
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 1 June 2016 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Mr B J Duffy
Deputy Mayor Mr G G Good
Councillors Mr W E R Bishop
Mr R J Brannigan
Mr R H Campbell
Mr M Feyen
Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
Mrs J Mason
Mrs C B Mitchell
Mr A D Rush

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mr D Law	(Group Manager – Finance)
Mrs M Davidson	(Group Manager – Customer & Community Services)
Mr D McCorkindale	(Senior Manager – Strategic Planning)
Mr J Paulin	(Finance Manager)
Mrs D Kidd	(Community Services Manager)
Mrs K Mitchell	(Communications Manager)
Mr G Stevens	(Community Development Advisor)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)
Ms S Bowling	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms J Rowan
Mr D Rowan

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N McBride	(“Manawatu Standard”)
Ms C Taylor	(“Chronicle”)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were 25 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting, including Horowhenua College Art Students Alexa Bryant, Monique Lang, Hannah Wedlock, accompanied by Principal Grant Congden and Art Teacher Jeanette Gilroy.

Levin Adventure Park Mural

Council's Community Development Advisor, Garreth Stevens, introduced Alexa Bryan, Monique Lang and Hannah Wedlock, the Horowhenua College Students whose art work now enhanced the Levin Adventure Park, described by Mayor Duffy as having made both an "impressive and permanent difference to the image of our community".

Prior to showing a short video clip on the painting of the mural, Mr Stevens noted that this project had been commissioned under Council's Pride of Vibrancy Action Plan 2014-2017 which sought to bring together, promote and boost vibrant activities, events and spaces within the district. The Levin Adventure Park Trust, the Salvation Army and Keep Levin Beautiful had been approached on behalf of the Pride and Vibrancy Working Party to progress a project that would lift the vibrancy of the Park and raise the profile of Levin while celebrating youth talent at the same time. Designs were sought from young people aged 12-24 and 38 submissions were received. Alexa, Monique and Hannah were selected and the results spoke for themselves.

Hannah, speaking on behalf of herself and her fellow artists, and acknowledging the help and support of their art teacher, Ms Gilroy, said they were honoured to have been given such an incredible opportunity to be part of creating such a significant asset for this region. The mural design was intended to be a representation of the Horowhenua encompassing all aspects of what made and tied this community together.

The generous contributions of Helen Blake in providing funding and Resene for donating the paint were acknowledged. Also acknowledged was Nick Simmonds' work on the video clip.

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Tukapua.

MOVED by Cr Good, seconded Cr Rush:

THAT the apology from Councillor Tukapua be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Speaking Rights

10.6 Local Government Excellence Programme
Mr L Rohloff, Horowhenua GreyPower

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

In apologising for the late notice, Mr Clapperton said he had sought advice in relation to those involved in Code of Conduct matters. The advice he had received was that those Councillors who had put forward a complaint (there were four) did have a conflict in that they had a perceived bias, as well as those against whom complaints had been made, including the Mayor. However, ultimately the decision to declare a conflict of interest was up to the member.

For further clarity it was noted that those against whom a complaint had been made would have an opportunity to speak, but not to engage in any debate.

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- 10.1 Code of Conduct Complaint – Councillor Tony Rush
Cr Rush
Cr Feyen
Cr Campbell
- 10.2 Code of Conduct Complaint – Councillor Ross Campbell
Cr Campbell
Cr Mason
Cr Bishop
- C1 Code of Conduct Complaint – Mayor Brendan Duffy
Mayor Duffy
Cr Feyen
Cr Campbell

5 Confirmation of Open & In Committee Minutes

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Good:

THAT the Open and In Committee minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 4 May 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Matters Arising

Cr Feyen raised the fact that in relation to the Notice of Motion – Foxton Main Street (page 5), it was not clear that those with speaking rights were speaking to the substantive motion in relation to putting the redevelopment of Foxton Main Street on hold. The recorded division was also incorrect as Cr Mitchell had not voted against the resolution but had abstained.

NOTED

7 Leave of absence

Cr Kaye-Simmonds requested leave of absence from 20 June – 4 July 2016.

NOTED

8 Announcements

Foxton Community Board Update

Ms Smart noted the following which were going from good news to great news for the Community Board area:

- the Project Committee had signed off on Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom last week and Caldwell Builders would be starting that project within the month. Thank you to everyone who supported that.
- there would be a blessing for the turning of the sod for that project this Sunday morning (Queens Birthday Weekend) at 9.00 am and everyone was invited. She had been blown away by the interaction of everyone involved with that project.
- the exhibition development company for Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom had also been appointed. This was the top exhibition company in New Zealand and the presentation that they made to the Project Steering Group was unbelievable. The quality of what was offered at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom would be right up there with what was available at Te Papa, and may even surpass Te Papa.
- a partnership had been arranged with Te Papa as well, with advice and training to be provided. Te Papa had advised that this would be the only culturally collaborative project in the whole country. Full marks to Cathy McCartney and the other involved.

- the Main Street upgrade was also going to go ahead and that would start within the next couple of months, which was also fantastic news.
- the focus and commitment to open the Manawatu River Loop continued to strengthen and gain momentum. There were some preliminary reports coming out tomorrow on some engineering options to take the project forward to install a healthy flow.
- Foxton Beach was seeing the return of petrol and diesel at the Four Square.
- the Beach Wardens had a new vehicle which would assist them to deliver better and more secure services around the beach and the river mouth.
- the damage done to the beach and the river mouth in the latest storms and high tide was extraordinary. There were dunes that had just disappeared – literally blown away.
- the Manawatu Estuary Management Team was doing a great job, working collaboratively for common goals.
- the Foxton Community Board, with the assistance and support of Anna Wood, Council's Urban Designer, had conducted two sessions of public engagement inviting ideas on the upgrading of Foxton's reserves. Some fantastic ideas had been received from the public on how to use the \$100,000 that had been set aside from the Freeholding account for Foxton/Foxton Beach Reserves and the Estuary
- it really felt like Foxton was coming together, with the positivity being almost palpable. People were believing that things talked about for a long time were actually going to happen.

9 Proceedings of Committees

9.1 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee 25 May 2016

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee meeting held on 25 May 2016 and the Financial Report to 30 April 2016.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 16/285 on Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee 25 May 2016 be received.

THAT the Council receive the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee meeting held on 25 May 2016 and the Financial Report to 30 April 2016.

CARRIED

Responding to a query about the proportion of work at the Aquatic Centre that would be undertaken in this financial year, Mr Clapperton said it was about 10%.

10 Executive

Cr Rush left the table and Crs Feyen and Campbell left Chambers.

10.1 Code of Conduct Complaint - Councillor Tony Rush

Purpose

To report back to Council on the finding of the Code of Conduct Committee appointed to investigate the Code of Conduct Complaint brought against Councillor Rush.

MOVED by Cr Good, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 16/282 Code of Conduct Complaint - Councillor Tony Rush be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Duffy, seconded Cr Good:

THAT based on the Code of Conduct Committee report, Council resolves that the complaint against Councillor Rush is not considered further.

CARRIED

Cr Rush rejoined the table and Crs Feyen and Campbell returned to the Chamber and rejoined the table.

Crs Campbell, Mason and Bishop left the table.

10.2 Code of Conduct Complaint - Councillor Ross Campbell

Purpose

To report back to Council on the findings of the Code of Conduct Subcommittee appointed to investigate the Code of Conduct Complaint brought against Councillor Campbell.

MOVED by Cr Good, seconded Cr Rush:

THAT Report 16/281 Code of Conduct Complaint - Councillor Ross Campbell be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Duffy, seconded Cr Good:

THAT based on the Code of Conduct Committee report, the Horowhenua District Council resolves that the complaint against Councillor Campbell is considered further.

CARRIED

Cr Feyen recorded his vote AGAINST the motion.

Mayor Duffy noted that Cr Campbell would now have the opportunity to comment, with there being the option of bringing Ms Rowan and Mr Rowan to the table if it was considered necessary.

