
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 6 August 2025 at 1:00 pm.

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
Councillor Alan Young

Via audio/visual link

Apology

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer

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

Chief Executive
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
Commercial & Operations Manager
Business Performance Manager
Principal Advisor – Democracy
Democracy Support Officer

Meeting Secretary

1 Apologies

Apology

Resolution number **CO/2025/152**

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

That the apology from Councillor Young be accepted.

CARRIED

Cr Boyle attended via audio/visual link

2 Public Participation

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

Name	Agenda Item
Viv Bold	7.1 Joint Water Services Delivery Plan; C1 Decision to sell the Levin Warehouse Carpark; and the Actions Monitoring Report
Charles Rudd	7.2 Iwi / Hapu Relationship Framework Adoption; the Actions Monitoring Report; and C1 Decision to sell the Levin Warehouse Carpark.

3 Late Items

There were not late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution Number **CO/2025/153**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Olsen:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 25 June 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Resolution Number **CO/2025/154**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Excluded Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 25 June 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Elected Members Reports

6.1 Mayoral Report

This report informed Council and the community about events and functions and Council-related meetings that I attended 15 June – 29 July 2025, and to provide an update on items of interest.

Resolution Number CO/2025/155

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

- A. That Report Mayoral Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

7 Reports for Decision

7.1 Joint Water Services Delivery Plan

This report sought endorsement of the joint Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP), ahead of adoption, certification and submission to the Secretary for Local Government, developed in accordance with the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.

This matter relates to Local Water Services Done Well

Position Council for future changes to Local Waters Done Well waters arrangements.

Resolution Number CO/2025/156

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/406 Joint Water Services Delivery Plan 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/2025/157

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Grimstone:

- C. That Council confirms that responsibility for the provision of stormwater services be transferred to the Water Services Organisation in such a way that Horowhenua District Council will not be considered a Water Services Organisation in the future.
- D. That Council adopt the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, attached as Appendix A, to this report.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/158

MOVED by Cr Olsen, seconded Cr Grimstone:

- E. That Council authorises the Chief Executive to make minor changes (if required) to the Water Services Delivery Plan to allow for certification and joint submission.
- F. That Council directs the Chief Executive to certify the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, allowing for any minor changes to be made, before jointly submitting the Water Services Delivery Plan with the Chief Executives of Palmerston North City Council and Rangitikei District Council to the Secretary for Local Government on or before 3 September 2025.
- G. That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to enter into and sign the Collaboration Agreement with Palmerston North City Council and Rangitikei District Council to progress the joint work programme outlined in the Implementation Plan, noting there will be a full Council workshop first.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CO/2025/159

MOVED by Cr Procter, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

- H. That Council notes that there remains the potential that Ruapehu District Council and Whanganui District Council could be willing to partner as shareholders in the Joint WSCCO, but that this is subject to those Councils making formal decisions to endorse that form of Joint WSCCO (involving up to 5 councils), as well as the necessary due diligence and approvals required by the current partner Councils (HDC, PNCC, RDC).
- I. That Council encourages Ruapehu District Council and Whanganui District Council to continue constructive discussions with the [Project Team], and with the Department of Internal Affairs, to determine the pathway that would provide for them to become shareholders in the Joint WSCCO, including clarifying what that would require for the current partner Councils and their Joint WSDP (assuming it is accepted by the Secretary of Local Government on its current terms).

CARRIED

*Councillor Brannigan exited the meeting at 01:57 pm.
Councillor Brannigan returned to the meeting at 01:58 pm.*

7.2 Iwi / Hapu Relationship Framework Adoption

This report sought Council's formal adoption of the Iwi / Hapū Relationship Framework as a strategic document guiding partnership and engagement with iwi / hapū across Horowhenua.

Resolution Number CO/2025/160

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tamihana:

- A. That Report 25/427 Iwi / Hapu Relationship Framework Adoption 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/2025/161

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Tamihana:

- C. That Council adopts the Iwi / Hapū Relationship Framework as a strategic document guiding future engagement and partnership with Iwi and Hapū.

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

For:

Councillors: David Allan
Rogan Boyle
Ross Brannigan
Clint Grimstone
Nina Hori Te Pa
Paul Olsen
Jonathan Procter
Justin Tamihana
Bernie Wanden

Against:

Councillors: Mike Barker
Sam Jennings

The division was declared CARRIED by 9 votes to 2

CARRIED

8 Reports for Noting

8.1 Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report August 2025

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

Resolution Number CO/2025/162

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/421 Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report August 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution Number CO/2025/163

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 Decision to sell the Levin Warehouse Carpark

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 information in relation to the sale and purchase of the Levin Warehouse Carpark.

C2 Council Resolution and Actions Monitoring Report August 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.

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

2.28 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.

3.19 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: