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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 1:00 pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	His Worship The Mayor Bernie Wanden
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Councillor David Allan
<b>Councillors</b>	Councillor Mike Barker
	Councillor Rogan Boyle
	Councillor Ross Brannigan
	Councillor Clint Grimstone
	Councillor Nina Hori Te Pa
	Councillor Sam Jennings
	Councillor Paul Olsen
	Councillor Jonathan Procter
	Councillor Justin Tamihana
	Councillor Piri-Hira Tukapua
	Councillor Alan Young

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Monique Davidson	Chief Executive
	Daniel Haigh	Group Manager - Community Infrastructure
	Jacinta Straker	Group Manager - Organisation Performance
	Brent Harvey	Group Manager - Community Experience and Services
	David McCorkindale	Group Manager – Community Vision and Delivery
	Blair Spencer	Group Manager – Housing & Business Development
	Ashley Huria	Business Performance Manager
	Carolyn Dick	Strategic Planning Manager
	Daniel Minty	Financial Services Manager
<b>Meeting Secretary</b>	Grayson Rowse	Principal Advisor – Democracy
	Alice Petersen	Business Support Officer Democracy

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## 1 Apologies

### Resolution Number CO/2024/216

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Boyle:

That an apology from Deputy Mayor David Allan and Councillor Paul Olsen be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

Cr Justin Tamihana attended via audio/visual link

## 2 Public Participation

The following members of the public attended the meeting and spoke to the following items:

Mr Alan Mitchell, from Fluoride Free Horowhenua	Item: 6.6 Direction on Fluoridation of the Levin Drinking Water Supply
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## 3 Late Items

There were no late items.

## 4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

## 5 Reports for Decision

### 5.1 Adoption of Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024

This report sought Council's adoption of the Waste Management Minimisation Plan 2024.

This report directly aligned with one of Council's top 10 priorities "Make a decision on the Future of the Levin Landfill and follow through on the review of our WMMP."

### Resolution Number CO/2024/217

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Report 24/400 Adoption of Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 be received.

That this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act.

**CARRIED**

Officers presented the report highlighted the process of development of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) alongside the Long Term Plan 2024-2044 through a series of workshops and noting this report is presented for the adoption of the WMMP that will allow Council and the community to move forward.

**Resolution Number CO/2024/218**

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That Council adopt the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Adoption of Long Term Plan 2024-2044**

This report sought Council's adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-2044 and associated policies.

**Resolution Number CO/2024/219**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Report Adoption of Long Term Plan 2024-2044 be received.

That this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**CARRIED**

The Strategic Planning Manager and a representative from Audit NZ joined the table to speak to this item. They noted the a clean audit letter with no matters of emphases has been received for the Long Term Plan 2024-2044.

His Worship the Mayor spoke to this item highlighting the comprehensive consultation with community, acknowledging the work of officers and Councillors during this process and noting that this has been a challenging climate to plan for and to reimagine how this organization will function into the future. His Worship the Mayor expressed his support for the Long Term Plan 2024-2044 acknowledging how it will set the foundation for this community to thrive into the future.

**Resolution Number CO/2024/220**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Infrastructure Strategy 2024-2054.

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Financial Strategy.

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Revenue and Financing Policy.

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Community Outcomes.

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan public consultation process, adopts the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.

That Council adopt the amendments to the delegations register set out in Attachment E: Amendment to the Delegations Register - Remissions (Rates)

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan 2024-2044 consultation process, adopt the Development Contributions Policy.

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal Long Term Plan 2024-2044 consultation process, adopt the Significance and Engagement Policy.

That the Council resolves that it is prudent to adopt a budget that is not balanced for the first three years of the Long Term Plan, given the plan to increase the level of rates funding significantly to allow for operating surplus from years 2028 to 2037.

That Council, having taken into account the submissions received during the formal public consultation process, adopts the Long Term Plan 2024-2044 including the policies and statements contained therein, in accordance with sections 83 and 93 of the Local Government Act 2002.