Cr Campbell, in putting his side of the story, commenced by saying that never did the word 'corrupt' proceed from his mouth. However, with what was occurring at the Shannon Wastewater Treatment Plant, with raw sewerage going into the stream where people swam and recreated and which was also a food basket for locals, he did agree with the reporter when asked if Council was corrupt. He had notified the relevant emergency breakdown hotlines when he saw what was going on but had received a response that could only be seen as collusion, which was why he had responded to the reporter as he had. He was including himself in that response as he was a member of Council.

Cr Campbell said he believed he was being open and honest in acknowledging his

actions in bringing the raw sewerage discharge to the attention of everyone who needed to be notified. As part of the Shannon Wastewater Working Party he had been appointed as a monitor and took that role seriously. He also believed that Council was involved in the assault on his friend, Mr Corny Andrews.

Having outlined the background to the Code of Conduct complaint from his perspective, Cr Campbell concluded by saying when a person turned to him and asked "Do you think your Council is corrupt?" he had said "It was a big word, but Yes".

In response to a query from Cr Feyen as to whether Cr Brannigan had a conflict of interest in relation to the matter, Cr Brannigan clarified that his role in this process had been as Emergency Management Duty Officer for the Regional Council. He received calls from Horizons Call Centre and channelled those calls to the appropriate person within the organisation. There was nothing he could have told Cr Campbell that could have helped his enquiry and it would have been inappropriate for him to have done so. The call had been directed to Robert Rose, who was the Compliance Officer responsible for that consent process who said he would ring Cr Campbell immediately, which he understood had happened.

With regard to a query from Cr Feyen about the parts of Cr Campbell's statement that had been blocked out, Mr Rowan clarified they had been redacted by Cr Campbell at the time as they did not form part of what was considered at the hearing.

Cr Campbell queried what had happened to an affidavit that had been passed in before the Committee hearing. That affidavit was not attached to the documentation provided to the meeting nor had it been included as part of the decision. The affidavit had been very clear in pointing out a conflict of interest with regard to the Committee.

Mr Rowan said there was an affidavit that was given to the Chief Executive prior to the Committee meeting regarding a Conflict of Interest matter. It was determined by the Committee that there was no conflict. There was also a statement made by Mrs Toms submitted and that statement was appended to the report.

MOVED by Cr Rush, seconded Cr Good:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council resolves that Councillor Campbell has breached the Horowhenua District Council's Code of Conduct for the following reasons:

- (a) Breach of his obligations under the heading "Relationships With Other Members" in that:
 - (i) Reference to the Council as corrupt undermines the public confidence in the office of the elected members;*
 - (ii) Is an offensive remark towards other Councillors and in particular is an allegation of serious criminal behaviour which was not warranted from the evidence supplied by Councillor Campbell; and*
 - (iii) Was disrespectful;**
- (b) Breach of his obligations under the heading "Relationships With Staff" in that
 - (i) Councillor Campbell has not treated all employees with courtesy and**

respect, and has acted in an offensive manner towards them by indicating that some employees (including to the extent of managerial obligations the Chief Executive) are corrupt and have been involved in criminal activity;

(ii) Has criticised the employees in a way that reflects poorly on their integrity, in particular by referring to the Council (as noted includes employees) as corrupt. Employees were not named but the comments would refer to all employees engaged in the Shannon Wastewater Treatment Scheme;

(iii) Has not raised the concerns regarding the corruption of staff with the Chief Executive as would be required under the Code;

(c) Breach of his obligations under the heading "Contact With Media" in that:

(i) Media statements must observe the other requirements of the Code of Conduct and the media statement to TV3 indicating that the Council was corrupt breached the elements referred to above under "Relationships With Other Members" and "Relationship With Staff"; and

(ii) The comments criticised members of staff in general who were involved in the Shannon Wastewater Treatment Scheme indicating that some or all of them were corrupt and involved in criminal activity.

In saying that he congratulated Cr Campbell because what he had done was over and above what councillors needed to do, Cr Feyen gave his reasons for not supporting the resolution that Cr Campbell had breached the Code of Conduct.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillors: Ross Brannigan
Garry Good
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Christine Mitchell
Tony Rush

Against:

Councillors: Michael Feyen

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 5 votes to 1.

