
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Mr M Feyen
Deputy Mayor	Mr W E R Bishop
Councillors	Mr R J Brannigan
	Mr R H Campbell
	Mr N G Gimblett
	Mr B F Judd
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
	Mrs J F G Mason
	Mrs C B Mitchell
	Ms P Tukapua
	Mr B P Wanden

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mr D Law	(Finance Manager)
Mr G Saidu	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
Mrs M Davidson	(Group Manager – Customer & Community Services)
Mr D McCorkindale	(Senior Manager – Strategic Planning)
Mr A Nelson	(Property & Parks Manager)
Mr S Grainger	(Economic Development Manager)
Ms T Williams	(Strategic Planner)
Ms C O'Shea	(Graduate Strategic Planner)
Ms L Wilson	(Communications Lead)
Mr S Wood	(HDC Legal Counsel)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)
Ms S Hori Te Pa	(Meeting Secretary)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms M Schroeter	("Manawatu Standard")
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were nine (9) members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

At the commencement of the meeting Mayor Feyen paid tribute to the late Malcolm Guy who had passed away the previous weekend, acknowledging Mr Guy's long and dedicated service to the Horowhenua community and expressing condolences to the Guy family. Malcolm would be sadly missed and the meeting stood for a minute's silence.

As Chair of Keep Levin Beautiful, Cr Kaye-Simmons also acknowledged Mr Guy's contribution to that organisation, and also his involvement in group activities and district wide events supporting all causes, for all ages.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

Christine Paton speaking to:

- 6.4 Miscellaneous Matters – Topic 18 – Use of Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund
- 9.2 Community Facilities – Topic 9 – Foxton Swimming Pool
- 9.4 Property – Topic 6 – Supportive of Transfer of Pensioner Housing

3 Late Items

A late item was signalled by the Chief Executive.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Announcements

Prior to the meeting commencing, Ms Williams, explained the structure of the reports which was very similar to that of deliberations reports for the last Long Term Plan, with a difference being that where a submission did not affect the Annual Plan and a resolution was not required, that had been recorded as an action for Officers to progress.

Public Participation

Mrs Paton covered the following in her comments and responded to questions from Councillors:

6.4 Miscellaneous Matters – Topic 18 – Use of Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund

The analysis was not accepted and immediate attention to appropriate use of the fund was requested, including in depth consultation, with Liquefaction and Predicted Sea Level Rise to be an integral component of those discussions.

Responding to a query Mrs Paton said she did not think the community meeting held two years ago was comprehensive enough. She said she supported the Fund being used to fix the ponding problems being experienced by the Beach community.

9.2 Community Facilities – Topic 9 – Foxton Swimming Pool

The recommendation was not accepted and repairs and possibly reconstruction of the building was requested as soon as possible, with how the poor design had occurred which had led to the current problems queried.

Despite one option in her submission being the closure of the Foxton Pool, Mrs Paton said for her she did not consider it a serious option, but sometimes suggesting taking something away made people want to make use of it.

9.4 Property – Topic 6 – Supportive of Transfer of Pensioner Housing

Whether the Terms of Reference provided to prospective housing providers were sufficiently comprehensive and protective or ratepayers in general.
Cr Mitchell explained the clause that had caused concern for Mrs Paton saying that it meant that due diligence did not need to be done on all RFPs, only those of interest. It was a standard clause in such documents.

A copy of Mrs Paton's submission is **attached** to the official minutes.

3 Late Items

The late item (Report 17/225) previously signalled was tabled. This covered North East Levin Stormwater Upgrade (Submission No. 32 – Geoff Kane) and Cemetery Maintenance (Submission 75 – Doug Bennett), with Mr Clapperton explaining that upon compilation of the Agenda it was realised that Officer comment on these two items had not been included.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT Report 17/225 be received as a late item for consideration by the meeting.

CARRIED

6 Executive

6.1 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Shared Pathways

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Shared Pathways.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 17/237 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Shared Pathways be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Clapperton advised that Ms Williams would remain at the table during the meeting and she would be joined by the appropriate officer to respond to any questions from Councillors prior to debate commencing.

Mr Nelson spoke to this report, responding to a query as to whether the funding proposed was seed funding saying that it was for 2017/18 and would include putting together an implementation plan for further development. The \$250,000 would be funding from Council with other funding to be leveraged sourced from elsewhere.

Mr Clapperton noted that this would back to Council in the LTP which would include a funding plan, with Council identifying other funding opportunities that there may be for implementation of the Shared Pathway network.

Responding to a query as to whether recommendation 2.5 signalled significant spending over the next 10 years and whether, as part of the funding plan, targeted rates could be a possibility, Mr Clapperton said how the programme could be funding would be looked at as part of the Revenue and Financing Policy review. It was also not signalling a long term commitment. Funding for the 2017/18 year was being

signalled but there was no commitment to subsequent funding until the implementation plan was considered as part of the LTP.

Mr Nelson said, that while some of the \$250,000 would be go towards plan development and some towards design, he hoped the majority would go into physical works.

Should there be any funding required for RMA consultation or consenting, that would be addressed if and when it arose.

Crs Mason and Campbell, and Mayor Feyen spoke in support of this initiative noting the positives that could accrue for the district.

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council allocates \$250,000 in 2017/18 to commence the development of a shared pathways network for the Horowhenua District.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council supports the Horowhenua Shared Pathways Network group and other stakeholders in prioritising the development of the shared pathways network for 2017/18.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council supports the Horowhenua Shared Pathways Network group and other stakeholders in developing a ten (10) year 'implementation plan' of the Horowhenua Shared Pathways Strategy (inclusive of a funding plan), so that required funding can be consulted on in the draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

CARRIED

6.2 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Heritage Incentive Funding

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Heritage Incentive Funding, which was one of the key topics that was consulted on.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Wanden:

THAT Report 17/238 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Heritage Incentive Funding be received.

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

CARRIED

Reiterating that some of the submitters did not support the amount of funding and saying it should be discussed as part of the Long Term Plan, Cr Tukapua proposed changing the allocation for this initiative from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT, from 1 July 2017, the Horowhenua District Council allocates \$50,000 per annum to the 'Heritage Incentive Fund' for the preservation and enhancement of local heritage buildings, structures and sites in the Horowhenua District.

THAT officers develop a report by 30 September 2017, for Council's consideration, exploring the various incentive tools available to heritage property owners, for the allocation of the Heritage Incentive Fund.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council reviews the funding allocation to the Heritage

Incentive Fund in 2021/22.

CARRIED

Crs Kaye-Simmons and Campbell recorded their vote AGAINST the motion.

6.3 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Significance and Engagement Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Significance and Engagement Policy.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 17/239 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Significance and Engagement Policy be received.

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

CARRIED

With regard to the issue of simplifying the language used in the Policy, Mrs Davidson advised that the Policy had been written using best practice guidelines and making the Policy easier to understand may not meet legislative requirements which was why an easy to read summary would be developed (**action**).

Mayor Feyen expressed his keenness for this to be progressed as he could see the benefit for the organisation having greater engagement with both the community and iwi.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Mayor Feyen:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Draft Significance and Engagement Policy.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council rescinds the Community Engagement Strategy.

CARRIED

6.4 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Miscellaneous Matters

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Miscellaneous Matters (i.e. submission points that do not fit comfortably within one Council Activity).

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 17/236 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Miscellaneous Matters be received.

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

CARRIED

With not a lot of information in the public arena about the progress of the eight Accord projects, Cr Kaye-Simmons suggested that there be a push to put more information out into the media as there was a massive amount of work being done.

Mr Clapperton said he would be happy to have as an **action** that HDC liaise with the Accord partners with a view to increasing the understanding of the programme of works that have been undertaken at Lake Horowhenua.

Topic Three: Funding Request – Whakawehi Marae – Cr Campbell noted that within such marae there were a number of heritage buildings which needed attention. He suggested including marae heritage buildings in the proposed **action**.

Topic Six: Consideration of the health and flow of the Hokio Stream – Cr Mitchell said what the submitter was looking for was for Council to go into bat on their behalf similar to what was recommended for the Waikawa River. She suggested doing something similar for the people at Hokio with it also noted that all people, whether or not they were on the same page, should be included in any discussions. It was suggested that Ngāti Pareraukawa be included in any discussions. This to be recorded as an **action**.

Topic Eighteen: Use of the Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund – Cr Brannigan commented on the huge amount of stormwater issues and surface ponding currently causing problems at Foxton Beach. With Foxton Beach having the benefit and privilege of the Freeholding Fund, he suggested having a discussion with the Community Board sooner rather than later on getting something done.

Mr Clapperton said this matter did form part of a bigger consideration with there being a lot of analysis being currently undertaken around the district which would form part of a broader discussion in terms of development to go into the LTP next year.

Topic Nineteen: Solar Panels on Council buildings – Mr Clapperton advised that this was part of an on-going discussion around energy efficiency, and Mrs Brady, who had an interest in Solar energy had undertaken to have a chat to the submitter.

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council remains committed to the Lake Accord and continues to work on Action Plan items that have been allocated to Horowhenua District Council.

