

MEETING MINUTES	
MANAWATŪ WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE	TIME
WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026	8:32 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatū Water Services Committee held on Wednesday 13 May 2026, which commenced at 8.32am 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 Andrew Quarrie
 Councillor Rob Duindam
 Mayor Michael Ford

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jerry Pickford

IN ATTENDANCE: Shayne Harris Chief Executive
 Hamish Waugh General Manager – Infrastructure
 Joel Richards Chief Financial Officer
 Steph Skinner Governance and Strategy Officer
 Lisa Thomas Strategy Manager
 Angela Rule Senior Policy Adviser
 Cr Sam Hill via Zoom
 Cr Alison Short via Zoom

MWS 25-28/001

MEETING OPENING

Colin McFadzean (Chair) and Shayne Harris (Chief Executive) opened the meeting.

MWS 25-28/002

APOLOGIES

Cr Jerry Pickford is on pre-approved leave of absence.

RESOLVED

That the apology for Cr Bridget Bell for lateness be approved.

Moved by: Cr Rob Duindam

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

Carried (6-0)

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There were no previous minutes to confirm.

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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.

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PRESENTATION – WATER SERVICES KEY DOCUMENTS

Lisa Thomas (Strategy Manager) and Angela Rule (Senior Policy Adviser) provided an overview of the documents required to be prepared for Manawatū Water Services alongside the Long-Term Plan, and the timing for the preparation of these documents.

- Lisa outlined the context for the presentation, the programme overview, governance implications, reviewing key documents and the timeline/next steps.

Mayor Michael Ford left the meeting at 8.39am and returned at 8.41am.

- The Committee reviewed where we are now, what has been completed to date, what is currently underway, and what is yet to be done.
- The Committee looked at the timeline –foundation work in 2025-26, building the strategy and consultation in 2026-27, and adoption and implementation in 2027.
- Any consultation will be undertaken in conjunction with the Long-Term Plan and adopted in June 2027.

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NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

Cr Bridget Bell joined the meeting at 8.48am.

MWS 25-28/008

STANWAY HALCOMBE RURAL WATER SCHEME

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking the Manawatū Water Services Committees acceptance of the Reserves Policy recommendation of the Stanway Halcombe Rural Water Scheme Committee (SHRWS) adopted at their meeting on 7 May 2026.

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RESOLVED

That the Manawatū Water Services Committee accept the SHRWS recommendation to:

- 1. Retain \$150,000 of reserves to fund the resource consent renewal process.**
- 2. Retain \$100 per unit (\$150,400 - 2026-2027 year) as an operational buffer to cover unplanned expenditure.**
- 3. Pay down the reserves amount less point one and two as above off the debt loan of approximately \$180,000 this to be actioned as at the end of June 2026.**
- 4. The proposed SHRWS annual water delivery charge (water rate) for the 2026/2027 year be set at \$460.00 incl GST per unit.**

Policy to be reviewed yearly to comply with the Manawatū Water Services budgeting period.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (7-0)

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CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

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MEETING CLOSURE

Mayor Michael Ford welcomed former Mayor Helen Worboys to the meeting and closed proceedings by reflecting on the journey the Manawatū District Council has undertaken in response to changes introduced by Central Government, firstly with the Three Waters reforms and the subsequent Local Water Done Well programme. These developments ultimately led Council to establish an in-house delivery model and the formation of the new Manawatū Water Services.

Ms Worboys was acknowledged and thanked for her significant efforts in co-leading Communities for Local Democracy (C4LD) and advocating for the community.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.12am

Meeting Video

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