
Strategy Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Horowhenua District Council Strategy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Mr M Feyen
Deputy Chairperson	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
Councillors	Mr W E R Bishop
	Mr R J Brannigan
	Mr R H Campbell
	Mr N G Gimblett
	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	(Chief Financial Officer)
Mr G Saily	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
Mrs N Brady	(Group Manager – Customer & Community Services)
Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Strategy & Development)
Mr M J Lester	(Group Manager – Corporate Services)
Mrs S Grant	(Group Manager – Community Services)
Mr S Grainger	(Economic Development Manager)
Mr D Haigh	(Growth Response Project Manager)
Ms L Wilson	(Communications Manager)
Ms G O'Reilly	(Economic Development Support Officer)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms J Rankin	("Horowhenua Mail")
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were three members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Wanden:

THAT the apology from Councillor Judd and apology for lateness from Deputy Mayor Bishop be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

7.2 Consideration to Sponsor the Establishment of a Charitable Community Trust for Horowhenua

Mr Cameron Lewis, Horowhenua Economic Development Board.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on Wednesday, 27 September 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Mayor Feyen congratulated Cr Mason on achieving her "Making Good Decisions" RMA reaccreditation.

7 Executive

7.1 Local Government Leaders' Water Declaration

Purpose

To bring to the Strategy Committee, for consideration, the Local Government Leaders' Water Declaration, prepared by Local Government New Zealand.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 17/552 Local Government Leaders' Water Declaration be received.

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

CARRIED

As a member of the LGNZ Policy Advisory Group which had been working on this, Cr Tukapua sought input and endorsement from around the table.

The need for local government to encourage central government to have consistency throughout the country, particularly should it come to charging for water, was stressed as water was a national resource and not something that should be

fought over. LGNZ should be emphasising the cost to communities should there be a water charge.

The 2050 timeframe was also raised and discussed, with one view expressed being that that target should be brought forward and another view being that there was already significant work being done in the rural communities when it came to water but it was a huge logistical challenge particularly in terms of the country's topography so 2050 may not be unrealistic. There was also the issue of how people used water, whether it was for personal use, stock water, bottling for sending overseas. It would have a huge impact on the economy.

Depending on this evening's decision, Mr Clapperton said a letter would be drafted that captured the views expressed and it would be circulated to Councillors for comment before being sent to Wellington.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT the Strategy Committee recommends that the Horowhenua District Council becomes a signatory to the Local Government Leaders' Water Declaration.

CARRIED

9.2 Consideration to Sponsor the Establishment of a Charitable Community Trust for Horowhenua

Purpose

To consider the recommendation that Council sponsor the establishment of the proposed charitable community trust for the people of Horowhenua.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 17/559 Consideration to Sponsor the Establishment of a Charitable Community Trust for Horowhenua be received.

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

CARRIED

Expressing his appreciation of the good relationship that existed between the Horowhenua Economic Development Board and Council, Mr Cameron Lewis, spoke in support of Council sponsoring the establishment of a Charitable Community Trust for the Horowhenua. He stressed how important economic development was for this community which faced some very big challenges, but also some huge opportunities.

He noted that the Economic Development Board had spent two years considering how economic development could be better enabled in the Horowhenua and its members were very excited at the opportunity to unlock new possibilities with a Trust that was owned by the people, for the people.

Asking that the report be taken as read, Council's Economic Development Manager, Mr Grainger responded to queries from Elected Members.

With regard to using the money currently tied up in Council property and facilities to reduce Council debt, Mr Grainger clarified that what was proposed was that if there was debt against specific properties then Council would want to pay that down. One of the key actions should this progress would be for the CE to develop a programme in relation to property as in some circumstances Council would be required to undertake public consultation for certain properties and a process that would be

acceptable to both the Trust and Council would need to be developed.

The suggestion that the Mayor be included in Recommendation 2.3 to work with the Chief Executive to provide appropriate advice and assistance as the Trust was established was discussed, with views being expressed for and against the amendment.

Also queried was whether the Trust members would be comprised of the current Economic Development Board. Mr Grainger said the current Board would have an establishment role but it was proposed to set up an appointment panel which would undertake recruitment of people for the initial period and then, subject to the projects undertaken, there would be the need to recruit people with the appropriate skills and expertise to deliver the work programme.

The amended resolution was put:

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the Strategy Committee recommends to the Horowhenua District Council that it sponsors the establishment of a charitable community trust with the Chief Executive **and Mayor** mandated to provide appropriate advice and assistance as the Trust is established.

A division was called:

For:

Councillors: Ross Campbell
Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Joanna Mason
Christine Mitchell

Against:

Councillors: Wayne Bishop
Ross Brannigan
Neville Gimblett
Piri-Hira Tukapua
Bernard Wanden

Mayor Michael Feyen abstained from voting.

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 5.

The original recommendation was then put.

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the Strategy Committee recommends to the Horowhenua District Council that it sponsors the establishment of a charitable community trust with the Chief Executive mandated to provide appropriate advice and assistance as the Trust is established.

CARRIED

13 Procedural motion to exclude the public

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Wanden:

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 Electricity and Natural Gas Request for Proposal Evaluations

<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)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</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

4.42 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.

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....