With Cr Campbell having already made it plain that he saw very little punishment in being removed from Committees or Judging Panels, Cr Rush said that, whilst Cr Campbell may not view it as such, censure by his colleagues was the most serious comment that they could make.

MOVED by Cr Rush, seconded Cr Good:

THAT Council expresses its profound disappointment and disapproval of Councillor Campbell's inappropriate comments on a TV3 news item, which are the subject of the report and which has caused damage to the reputation of the Horowhenua District Council. Accordingly, Councillor Campbell is censured for his behaviour that in the view of the Council breaches the Council's Code of Conduct.

CARRIED

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillors: Ross Brannigan
Garry Good
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Christine Mitchell

Against:

Councillors: Michael Feyen

Tony Rush

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 5 votes to 1.

Crs Campbell, Mason and Bishop rejoined the table.

10.3 Monitoring Report to 1 June 2016

Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of Council.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 16/243 Monitoring Report to 1 June 2016 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive worked through the Monitoring Report with additional comment provided as required.

10.4 Chief Executive's Report to 1 June 2016

Purpose

For the Chief Executive to update Councillors, or seek endorsement on, a number of matters being dealt with.

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Mason:

That Report 16/272 Chief Executive's Report to 1 June 2016 be received.

That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Having included a number of items in his report that may be of interest to Councillors and the wider public, the Chief Executive noted particularly the awarding of the contracts for Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom to Caldwell Buildings and the Aquatics Centre to Maycroft Construction, and the reaffirmation by Standard and Poors of Council's credit rating.

With regard to the Government funding for tourism and cycleways, Cr Campbell queried if that would refocus the Economic Development Group.

Mr Clapperton said it would not necessarily refocus the Economic Development Group, but it highlighted the opportunities for the group that had been involved in the Shared Pathways Strategy, together with other key stakeholders, to look at opportunities to source funding from Central Government and to look at those projects that might be identified for third party funding.

As one of the people who had been working tirelessly for nearly three years with members of the public and the Chair of the Foxton Community Board on the Shared Pathways Strategy, Cr Mason said this was really exciting news. She also complimented the Chief Executive and the team, particularly Shanon Grainger, who were working on economic development which was having such a positive effect out

in the community.

Also commenting on the proposed Government Funding for tourism and cycleways, Cr Feyen said he was totally behind anything that attracted people to this area. However he did caution relying on other organisations such as LGNZ as he did not want Council losing the ability to make its own decisions.

Cr Campbell queried if there may be an opportunity within the proposed funding to progress the Tararua Traverse.

Mr Clapperton responded that the funding would be on a cost benefit model, very similar to the structure around NZTA. In the past there had been attempts to get funding for the Tararua Traverse; however, he suspected the gradient and difficulty of the track would mean it probably would not be at the top of the list to have funding at this stage, but it may very well in the future.

10.5 Elected Member Remuneration

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek agreement from Council to submit to the Remuneration Authority, Elected Members Remuneration for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 16/284 Elected Member Remuneration be received.

THAT this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

THAT Council submits to the Remuneration Authority that the allocation of the 2016/2017 remuneration pool be as tabulated within this report.

CARRIED

10.6 Local Government Excellence Programme

Purpose

To seek Council's support in registering interest to become a Foundation Council for the Local Government Excellence Programme.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 16/293 Local Government Excellence Programme be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

On behalf of Horowhenua GreyPower, Mr Lew Rohloff joined the table, accompanied by Mrs Margaret Williams.

Mr Rohloff advised that GreyPower's president, Michael Coupe, had last week found it necessary to resign due to health issues.

Mr Rohloff expressed Horowhenua GreyPower's wholehearted support for this initiative. It seemed obvious that the District, that was the Council and its communities, would enjoy enormous benefit from the collaborative participation should Horowhenua's proposed application for foundation Council status be accepted by LGNZ. GreyPower hoped, therefore, that the proposal would attract the

positive support of Councillors and, as a community organisation, GreyPower pledged its full support for an excellence standard.