That the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make editorial changes that arise as part of the publication process for the Long Term Plan 2024-2044.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2025

This report sought the Council's adoption of the Rates Resolution to strike the rates for the year ending 30 June 2025.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2024/221**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

- 2.1 That Report 24/321 Adoption of Rates Resolution for year ending 30 June 2025 be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

**CARRIED**

Officers presented the report noting that the recommendations have been through thorough legal review.

#### **Resolution Number CO/2024/222**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

- 2.3 That the Horowhenua District Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025.

##### **(a) General Rates**

A general rate set pursuant to section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit, assessed on land value and a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$0.00313233 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "District wide" category

- A rate of \$0.00156617 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "Farming" category

**(b) Land Transport (Roading) Rate**

A targeted rate of \$0.00037781 (GST Inclusive) set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit in the district, assessed on capital value to fund the costs of Land Transport.

**(c) Stormwater Rate**

A targeted rate of \$0.00034273 (GST Inclusive) set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all urban rating units as defined in the Funding Impact Statement, assessed on capital value.

**(d) Community Centre/Library Rate**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$372.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the provision of Community Centres and Library Services.

**(e) Representation and Community Leadership Rate**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$133.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund Representation and Community Leadership costs.

**(f) Aquatic Centres (Swimming Pool) Rate**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$213.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the provision of swimming pools.

**(g) Solid Waste Disposal Rates**

**Solid Waste – Districtwide Rate for Managing and Minimising Waste**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$93.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the cost of Waste Transfer Stations, waste minimisation initiatives, and recycling facilities.

**Solid Waste – Landfill Legacy Rate**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$104.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the remediation of the Hokio landfill.

**Solid Waste – Kerbside Recycling Rate**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$155.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the recycling collection area as outlined in the Funding Impact Statement.

**(h) Water Supply Rates**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Water Supply activity costs assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$500.00 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to a reticulated drinkable water supply network (except for Foxton Beach)

Liability for the rate will be assessed on whichever is the greater of:

- each rating unit, or
- the number of SUIPs of each rating unit, or
- the number of connections to each rating unit.
- A rate of \$250.00 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a reticulated drinkable water supply

For the Foxton Beach water supply network:

- A rate of \$359.00 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network.

Targeted rates for water supply set pursuant to section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where a meter is used to measure consumption on the network during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 of:

- \$2.50 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed in excess of 91m<sup>3</sup> per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to any water supply, except Foxton Beach.
- \$1.25 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed in excess of 91m<sup>3</sup> per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to the Shannon untreated bore water supply.
- For Foxton Beach Water Supply
  1. **Step 1** - \$1.07 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the first 50 m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed per quarter on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
  2. **Step 2** - \$2.14 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the second 50 m<sup>3</sup> of water consumed per quarter in excess of 50 m<sup>3</sup> on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
  3. **Step 3** - \$3.21 (GST Inclusive) per m<sup>3</sup> for the balance of water consumed per quarter in excess of 100 m<sup>3</sup> on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

#### **(i) Wastewater Disposal Rates**

A targeted rate for sewage disposal set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to fund the Wastewater activity costs assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$724.00 (GST Inclusive) for every rating unit that is connected to a reticulated wastewater disposal system.

Liability for the rate will be assessed on whichever is the greater of:

- each rating unit, or
- the number of SUIPs of each rating unit, or
- the number of connections to each rating unit.
- A rate of \$362.00 (GST Inclusive) for any rating unit that is available to be connected to a reticulated wastewater disposal system.

**(j) Horowhenua Economic Development Rate**

A targeted rate of \$ 0.00042928 (GST Inclusive) set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit identified as Commercial, Industrial, Mining or Utilities to fund a portion of the economic development spending across the district, assessed on capital value.

**(k) Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Rate**

A targeted rate set pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$55.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board electorate as outlined in the Funding Impact Statement.

**DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES**

- 2.4 That all rates (except water-by-meter rates) will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Due dates</b>	<b>Penalty dates</b>
<b>Instalment One</b>	15 September 2024	16 September 2024
<b>Instalment Two</b>	15 December 2024	16 December 2024
<b>Instalment Three</b>	15 March 2025	16 March 2025
<b>Instalment Four</b>	15 June 2025	16 June 2025

<b>Water-by-meter rates due dates 2024-2025</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Water meters read during</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Foxton Beach 6-10, Shannon, Tokomaru	Jul-24	25-Aug-24
	Oct-24	25-Nov-24
	Jan-25	25-Feb-25
	Apr-25	25-May-25
Foxton Beach 1-5, Whirokino	Aug-24	25-Sep-24
	Nov-24	25-Dec-24
	Feb-25	25-Mar-25
Levin, Ohau, Foxton	May-25	25-Jun-25
	Sep-24	25-Oct-24
	Dec-24	25-Jan-24
	Mar-25	25-Apr-25
	Jun-25	25-Jul-25

## PENALTIES

- 2.5 That the Council authorises the following penalties to be added to rates that are not paid by the due date:
- i. a charge of 10 percent on so much of each instalment that has been assessed after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be added to the amount of the unpaid rates on the penalty dates above,
  - ii. a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 which remain unpaid on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024,
  - iii. a further charge of 10 percent on any rates to which a penalty has been added under (ii) above if the rates remain unpaid on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## PAYMENT OF RATES

- 2.6 That all rates shall be payable by cash and eftpos at any of the following places:

Office	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō	9am to 5.30pm	9am to 5.30pm	10am to 9pm	9am to 5.30pm	9am to 5.30pm
Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
Shannon Library	1pm to 5pm	1pm to 5pm	1pm to 5pm	1pm to 5pm	1pm to 5pm

Alternatively, payment of rates can be made to the Council by direct debit, internet banking, automatic payment, telephone transfer or at NZ Post Shops. Credit card payments can only be made through the Council's website, and are subject to a convenience fee.

Where a payment made by a ratepayer is less than the amount now payable, the Council will apply the payment firstly to any arrears outstanding from previous years and then to current year rates due.

**CARRIED**



## 5.6 Direction on Fluoridation of the Levin Drinking Water Supply

This report sought direction on pending decisions and provide Elected Members with concise information that provides a comprehensive understanding relating to the fluoridation direction provided by the Director-General to Horowhenua District Council on 27 July 2022,

- and Councils current position and the importance of pending decisions on Councils direction; and
- including the risks directly associated with these decisions and the potential impacts on the community

### Resolution Number CO/2024/223

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That Report 24/404 Direction on Fluoridation of the Levin Drinking Water Supply be received.

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

**CARRIED**

### Resolution Number CO/2024/224

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That Council direct the Chief Executive to include, within the design of Levin Water Supply project provision for a fluoride-free water source at the Levin water treatment plant, with corresponding costs up to a maximum of \$100,000 being met via existing Council capital works budgets.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution Number CO/2024/225

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Procter:

That Council agree to the Chief Executive providing feedback to the Director General of Health on local matters that may be considered relevant to the NZBORA analysis by 27 June 2024, as set out in Item 5.2 and give the Chief Executive and Mayor delegations to finalise the letter.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution Number CO/2024/226

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Procter:

That Council approve and delegate authority for the Chief Executive to enter into the Contract offered by the Ministry of Health to secure the funding to complete the Fluoridation of the Levin Water Supply project by 30 December 2024, noting that a NZBORA assessment is still pending, but also noting the Courts have ruled the original Health Direction is enforceable.

**CARRIED**

#### 5.4 Western Park Zoning Change

This report sought approval for a proposed zoning change for Western Park from Open Space to Deferred Residential, in line with prior council resolutions to provide alignment and future use optionality for Plan Change 6A and/or a parallel a Plan Change process PC6B.

##### **Resolution Number CO/2024/227**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Report 24/405 Western Park Zoning Change be received.

