawatū Waters Committee receives and notes the following information disclosures lodged on behalf of Manawatū Water on 1 August 2026:

- **Statement on Dividends Policy;**
- **Statement on Funding Growth Policies; and**
- **Fees and Charges Information Disclosure.**

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (6-0)

MWS 25-28/046

QUARTERLY REPORT TO MINISTRY FOR CITIES, ENVIRONMENT, REGIONS, AND TRANSPORT

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure presenting the Water Services Delivery Plan quarterly monitoring reports for the periods 1 January to 31 March 2026 and 1 April to 30 June 2026, and provide the Committee with an overview of progress against the Delivery Plan.

RESOLVED

That the Manawatū Water Services Committee receives and notes the quarterly monitoring reports for the periods 1 January to 31 March 2026 and 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Jerry Pickford

CARRIED (6-0)

MWS 25-28/047

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MWS 25-28/048

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes: 23 July 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
11. Confirmation of Minutes; 23 July 2026	<i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Manawatu Water Services Committee meeting on 23 July 2026.</i> <i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</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 Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (6-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 8.47 am. For items MWS 25-28/049 to MWS 25-28/050 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 8.48 am.

MWS 25-28/051

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 8.48 am.

Meeting Video

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