Cr Rush requested that collective best wishes be taken back to Mr Coupe for his recuperation.

In response to a query as to whether extra staff would be required to collate information for LGNZ or whether people would be sent in to do an overview, Mr Clapperton said that, if Council was selected as a Foundation Council, an independent assessor would come in and would source information from appropriate officers. An additional resource would not be required. It was no different than external Auditors coming in asking questions of the appropriate staff member. The cost had not been confirmed as yet, but it should be around \$20,000 pa which would be taken from existing resources.

For the record, Mayor Duffy advised he chaired the LGNZ Sector Performance Advisory Group and he was also chair for the development of this Excellence Programme. He did not have a pecuniary interest but wanted it recorded for transparency.

MOVED by Cr Rush, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Council supports the Horowhenua District Council registering interest to become a Foundation Council for the Local Government Excellence Programme.

CARRIED

10.7 Electra Trust 2016 Trustee Elections

Purpose

To decide Council's two candidates for the Electra Trust election 2016.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 16/290 Electra Trust 2016 Trustee Elections be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Council votes for John Yeoman and Sharon Crosbie in the 2016 Electra Trust elections.

CARRIED

10.8 Documents Executed and Electronic Transactions Authorities Signed

Purpose

To present to Council the documents that have been executed, Electronic Transactions Authorities and Contracts that have been signed by two elected Councillors, which now need ratification.

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 16/241 Documents Executed and Electronic Transactions Authorities Signed be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council hereby ratifies the signing of documents and Electronic Transaction Authorities as scheduled:

- (a) Electronic Transaction Authority relating to easement in gross in HDC's favour to drain water over areas "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" and "L" on DP 456610 comprised in 590697, 590702, 590703, 590704, 590706, 590707 and 590703, Shortt Street, Foxton Beach.*
- (b) Electronic Transaction Authority relating to sale of 12 Forbes Road, Foxton Beach to Alan Scott and Lynne Mary Ward, contained in Certificate of Title 399517.*
- (c) Electronic Transaction Authority relating to sale of 16 Story Street, Foxton Beach to Jennian Homes Manawatu Limited, contained in Certificate of Title 399476.*

CARRIED

11 Customer and Community Services

11.1 Youth and Positive Ageing Action Plans Review

Purpose

To present to Council the draft Youth Action Plan 2016-2019 and the draft Positive Ageing Action Plan 2016-2019.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 16/288 Youth and Positive Ageing Action Plans Review be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Mr Stevens was joined at the table by Jotham Harris, the 2015 Youth Voice Chairperson to speak to the report and respond to any questions.

Mr Stevens outlined the process undertaken to review and update the Positive Ageing Action Plan, while Jotham spoke on the work undertaken and the groups spoken to by Youth Voice in updating the Youth Action Plan.

Mayor Duffy stressed that while statistically 23% of this community was over the age of 65, young people actually made up 30% of the community. That was significant and young people were a very important part of the community that Council represented.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Youth Action Plan 2016 – 2019

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Positive Ageing Action Plan 2016 - 2019

CARRIED

Mayor Duffy acknowledged the work done by Mr Stevens in the whole Community Development space saying his efforts were second to none in the country. As an organisation Council was exceptionally lucky to have someone of his calibre prepared to be engaged in its community.

11.2 Planning Services Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority

Purpose

To present details of decisions made under delegated authority in respect of Planning Services Matters.

MOVED by Cr Rush, seconded Cr Good:

THAT Report 16/242 Planning Services Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

THAT the matters decided under delegated authority (s104 of the Resource Management Act) as listed, be received:

All Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 22/04/16 to 21/05/16

Granted Date	File Ref	Applicant	Address
26 April 2016	502/2016/3743	Bernard Bevan	218 State Highway 1, Levin Rural
29 April 2016	502/2016/3744	Richard & Nancy Parker	55 Williams Road, Tokomaru Rural
4 May 2016	502/2016/3748	Darlene Shailer & Tui Kerehoma	18 Clay Road, Levin Rural
11 May 2016	502/2016/3750	Michael & Margaret Monaghan	23 Park Avenue, Waitare Beach
12 May 2016	502/2016/3752	Western Harvest Limited	109 Muhunoa West Road, Levin Rural

All Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 22/04/16 to 21/05/16

Granted Date	File Ref	Applicant	Address
28 April 2016	501/2016/3747	Geoffrey & Cynthia Kane	Tavistock Road, Levin Rural
2 May 2016	501/2015/3714	Benniks Poultry Farm Limited	124 Buller Road, Levin Rural
3 May 2016	501/2016/3749	Kroll Developments Limited	1 Barber Street, Foxton Beach
3 May 2016	501/2016/3754	Timothy Williams	82 Oxford Street, Levin
4 May 2016	501/2014/529	Benniks Poultry Farm Limited	124 Buller Road, Levin Rural - WITHDRAWN
10 May 2016	501/2016/3757	Dean Stella & Angela Cook	10 Stewart Street, Foxton
16 May 2016	501/2016/3751	Quin Buildings Direct	172 Tiro Tiro Road, Levin

CARRIED

The meeting broke for a meal at 6.10 pm and reconvened at 6.45 pm.

Crs Campbell and Feyen did not return to the table following the meal break nor did they advise the Chair of their withdrawal..

12 Strategic Planning

12.1 Adoption of Annual Plan 2016/2017

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to adopt the 2016/2017 Annual Plan.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 16/274 Adoption of Annual Plan 2016/2017 be received.

THAT this decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Mr McCorkindale joined the table to speak to this report saying it gave him great pleasure to present the 2016/17 Annual Plan for adoption. He would be happy to answer any questions.

With it noted that there were no major projects planned for next year for Economic Development (page 87), Cr Mitchell requested an explanation as to the increase in budget from \$544,000 to \$915,000, which was quite an increase.

Mrs Davidson clarified that the reference to no major projects referred to what would typically be called capital projects. The additional expenditure in the Economic Development budget for the next financial year reflected an internal discussion about the need to increase the commitment to the Growth Response Strategy and the economic Development Strategy through the Accelerate25 work.

Whilst she said she understood that, Cr Mitchell queried if a similar level of funding – over \$900,000 for the year for Economic Development – was anticipated to continue in subsequent years?

Mr Clapperton said there were on-going actions that may be required as a result of Accelerate25 which were unknown at this point in time. A commitment was also awaited from Central Government as to its support to the programmes of work that have been identified. Whether or not the investment would need to continue would depend on what might come out as to the next steps in the process over the next 12 months.

Focussing on what he considered was more important, Mr Clapperton outlined the reasons he had chosen to support a greater resource allocation so Council was in a position to respond to growth opportunities. He wanted Council to be in a position to provide input and knowledge before organisations such as NZTA made decisions that could have an economic, environmental or social impact on the district.

Cr Mitchell queried if in the future, Economic Development may be funded differently than at present, which was out of the General Rate.

Mr Clapperton said that would be considered when Council looked at its Revenue and Financing Policy. The current budget increase had been funded out of internal savings.

Considering the growth response and the increased population potential for the district, Cr Mason queried how Council would address consenting issues and the District Plan so the situation did not arise, as it had in other areas. In terms of there

being enough land available for growth. She wanted this Council to be seen as enabling.

Mr Clapperton responded that a Growth Response Team had been established within the organisation to look at how the growth ahead might be managed. That would include looking at economic development, resource management and the District Plan. In his view there was currently sufficient capacity, but that may need to be looked at further going forward. The Annual Plan was not the right forum to start that discussion, but there was an opportunity in the Pre-election Report to provide more detail around the possible growth response.

MOVED by Cr Rush, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the attached 2016/2017 Annual Plan including the policies contained therein, in accordance with Section 95 of the Local Government Act.

THAT the Chief Executive be delegated with the authority to make editorial changes that may arise as part of the publication process of the Annual Plan 2016/2017.

CARRIED

13 Procedural motion to exclude the public

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

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 follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 Code of Conduct Complaint - Mayor Brendan Duffy

<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>	<i>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</i>	<i>s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

7.05 pm The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

7.15 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....