CARRIED

7 Finance

7.1 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Finance

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Finance.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT Report 17/235 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Finance 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 Brannigan, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council continues to explore joint service arrangements with neighbouring councils to reduce 'back office expenditure' where it is practicable to do so.

THAT any increase in the use of Targeted Rates be considered by the Horowhenua

District Council during the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy in 2017/18.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council reviews the Financial Strategy debt limits and affordability of debt levels as part of the preparation of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council reviews the Financial Strategy rates limits and affordability of rates as part of the preparation of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council considers transitioning to full capital value rating as part of the preparation of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 and the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy.

CARRIED

8 Infrastructure Services

8.1 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Land Transport

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Land Transport.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 17/227 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Land Transport be received.

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

CARRIED

Topic Sixteen: Signage on Avenue Road, Foxton – Responding to a query as to what would be required to have additional signs erected, Mr Saidu said that there were already adequate signage in that locality and additional signage would not help, but would be a hazard. Signage painted on the road could be investigated, as could assessing if speed was an issue, but Officers had assessed the area and believed the signage was adequate.

Mr Saidu said he would have the speed measured in that area and report back to Council (**action**).

Mr Saidu agreed to a request from Mayor Feyen to have a programme of works on footpaths made available on the website, with a priority list so people could see where work was being done so elected members could respond to ratepayers' queries (**action**).

In terms of footpath installation and maintenance, Mr Saidu said \$100k was done annually but that did not go far.

Topic Two: Public Transport – Cr Campbell said that the submitter would be content if a van could be provided one a week and perhaps that could be considered as a start.

Topic Five: Pedestrian Crossing on the State Highway in Shannon – Cr Campbell, advising a correction, said the alternative location of the crossing should be outside the toilets on Balance Street, not outside the Four Square.

Topic Fourteen: Street Lighting (Shannon) – A further correction was noted by Cr Campbell, with the intersection requiring lighting being Grand and Stout Streets.

Responding to Cr Campbell's comments around transportation and the suggesting that

perhaps a community car system could be explored, Mr Clapperton said that option could be explored with the submitter and a needs analysis would be required to justify including such an activity in the LTP. However, Council would continue to advocate on behalf of the community.

Mr Clapperton noted that recommendation 2.3 with regard to the Main Street upgrade was to be deleted and 2.5 was not required as it was an action.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community for improvements to local public transport.

CARRIED

8.2 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Three Waters

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Three Waters (i.e. Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater).

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT Report 17/228 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Three Waters be received.

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

CARRIED

Topic One: Rainwater Tanks – As noted in the report, Mr Saily reiterated that a business case on this and water metering would be brought to Council.

Topic Twelve: Kings Canal Flooding – Foxton – Cr Brannigan noted that this was something the Foxton Community Board was particularly concerned about and he wondered how it could be moved along.

Mr Saily said Council needed to continue to work with Horizons as part of the Catchment Management Plan. A report had been prepared and sent to Horizons last month and Council would continue to engage with them. However, speeding up the process was entirely up to Horizons. Cook Street was not linked to Kings Canal but was a completely separate problem with the stormwater system not having the capacity to get water away quickly enough. Part of the Catchment Management Plan would be to identify where major problems were.

Topic Eight: Stormwater discharge to Lake Horowhenua – In responding to a query, Mr Saily said Council was planning to apply for resource consents for stormwater discharge not only to the Lake but to water bodies in other parts of the district. At this stage it had not been identified whether water diversion was required, but that would be identified as part of the consent. Council would engage with the Lake Accord and other stakeholders as well as the Regional Council.

Both Cr Brannigan and Mayor Feyen stressed the urgency of dealing with the stormwater and flooding issues around the Foxton area, requesting that these be prioritised.

Topic Eleven: Stormwater issues at Tokomaru – Cr Campbell queried the timeframe for the Stormwater Management Plan for Tokomaru and also commented on stormwater going into gully traps because of the wet summer. Mr Saily advised the Stormwater

Management Plan would be completed to feed into the LTP. Stormwater going into gully traps was a problem for the entire district and it was why Council was pushing for the Alliance to start operating so there would be enough manpower to address the issue.

Responding to a query about the percentage of water being lost through the infrastructure, Mr Saidy said giving a percentage would be misleading. From the Levin assessment that had been done approximately 3,000 cubic metres a day was being lost. Most of that was in the rural, not the urban area and someone had been commissioned to find those particular areas.

Topic Eight: Stormwater discharge to Lake Horowhenua – Cr Tukapua requested an in depth briefing specifically on the Lake and stormwater, so the matter could be prioritised, possibly into the LTP (**action**).

Commenting on the use of water meters to detect water leaks, Mr Saidy said that Council did water meter readings quarterly so it was only when the meters were read that usage could be related back to previously readings to know if there was an issue.

8.3 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Solid Waste

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Solid Waste.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 17/229 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Solid Waste be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Clapperton advised a revision to recommendation 2.4 with the words “.. recycling as part of..” to replace “..these facilities and...”.

Topic One: Solid Waste Service Delivery - Responding to a query as to whether it meant to look at whether the uptake of recycling was improving or whether it meant Council was trying to improve the value return, Mr Clapperton said it would be a full review, not focussing on one particular component of solid waste services under the recycling umbrella.

Topic Three: EnviroSchools – Cr Kaye-Simmons commented on research she had done of local schools and the number who were or could be interested in taking part in this programme, which could involve 450 children.

It was noted that the current contracts Council had for organisations offering similar services expired in 2019.

Whilst she supported Cr Kaye-Simmons’ comments, Cr Tukapua had also done research and visited 12 schools. She fully supported the recommendation as it stood. She also suggested discussing it with Education Horowhenua.

Topic Two: Solid Waste Services Delivery – Waitarere Rise – Responding to a query as to why the delay for the provision of services to Waitarere Rise, Mr Saidy said the contracts Council currently had were not for renewal and as part of the review

extending the contracts would be looked at.

Topic Four: Levin Landfill – Mr Saidy advised that the gas flare had been constructed and it should be fully commissioned over the next three weeks. The flare was only one of the mitigation measures to resolve odour issues.

Mayor Feyen advised he was currently formulating a Notice of Motion, leading into the LTP, for Council to start thinking about what should be done with the Levin Landfill.

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council supports the Solid Waste Services Review.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council supports investigations into recycling as part of the Solid Waste Services Review.

CARRIED

9 Customer and Community Services

9.1 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Regulatory Services

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Regulatory Services.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 17/230 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Regulatory Services be received.

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

CARRIED

Topic Two: Dogs in Te Maire Park – Cr Campbell advised that the issue of dogs not being cleaned up after on Te Maire Park had been brought to him by Recreational Services and it was an issue that needed to be rectified.

Mrs Davidson said it would be noted and would be incorporated into the thinking of the Dog Policy that would return to Council soon.

Topic Four: District Plan – Natural Hazards at Foxton Beach – it was stressed that this needed to be taken seriously given the amount of development taking place, and forecasted to take place, at Foxton Beach.

Topic Seven: Hostel/backpackers – Shannon – a correction was advised by Cr Campbell. In the first sentence of the analysis, the site referred to should be the southern not the northern side of Grey Street.

9.2 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Community Facilities

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Community Facilities (which includes Community Centres and Libraries and Aquatics Centres).

MOVED by Cr Judd, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 17/231 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Community Facilities be received.

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

CARRIED

After discussion on aquatics issues, Mr Clapperton suggested, and it was agreed, that:

- “.. for 2017/18” be added to Recommendation 2.5;
- Recommendations 2.6 and 2.7 be amalgamated with the words “AND FURTHER”.

After discussion on the Shannon School swimming pool, it was agreed that Officers would pursue the provision of a shade cloth with the School. Also the needs of Tokomaru/Opiki schools in relation to swimming also to be investigated (**actions**).

Topic Three: Shannon Community Hub and Youth Centre – Responding to a query as to what was a community hub and citing Te Takere and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom as examples, Mr Clapperton said it would be up to the Shannon community to identify what its requirements were.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council considers the potential development of a community hub in Shannon as part of the preparation of the next Long Term Plan.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council encourages that, a Community Development application is made by Manawatu College for Council funding as part of a collaborative community partnership.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council proceeds with its earlier support to continue to operate Foxton Pool as a five (5) month operation for 2017/18.

THAT the Horowhenua District Council facilitates discussions with the Tokomaru Village and Community Association, the Ministry of Education and the Board of Trustees and/or principals of the Tokomaru and Opiki Schools regarding the provision of aquatic services in northern Horowhenua

AND FURTHER.

THAT a provisional sum of \$10,000 be included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for aquatic activities agreed by the parties.

CARRIED

9.3 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Parks and Reserves

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Parks and Reserves.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 17/232 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Parks and Reserves be received.

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

CARRIED

Topic Five: Reserve improvements for Shannon – responding to queries Mr Nelson noted::

- making the Domain toilets available saying, whilst there were seismic issues, it would be a short term approach to address a particular need'
- the cost to remove the cycle track at the Domain was approximately \$15,000;
- the Shannon Domain was an area where there needed to be consultation as there were a number of competing requests from submitters.

