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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES CONFIRMED

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 4 June 2025 at 11:00 am.

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### PRESENT

**Mayor**  
**Deputy Mayor**  
**Councillors**

His Worship The Mayor Bernie Wanden  
Councillor David Allan  
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

Via audio/visual link

### IN ATTENDANCE

#### Reporting Officer

Monique Davidson  
Daniel Haigh  
Jacinta Straker  
Brent Harvey  
David McCorkindale  
Blair Spencer  
Nicki Brady  
Ashley Huria  
Rob Benefield  
Lacey Winiata  
Grayson Rowse  
Alice Petersen

Chief Executive  
Group Manager - Community Infrastructure  
Group Manager - Organisation Performance  
Group Manager - Community Experience and Services  
Group Manager – Community Vision and Delivery  
Group Manager – Housing & Business Development  
Group Manager - Capability and Transformation  
Business Performance Manager  
Commercial & Operations Manager  
Parks and Property Manager  
Principal Advisor – Democracy  
Democracy Support Officer

#### Meeting Secretary



**1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2 Late Items**

There were no late items

**3 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Presentations**

**4.1 Levin School Group Presentation**

The meeting commenced with a presentation Levin School

**5 Reports for Decision**

**5.1 Local Water Done Well: Service Delivery Model**

This report sought Council's decision on the future water services delivery model for the Horowhenua District, which will inform the development and eventual adoption of the Council's Water Services Delivery Plan. Both aspects are required by the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.

**Resolution Number CO/2025/98**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Report 25/281 Local Water Done Well: Service Delivery Model be received.

That this matter or decision is recognised as of high significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

That Council acknowledge with thanks the submitters who responded and/or made comment Council's Local Water Done Well Consultation.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2025/99**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Olsen:

That Council adopt as its future Water Service Delivery Model a joint Water Services Organisation (in the form of a Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation) (Water Services Organisation), with Palmerston North City Council and Rangitīkei District Councils.

That Council note the other Councils in the Manawatū-Whanganui Region, namely Ruapehu District Council and Whanganui District Council who are yet to make their substantive decisions on their water services delivery model, and that there remains the potential for these councils to want to join an arrangement that involves Horowhenua District Council, Palmerston North City Council and Rangitīkei District Councils.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2025/100**

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Grimstone:

That, as part of its adopted Water Service Delivery Model, Council agree in principle that the dedicated stormwater network infrastructure, including the reticulated stormwater network and pumps will be transferred to any future Water Services Organisation and other assets that have a primary use for any other activities will remain the assets of Horowhenua District Council.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution Number CO/2025/101**

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Jennings:

That Council direct the Chief Executive to prepare a Water Services Delivery Plan in conjunction with confirmed partner Councils that includes the agreed joint Water Services Organisation and then return to Council for approval before submitting to the Secretary for Local Government by 3 September 2025.

That Council direct the Chief Executive to continue to work with Whanganui and Ruapehu District Councils to inform their decision-making processes, and return to Council with advice on the status of those other Councils, including whether there is any potential for a larger new Water Services Organisation. If there is potential for a larger new Water Services Organisation, advice on timing, process and other matters of detail will be tabled for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 Western Park Baseball Fencing**

This report outlined challenges at Western Park for neighbours and the Levin Hustle Baseball Club and requested use of renewal Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) to install a new fence to address those challenges.

**Resolution Number CO/2025/102**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

That Report 25/279 Western Park Baseball Fencing 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/2025/103**

MOVED by Cr Grimstone, seconded Cr Young:

That Council extends the foul ball netting at Western Park with a structurally engineered extension, seeking external funding to pay for this. However, if unable to source external funding by 30 June 2025, will utilise the Sportsground renewal budget.

**CARRIED**

## **6 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

**Resolution Number CO/2025/104**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

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 Reappointment of Independent Members of Risk and Audit Committee**

<b>Reason:</b>	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.
<b>Interests:</b>	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.
<b>Grounds:</b>	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.
<b>Plain English Reason:</b>	This report contains personal employment history of two individuals who have an expectation of privacy which is not outweighed by the public interest in this matter..

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**

12.42 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.

1.00 pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

**DATE:** .25 June 2025.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**

