

# Council OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Friday 20 March 2020 at 3.00 pm.

#### **PRESENT**

MayorMr B P WandenDeputy MayorMrs J F G MasonCouncillorsMr D A Allan

Mr W E R Bishop Cr S J R Jennings Cr V M Kaye-Simmons

Cr R R Ketu (via Audio/Visual Link – to 3.19 pm)

Cr C B Mitchell Cr P Tukapua

#### IN ATTENDANCE

**Reporting Officer** Mr D M Clapperton (Chief Executive)

Mrs N Brady (Deputy Chief Executive)
Mr D Law (Chief Financial Officer)

Mr D McCorkindale (Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)

Mr B Maguire (Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)

Mrs L Winiata (Community Engagement Manager)

Mr A Chamberlain (Financial Accountant)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

#### **PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

There were no member of the public in attendance.

# 1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Brannigan and Isaacs.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT the apologies from Councillors Brannigan and Isaacs be accepted.

**CARRIED** 



## 2 Public Participation

Unavailable, and there would be the opportunity for engagement during the consultation process.

#### 3 Late Items

There were no late items.

#### 4 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

#### 5 Announcements

There were no announcements.

### 6 Reports

# 6.1 Annual Plan 2020/2021: Adoption of Consultation Document and Supporting Information

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to adopt the Annual Plan 2020/2021 Consultation Document and supporting information.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 20/97 Annual Plan 2020/2021: Adoption of Consultation Document and Supporting Information be received.

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

**CARRIED** 

Speaking to the report, Mr McCorkindale acknowledged and thanked Elected Members for the direction they had provided for what was Year 3 of the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan, as well as acknowledging the work done by Tiffany Gower and her team. He noted that whilst feedback was being sought from the community on the Annual Plan for the 21/22 year, this process also commenced looking at budgets and projects for the LTP for the next 20 years and infrastructure for the next 30 years.

Mr McCorkindale advised that updates based on further discussions and direction had been made to the consultation document and supporting information that had initially been provided. In light of the recent Government announcements and guidelines, there had been a move away from the proposed engagement events with some form of public hearing being considered, perhaps by external means; dates identified being 13 and 14 May. That would be confirmed.

The cost options for the construction of a splash pad at Jubilee Park were raised and discussed, with the CE agreeing for the breakdown of costs provided to Elected Members to be posted on Council's website for members of the public who may be interested.

Whilst saying she would support the adoption of the consultation documentation and noting the current uncertain times, Deputy Mayor Mason raised some concerns, particularly in relation to Council possibly breaching its net debt to operating revenue

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benchmark. She said some careful thought was needed in this regard during the next three months. As Elected Members the responsibility for the community's finances sat with them and they needed to be sure what was accepted was prudent, practical and deliverable and something Elected Members, as governors, could be pleased with. :

With her comments endorsed by her fellow Councillors, it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts for community engagement, the Consultation Document 'What's Our Plan 2020/2021' and supporting information for the Annual Plan 2020/2021.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to correct minor drafting errors in the 'What's Our Plan 2020/2021' Consultation Document and supporting information prior to the documents being published and released for public comment.

CARRIED

| 3.25 pm | There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed. |
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|         | CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD<br>AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON     |
|         | <u>DATE</u> :   |
|         | CHAIRPERSON:  |

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