Topic Twelve: Addition of kids bike safety park at the Adventure Park – Responding to a query with regard to the Adventure Park's Strategic Plan, Mr Nelson advised that this had been done by Boffa Miskell and may have included a splash pad, which was different to what was being suggested and different to the BMX track at Donnelly Park.

Mayor Feyen noted that he had been approached by the Foxton Rugby League Club about a lack of venues, other than Easton Park, in Foxton with good lighting and he queried how that could be addressed.

With Easton Park obviously not used all the time, Mr Nelson suggested the Horowhenua Kapiti Rugby Club, which acted as an umbrella for a range of organisations, could be approached. There was also Victoria Park.

Mr Nelson commented that it did highlight the need for Reserve Management Plans which allowed shortfalls to be identified. He had not heard of the particular issue raised by Mayor Feyen but he would look to see if there was an existing facility that would be suitable.

Topic Eleven: Manawatu Estuary (Ramsar Site) – In commenting on the proposal to put money in the LTP for the Ramsar site, Mr Nelson said, in his view, it did need its own plan.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT the existing budget allowed for reprofiling of dunes at Waitarere Beach is held over until completion of the new surf lifesaving club building.

THAT a capital sum of \$15,000 is made available in the 2017/18 Annual Plan to redecorate the toilets under Shannon Grandstand, and that operational budgets for Shannon Domain are increased by a further \$15,000 to allow the toilets to remain open for the benefit of park users during 2017/18.

THAT Council is supportive of officers facilitating the removal of the Shannon Domain cycling/running track for health and safety reasons, as previously requested by the Shannon Domain User Group.

THAT Council considers the special nature of the Ramsar site at Foxton and make provision in the upcoming Long Term Plan (2018-2028) to provide a budget for improvement and maintenance.

THAT Council considers the funding requirements to achieve the strategic development plan of the Levin Adventure Park in the upcoming Long Term Plan (2018-2028).

THAT the Adventure Park Trust, in consultation with Council officers, consider whether a children's bike park be desirable in the context of the strategic plan.

CARRIED

9.4 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Property

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Property.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 17/233 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Property be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Clapperton proposed the recommendations 2.3 and 2.4 be combined with the addition of the words "AND FURTHER".

Topic Three: Memorial Hall – Shannon – Cr Campbell noted affordability issues with regard to use of the hall due to the economic status of the town. Cr Campbell said he had been asked many times if there could be a reduction in the fee.

Mr Nelson commented that Memorial Halls were an interesting issue, with usage haven fallen off either because of cost or because people were doing other things and that deserved further investigation. As part of the Property Strategy work there was a need for community consultation to decide on the future of such buildings moving forward.

It was further suggested that such discussions should include all halls, not just Council-owned ones.

Topic Four: Seismic Strengthening and Deferred Maintenance – Coronation Hall – Cr Brannigan observed, giving the development that was happening in Foxton with Te Awahou and looking a tourism, whether it could be signalled that MAVtech be part of the Property Strategy conversation.

Commenting on the building and the important collection within it, Mayor Feyen suggested it could be something that could be explored via the Strategy Committee.

Whilst understanding the discussion was around a single building, Mr Clapperton said the challenge moving forward, and the challenge for the Community Board, was the need to consider: Heritage, with Coronation Hall being but one building; Earthquake-prone buildings; and Foxton as a destination. It was not looking at things in isolation, but the bigger vision for Foxton going forward.

Noting that was just one town, Cr Judd said the challenge ahead was what was doable and what was not. The bigger discussion was about debt levels. It would not be possible to do everything and the bottom line would be the driver.

The meeting was advised that the Shannon Memorial Hall was the only one that was not earthquake-prone, largely because it had a wooden frame.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT no further capital investment is made by the Horowhenua District Council in

Coronation Hall in 2017/18

AND FURTHER

THAT capital funding of renewals, and lease renewal beyond 2020 be consulted on in preparation for the 2018-2021 Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

9.5 Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Community Support

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18 in relation to Community Support (which includes Rural Fire, Communications and Economic Development).

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Community Support be received.

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

CARRIED

Officers to arrange a meeting with Mr Little to discuss the points raised with regard to Council's website (**action**).

Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 – Late Items

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for deliberation, the late items.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Judd:

THAT Report Deliberations - Annual Plan 2017/18 - Community Support be received.

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

CARRIED

Topic Sixteen: North East Levin Stormwater Upgrade – Mr Saidy advised that the work currently being undertaken did not need a resource consent. A consent would be needed for future work and that was what was being prepared now.

7.00 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:.....