
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 25 June 2025 at 11:00 am.

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

Absent

Via A/V link

Apology

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer

Monique Davidson
Daniel Haigh
Jacinta Straker
Brent Harvey
David McCorkindale
Blair Spencer
Nicki Brady
Ashley Huria
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
Principal Advisor – Democracy
Democracy Support Officer

Meeting Secretary

1 Apologies

Apology

Resolution number CO/2025/105

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

That the apology from Councillor Proctor be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

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

Name	Agenda Item
Viv Bold	8.1 – Adoption of Rates; 8.7 – Levin Town Centre Transformation Programme Update.
Debbie Wright	C4 - Levin Camp Ground

3 Late Items

There were no late items. A late has been issued which will be considered as part of this meeting.

4 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest in writing they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number CO/2025/106

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 14 May 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Resolution number CO/2025/107

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Excluded Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 14 May 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Resolution number CO/2025/108

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 4 June 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/109

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Excluded Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 4 June 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Cr Nine Hori te Pa joined the meeting at 11.12am

6 Presentations

6.1 NZ Police - Local Policing Update

Sgt Bernie O'Brien addressed the meeting concerning the preparation and response to the Kings Birthday weekend disruption by "boy racers".

7 Elected Members Reports

7.1 Mayoral Report

This report informed Council and the community about events and functions and Council-related meetings attended by the Mayor 1 May – 14 June 2025, and to provide an update on items of interest.

Resolution Number CO/2025/110

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Olsen:

A. That Report Mayoral Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Chairperson's Update -Te Awahou Foxton Community Board

This report updated Council on matters of interest from the Chairperson of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board

Resolution Number CO/2025/111

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

A. That Report 25/369 Chairperson's Update -Te Awahou Foxton Community Board be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Adoption of Rates Resolution for Year Ending 30 June 2026

This report strikes Horowhenua District Council (Council) Rates for the year ending 30 June 2026.

Resolution Number CO/2025/112

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Barker:

- A. That Report 25/354 Adoption of Rates Resolution for Year Ending 30 June 2026 be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/113

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- C. That 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 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026:

(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 \$0.00304 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "District wide" category
- A rate of \$0.00152 (GST Inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "Farming" category

(b) Land Transport (Roading) Rate

A targeted rate of \$0.00039 (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 \$0.00034 (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 \$353.00 (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 \$223.00 (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 \$257.00 (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 \$71.00 (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 \$72.00 (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 \$141.00 (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 \$666.00 (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 \$333.00 (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 \$501.00 (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 2025 to 30 June 2026 of:

- \$2.88 (GST Inclusive) per m³ of water consumed in excess of 91m³ per every quarter invoicing period on any rating unit connected to any water supply, except Foxton Beach.
- \$1.44 (GST Inclusive) per m³ of water consumed in excess of 91m³ 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** - \$1.25 (GST Inclusive) per m³ for the first 50 m³ 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 2025 to 30 June 2026.
 2. **Step 2** - \$2.50 (GST Inclusive) per m³ for the second 50 m³ of water consumed per quarter in excess of 50 m³ 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 2025 to 30 June 2026.
 3. **Step 3** - \$3.75 (GST Inclusive) per m³ for the balance of water consumed per quarter in excess of 100 m³ 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 2025 to 30 June 2026.

(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 \$986.00 (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 \$493.00 (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 \$0.00042 (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 \$54.00 (GST Inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the e Awahou Foxton Community Board electorate as outlined in the Funding Impact Statement.

DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES

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

Instalment	Due dates	Penalty dates
Instalment One	15 September 2025	16 September 2025
Instalment Two	15 December 2025	16 December 2025
Instalment Three	15 March 2026	16 March 2026
Instalment Four	15 June 2026	16 June 2026

Water-by-meter rates due dates 2025-2026			
Area	Water meters read during	Due date	Penalty dates
Foxton Beach 6-10, Shannon, Tokomaru	Jul-25	25-Aug-25	26-Aug-25
	Oct-25	25-Nov-25	26-Nov-25
	Jan-26	25-Feb-26	26-Feb-26
	Apr-26	25-May-26	26-May-26
Foxton Beach 1-5, Whirokino	Aug-25	25-Sep-25	26-Sep-25
	Nov-25	25-Dec-25	26-Dec-25
	Feb-26	25-Mar-26	26-Mar-26

	May-26	25-Jun-26	26-Jun-26
Levin, Ohau, Foxton	Sep-25	25-Oct-25	26-Oct-25
	Dec-25	25-Jan-26	26-Jan-26
	Mar-26	25-Apr-26	26-Apr-26
	Jun-26	25-Jul-26	26-Jul-26

PENALTIES

- E. That the Council authorises the following penalties to be added to rates that are not paid by the due date:
- a charge of 10 percent on so much of each instalment that has been assessed after 1st July 2025 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be added to the amount of the unpaid rates and water by meter rates on the penalty dates above,
 - a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before the 1st July 2025 which remain unpaid on 7th July 2025,
 - 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 8th January 2026.

PAYMENT OF RATES

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

Levin	Public Office 126-148 Oxford Street	Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri Wed	9am to 5pm 9.30am to 5pm
Foxton	Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom 92 Main Street	Mon to Fri Saturday & Sunday	9.00 am to 4.00 pm 10:00am - 3:00pm
Shannon	Library/Service Centre Plimmer Terrace	Mon to Fri First Saturday in the month only	1.00 pm to 5.00 pm 10:00am - 12:00pm
Tokomaru	Tokomaru Store Tokomaru Road	During store opening hours	

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

8.2 Waikawa Pedestrian Bridge

This report provided Council with options to consider regarding the future of the Waikawa Beach pedestrian bridge.

Resolution Number CO/2025/114

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Olsen:

That Report 25/325 Waikawa Pedestrian Bridge be received.

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

CARRIED

Council supported replacement of the bridge with a 20 load capacity suspension bridge, noting the simpler consenting process, longer life span and lower long-term maintenance costs of the swing bridge compares to other options

Resolution Number CO/2025/115

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That Council replaces the Waikawa Pedestrian Bridge with a 20 load capacity suspension bridge, following further conversations with the private landowners with a confirmed long term agreement in place.

CARRIED

8.3 Waikawa Beach Accessway - Council Update

This report provided Council with an update on the Waikawa Beach vehicle access kaupapa, outlining the work undertaken to date, current status, and key issues influencing future decisions. It reflects the complexities of the matter and the evolving positions of key stakeholders, including iwi, Horizons regional Council and the community.

Resolution Number CO/2025/116

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tamihana:

That Report 25/350 Waikawa Beach Accessway - Council Update be received and noted.

That this matter or decision is recognised as significant against the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, primarily because of the high levels of community interest in the matter of vehicle access at Waikawa Beach.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/117

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Tamihana:

- D. That Council notes:
- D.1. The collaborative work of the community group and their in-principle support for a controlled access trial.
 - D.2. The progress made in terms of community cohesion and the willingness of previously divided groups to collaborate constructively on potential solutions.
 - D.3. The legal advice indicating the risks of proceeding without further engagement and the need for clarity around objectives and options.
 - D.4. The continued community use of informal accessways despite signage and communication efforts.
- E. That Council request officers continue to support and work alongside the community group and Ngāti Wehi Wehi to explore a potential access option, and report back to Council with updates on progress, including any new developments that may influence the feasibility or direction of any future access arrangement. This includes ongoing assessment of the viability of both controlled access and no access options.

CARRIED

10.3 Proceedings of the Hearings and Regulatory Committee 10 June 2025

This report presented Council the minutes of the Hearings and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025.

Resolution Number CO/2025/118

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- A. That Report 25/358 Proceedings of the Hearings and Regulatory Committee 10 June 2025 and the minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/119

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- B. That Council liaise with relevant agencies and landowners with the goal of addressing the need for dog control measures in the Manawatū Estuary.**

CARRIED

8.4 Adoption of Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw

This report presented the final Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy for adoption by Council, incorporating changes recommended by the Hearings and Regulatory Committee, and to seek a resolution of Council to bring the bylaw into effect on 30 September 2025.

This report also sought a limited delegation to the Chief Executive to make minor administrative amendments prior to commencement, specifically to allow for the inclusion of te reo Māori titles and corrections to formatting, grammar, and typographical, provided such amendments do not alter the intent or effect of the bylaw.

Resolution Number CO/2025/120

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- A. That Report 25/348 Adoption of Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/121

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- C. That Council resolve to adopt the Dog Control Policy, attached as Attachment A, and the Dog Control Bylaw, attached as attachment B as effective from 30 September 2025; and in doing so determines that in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act that:
 - C.1. A bylaw is still the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems of regulating Dog Control matters; and
 - C.2. That the Dog Control Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw and does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- D. That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any necessary corrections or editorial changes that arise in producing the final published versions of the Dog Control Policy 2025 and Dog Control Bylaw 2025.
- E. That Council approve the Responsible Dog Owner Approval Policy, attached as Attachment C, with the policy to become operational from 30 September 2025 and apply to the 2026/27 dog registration period.

CARRIED

8.5 Adoption of Strategic Recreation Investment Framework

This report sought Council's adoption of the final Strategic Recreation Investment Framework (the Framework), following a series of Councillor workshops and community engagement.

Resolution Number CO/2025/122

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Olsen:

- A. That Report 25/370 Adoption of Strategic Recreation Investment Framework be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/123

MOVED by Cr Grimstone, seconded Cr Brannigan:

- C. That Council adopts the Strategic Recreation Investment Framework as set out in Attachment one of this report.
- D. That Council instructs the Chief Executive to implement the Framework and use it to support the development of advice for Council to inform future Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, or other significant investment decisions relating to sport and recreation
- E. That Council approve the Chief Executive to make any future editorial changes to the Framework.

CARRIED

8.6 Adoption of Horowhenua Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035

This report presented the Horowhenua Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 to Council for adoption.

Resolution Number CO/2025/124

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

- A. That Report 25/328 Adoption of Horowhenua Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035 be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act

CARRIED

Utilising opportunities the Ō2NL presents.

Supporting and working alongside Iwi is required

NHTP returned 12.40pm

Resolution Number CO/2025/125

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

- C. That Council adopt the Horowhenua Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035.
- D. That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any necessary corrections or editorial changes that arise in producing the final published version of the Horowhenua Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.49pm.

The meeting resumed at 1.20pm.

Councillor Allan returned to the meeting at 01:21 pm.

8.7 Levin Town Centre Transformation Programme Update

This report provided an update to Council on the Levin Town Centre Transformation Programme including seeking approval of the changes proposed to the programme governance structure to enable a more effective and efficient process to deliver on the Levin Town Centre Transformation Strategy.

Council's agreement was sought to appoint a Māori Ward Councillor to the Community Steering Group.

Resolution Number CO/2025/126

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Young:

- A. That Report 25/332 Levin Town Centre Transformation Programme Update be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Councillor Tamihana returned to the meeting at 01:23 pm.

Councillors spoke in support of the changes to the governance arrangements.

Councillor Grimstone exited the meeting at 01:26 pm.

Resolution Number CO/2025/127

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Tamihana:

- C. That Council approve the Levin Town Centre Transformation programme governance structure.
- D. That Council agree to Māori Ward Councillor Nina Hori te Pa being appointed to join the Levin Town Centre Transformation Community Steering Group.

CARRIED

Councillors debated whether to specifically include reference to the second Māori Ward Councillor's inclusion as a co-opted member of the Community Steering Group

MOVED by Cr Tamihana, seconded Cr Hori te Pa:

That the other Māori Ward Councillor be co-opted to provide advice on cultural matters in relation to the Levin Town Centre Community Steering Group.

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

For:

Councillors: Nina Hori Te Pa
Justin Tamihana
Alan Young

Against:

Councillors: David Allan
Mike Barker
Ross Brannigan
Sam Jennings
Paul Olsen
Bernie Wanden

Cr Clint Grimstone left the room.
Cr Jonathan Procter was absent.
The division was declared LOST by 3 votes to 6.

LOST

8.8 Confirmation of Process - Bath Street and Salisbury Street Carpark

This report sought Council's decision on whether there is a desire for the First Right of Refusal to Iwi Policy to be applied to the process of selling the Bath Street and Salisbury Street Carpark, despite the earlier decision of Council on 20 March 2024, which delegated the authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the documentation associated with the Levin Town Centre Transformation Request for Expressions of Interest for the Redevelopment of the Bath Street/Salisbury Carpark, and to release it to market at a strategically appropriate and opportune time.

Resolution Number CO/2025/128

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Olsen:

- A. That Report 25/375 Confirmation of Process - Bath Street and Salisbury Street Carpark be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/129

MOVED by Cr Olsen, seconded Cr Barker:

That Council agree that the First Right of Refusal to Iwi Policy is not applied to the sale of the Bath Street / Salisbury Street Carpark and that officers continue with the Expression of Interest process to the open market as per the Council resolution CO/2024/68 20 March 2024.

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

For:

Councillors: Mike Barker
Ross Brannigan
Sam Jennings
Paul Olsen
Alan Young

Against:

Councillors: David Allan
Nina Hori Te Pa
Justin Tamihana
Bernie Wanden

Cr Clint Grimstone left the room.
Cr Jonathan Procter was absent.
The division was declared CARRIED by 5 votes to 4.

CARRIED

8.9 Draft Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Policy - Adoption for Consultation

This report sought Council's approval to release the draft Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Policy for public consultation and to outline the proposed approach to engaging with the Foxton Beach community. The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear, fit-for-purpose framework for managing and distributing the Endowment Fund in accordance with its legislative obligations and community expectations.

Resolution Number CO/2025/130

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/372 Draft Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Policy - Adoption for Consultation be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/131

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Brannigan:

- C. That Council adopt the draft Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Policy for consultation with the community over the period of 30 June to 28 July 2025
- D. **That Council adopt the consultation material for the Draft Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Policy, and delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make minor editorial changes.**

CARRIED

8.10 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2025 Remits

This report sought Council's direction on which votes are to be cast for the remits at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2025.

Resolution Number CO/2025/132

MOVED by Cr Young, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/353 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2025 Remits be received and noted.
- B. That Council authorises the Mayor to vote as the Presiding Delegate in accordance with the votes agreed in this resolution and appoints Crs Olsen and Jennings as alternative delegates.
- C. That Council votes IN FAVOUR-Remit 1, which is:
That LGNZ advocates for security system payments to be included as an allowance under the Local Government Members Determination, in line with those afforded to Members of Parliament.
- D. That Council votes IN FAVOUR-Remit 2, which is:
That LGNZ advocate to Government for: a) legislative change to make the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) mechanism more accessible for councils to use with iwi/hapū, b) for the provision of technical, legal and financial support to facilitate the use of JMAs for joint council and iwi/hapū environmental governance, and c) for a mechanism such as JMAs to be included in the Government's new resource management legislation.
- E. That Council votes IN FAVOUR Remit 3, which is:
That LGNZ advocates for the government to update the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 18 December 2013 to account for inflation and include a mechanism for automatic annual inflation adjustments.
- F. That Council votes IN FAVOUR/~~AGAINST~~/~~ABSTAIN~~ (select one) Remit 4, which is:
That LGNZ advocate for the reform of the Ministry of Education funded school bus services to provide an improved service for families and to better integrate the services with council provided public transport services, including the option of Public Transport Authorities (e.g. regional and unitary councils) managing such services (with appropriate government funding), noting that:
a. councils better know their local communities; and
b. the potential to reduce congestion from better bus services for schools; and
c. the efficiency gains realised from integrating these two publicly funded bus services
d. the outdated and inflexible rules of the current centralised school bus system
- G. That Council votes IN FAVOUR/~~AGAINST~~/~~ABSTAIN~~ (select one) Remit 5, which is:
That LGNZ works with the Government and Councils to review current local government arrangements, including the functions and structure of local government, to achieve a better balance between the need to efficiently and effectively deliver services and infrastructure, while enabling democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of communities.