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

**CARRIED**

##### **Resolution Number CO/2024/228**

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That Council do not proceed with the rezoning for Western Park from Open Space to Deferred Residential, as part of Plan Change 6a, and further that the Chief Executive present a report to Council on the future of Western Park given the future requirements of sports and recreation anticipated in the District, including advice on the potential revocation of previous resolutions to sell Western Park.

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

**For:**

Councillors: Mike Barker  
Rogan Boyle  
Clint Grimstone  
Nina Hori Te Pa  
Justin Tamihana  
Piri-Hira Tukapua  
Alan Young

**Against:**

Councillors: Ross Brannigan  
Sam Jennings  
Jonathan Procter  
Bernie Wanden

Cr David Allan was absent.

Cr Paul Olsen was absent.

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 7 votes to 4.

**CARRIED**

## 5.5 Levin Water Supply Reservoir Consent Application

This report sought approval from Council to lodge the resource consent applications with the relevant consent authorities for the Levin (Poas Road) Water Supply Reservoir project.

### Resolution Number CO/2024/229

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Boyle:

That Report 24/367 Levin Water Supply Reservoir Consent Application be received.

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

**CARRIED**

Officers presented the report noting decision is being sought on consent process not content. Officers highlighted the work with Iwi Partners to this stage and ongoing as the process continues.

Discussion noted that Council is undergoing work and education around water conservation but as the community grows so does the need for water supply.

### Resolution Number CO/2024/230

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Brannigan:

That Council give approval for officers to proceed with (option 1) the traditional RMA process and lodgement of the RMA applications with the relevant consent authorities.

**CARRIED**

## 6 Reports for Noting

### 6.1 Update on Foxton East Drainage Scheme Project

This report provided an update to Council on the Foxton East Drainage Scheme Project, noting the refund to be received and the appointment of members to the Governance Group to help shape the future of this project.

### Resolution Number CO/2024/231

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

That Report 24/402 Update on Foxton East Drainage Scheme Project be received.

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

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Grimstone exited the meeting at 03:49 pm.*

*Councillor Grimstone returned to the meeting at 03:52 pm.*

Chief Executive spoke to this report noting that a thorough update on the Foxton East Drainage Scheme that has been requested was not yet received from Horizons Regional Council.

Te Awahou Foxton Community Board have selected Members Mr Trevor Chambers and Mr David Roache as their representatives on the governance group that is being established.

**Resolution Number CO/2024/232**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Council appoint Cr David Allan, Cr Justin Tamihana and Cr Ross Brannigan to the Foxton Climate Resilience Project Governance Group.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Notification of Local Government Members (2024-25) Remuneration Determination**

This report notified Council of the Local Government Members (2024-25) Remuneration Determination 2024.

**Resolution Number CO/2024/233**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That Report 24/403 Notification of Local Government Members (2024-25) Remuneration Determination be received.

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

**CARRIED**

Officers introduced the report highlighting that the remuneration amount is set determination is set independently from Council and Councillors cannot be paid more or less than a set amount.

Chief Executive answered a question from the table clarifying that in October the Remuneration Authority will seek review on any allocation of positions of responsibility and this provides an opportunity for ensuring positions of responsibility considered.

**Resolution Number CO/2024/234**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Council note the following remuneration rates for elected members for 2024/25, to apply from 1 July 2024.

<b>Position</b>	<b>New Rate 1/07/2024</b>
<u>Council</u>	\$
Mayor	146,627
Deputy Mayor, including Hearings Committee Chair	68,241
Chairperson – Risk and Assurance Committee; District Plan Steering Group	52,184
Chairperson – Community Funding & Recognition Committee	48,170

Chairperson – Capital Projects Delivery Steering Group	44,155
Councillors with no additional responsibilities	40,141
<u>Te Awahou Foxton Community Board</u>	
Chairperson	13,894
Member	6,947

**CARRIED**

3.54 pm

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

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**CHAIRPERSON:**