

MEETING MINUTES	
MANAWATŪ WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE	TIME
THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026	8:30AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Manawātū Water Services Committee held on Thursday 23 July 2026, which commenced at 8.30am at Manawātū District Council, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mr Colin McFadzean	Chairperson
	Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins	
	Cr Bridget Bell	
	Cr Grant Hadfield	
	Cr Andrew Quarrie	
	Cr Jerry Pickford	
	Mayor Michael Ford	
APOLOGIES:	Cr Rob Duindam	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Shayne Harris	Chief Executive
	Hamish Waugh	General Manager – Infrastructure
	Joel Richards	Chief Financial Officer
	Steph Skinner	Governance and Strategy Officer
	Richard Paterson	Finance Business Partner
	Victoria Sharp	Senior Designer – Visual & Digital
	Cr Sam Hill	Via Zoom
	Cr Alison Short	Via Zoom

MWS 25-28/023

MEETING OPENING

MWS 25-28/024

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apology from Councillor Rob Duinndam, and apology for early departure from Mayor Michael Ford, be approved.

Moved by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

Seconded by: Cr Andrew Quarrie

CARRIED (7-0)

MWS 25-28/025

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Manawātū Water Services Committee meeting held 10 June 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

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CARRIED (7-0)

MWS 25-28/026

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MWS 25-28/027

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MWS 25-28/028

PRESENTATION – MANAWATŪ WATER SERVICES BRANDING

Victoria Sharp (Senior Designer – Visual & Digital) presented the branding for the Manawatū Water Services business unit.

Cr Bridget Bell joined the meeting at 8.35am

- Victoria said it was a whole team effort to bring together the branding, being the external face of our water services, giving it a clear and recognisable identity.
- She talked about the brand personality including logos and lockups, colours and gradients, photos, and typefaces available for staff to use.
- Brand is about trust – careful decisions made for today and the future.
- Fleet vehicles – branding would be updated as the vehicles are replaced.

MWS 25-28/029

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MWS 25-28/030

FINANCIAL REPORTING TO 30 APRIL 2026

Report of the Chief Financial Officer providing a summary of both financial and non-financial performance against the targets outlined within year three of the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

RESOLVED

That the Manawatū Water Services Committee receive the Financial Performance Report to 30 April 2026.

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Moved by: Mr Colin McFadzean

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (7-0)

MWS 25-28/031

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MWS 25-28/032

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

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

- 1. Key Project Status Reports**
- 2. Potable and Non-Potable Monitoring Contract Tender Award**

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
11.1 Key Project Status Reports	s7(2)(f)(ii) – improper pressure s7(2)(h) – commercial activities <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)
11.2 Potable and Non-Potable Monitoring Contract Tender Award	s7(2)(h) – commercial activities <i>This report discusses commercially sensitive details, such as potential pricing for a contract tender award</i>	s48(1)(a)

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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: Mayor Michael Ford

CARRIED (7-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 8.52am. For items MWS 25-28/033 to MWS 25-28/035 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 10.55am.

MWS 25-28/036

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.55 am.

Meeting Video

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