CARRIED

7.3 Notice of Motion - Inclusion of Non-Binding Community Poll Questions in the 2025 Local Body Election

In accordance with Standing Order 27.1, please place the following Notice of Motion on the agenda for the Council meeting being held on day, 25 Jun 2025:

Councillor Grimstone returned to the meeting at 02:50 pm.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Young:

That Council approve the inclusion of a non-binding community poll to be undertaken alongside the 2025 Horowhenua District Council local election.

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

For:

Councillors: Mike Barker
Sam Jennings
Paul Olsen
Alan Young

Against:

Councillors: David Allan
Ross Brannigan
Nina Hori Te Pa
Justin Tamihana
Bernie Wanden

Cr Clint Grimstone abstained.

Cr Jonathan Procter was absent.

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 5.

Having decided not to include a non-binding community poll alongside the 2025 Horowhenua District Council local elections, the remaining recommendation in the notice of motion were no longer in order and were not considered further.

A.1 Supplementary Officer Advice

This report provided additional advice to Council, following receipt of a Notice of Motion proposing the inclusion of non-binding community poll questions in the 2025 local body election. It outlines officers' analysis and highlights the potential implications and benefits of the proposal to support informed decision making by Council. This report acknowledges the summary of benefits provided by Councillor Jennings, and for completeness doesn't intend to repeat that but provide additional commentary for Councils consideration.

9 Reports for Noting

9.1 Interim Organisation Performance Report - June 2025

This report presented the Interim Organisation Performance Report for June 2025.

Resolution Number CO/2025/133

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report Interim Organisation Performance Report - June 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.2 Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report June 2025

This report presented Council the updated monitoring report covering resolutions and requested actions from previous meetings of Council.

Resolution Number CO/2025/134

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/377 Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report June 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

10 Proceedings of Committees

10.1 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 21 May 2025

This report presented to the Council the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 21 May 2025.

Resolution Number CO/2025/135

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/357 Proceedings of the Community Wellbeing Committee 21 May 2025 and the minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED

10.2 Proceedings of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting 9 June 2025

This report presented Council the minutes of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board meeting held on 09 June 2025.

Resolution Number CO/2025/136

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/359 Proceedings of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting 9 June 2025 and the minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED

10.4 Proceedings of the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee 11 June 2025

This report presented Council the minutes of the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee meeting held on 11 June 2025.

Resolution Number CO/2025/137

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/365 Proceedings of the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee 11 June 2025 and the minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED

11 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution Number CO/2025/138

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 Levin War Memorial Hall and Village Green Redevelopment Update

Reason:	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.
Interests:	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	This report contains commercially sensitive details around the Levin War Memorial Hall redevelopment.

C2 Solid Waste Service Delivery and Agreement Review

Reason:	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.
Interests:	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.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	This report includes commercially sensitive information.

C3 East West Arterial (EWA) - Property Acquisition Update

Reason:	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.
Interests:	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	This report includes commercially sensitive information..

C4 Levin Camp Ground

Reason:	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.
Interests:	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	This report includes details about lease prices and commercial arrangements. Sharing this information publicly could disadvantage the Council in ongoing or future negotiations. For that reason, the public is excluded under Section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to protect the Council's commercial position.

C5 Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report June 2025

Reason:	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.
Interests:	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. s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	These actions relate to potential or actual sales of property, and contract negotiations. The public release of these actions at this time may affect sales prices or disclose negotiation points.

C6 Proceedings of Committee - Public Excluded Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee 11 June 2025

Reason:	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.
Interests:	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	This report contains private employment details of the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's expectation of privacy in relation to her employment outweighs the public interest in having this information released to the public.

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

3.20 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.

4.50 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: