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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

## UNCONFIRMED

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 29 October 2025 at 6:00 pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	His Worship The Mayor Bernie Wanden
<b>Councillors</b>	Councillor David Allan
	Councillor Mike Barker
	Councillor Nola Fox
	Councillor Morgan Gray
	Councillor Clint Grimstone
	Councillor Nina Hori Te Pa
	Councillor Sam Jennings
	Councillor Lani Te Raukura Ketu
	Councillor Jo Mason
	Councillor Katrina Mitchell - Kouttab
	Councillor Paul Olsen
	Councillor Alan Young

### IN ATTENDANCE

	Ross Brannigan	Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Member
	Jason Davy	Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Member
	Irene Wakefield	Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Member
<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
	Grayson Rowse	Principal Advisor – Democracy
<b>Meeting Secretary</b>	Alice Petersen	Democracy Support Officer

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The meeting was opened with a Mihi and Karakia lead by the Cultural Outcomes Advisor and the Chief Executive.

## 1 Apologies

The Chief Executive noted apologies from Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Members David Roache and Judy Sanson.

## 2 Legislation affecting Members of Council

The Chief Executive presented the report Explanation of Legislation Relevant to Elected Members (2025 - 2028 Triennium).

The presentation of this report meet the requirements under Schedule 7, Section 21(5)(c) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the Chief Executive to give Elected Members a general explanation of laws relevant to their role.

## 3 Declaration by His Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor, Bernard Phillip Wanden, made and signed his Declaration of Office before the Chief Executive and then assumed the Chair.

## 4 Declaration by Councillors

Councillors in alphabetical order, made and signed their Declarations of Office before Mayor Wanden.

## 5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Wanden announced that after careful consideration, and discussion with fellow Elected Members that Cr David Allan would be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Horowhenua District Council.

The following recommendations were then moved by the newly sworn in Council.

### Apologies

Resolution number **CO/2025/223**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That the apologies received from Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Members David Roache and Judy Sanson be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 6 Reports

### 6.1 Explanation of Legislation Relevant to Elected Members (2025 - 2028 Triennium)

Schedule 7, Section 21(5)(c) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Chief Executive, or her nominee, to give Elected Members a general explanation of laws relevant to their role

**Resolution Number CO/2025/224**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Gray:

That Report Explanation of Legislation Relevant to Elected Members (2025 - 2028 Triennium) be received.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

The purpose of this report is for Council to note the appointment by the Mayor of Horowhenua Council's Deputy Mayor for the 2022 – 2025 Triennium.

**Resolution Number CO/2025/225**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Olsen:

That Council notes the appointment by the Mayor of Councillor David Allan as Deputy Mayor.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Wanden addressed Councillors highlighting the challenges and opportunities ahead in this Triennium.

**6.3 Setting of Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The purpose of this report is to obtain a decision from Council on setting a date and time for the first meeting of the Horowhenua District Council

**Resolution Number CO/2025/226**

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Jennings:

That the first meeting of the Horowhenua District Council be held on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 11.00am.

**CARRIED**

Performance by Imogen Williamson - Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again by Andrew Lloyd Webber

**7 Declaration by Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Members**

Board Members in alphabetical order, made and signed their Declarations of Office before Mayor Wanden.

**8 . Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board**

Mayor Wanden called for nominations for Chair of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board.

Resolution number **CO/2025/227**

Moved Mr Davy, seconded by Mrs Wakefield:

That Mr Ross Brannigan be elected Chairperson of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board for the 2025-2028 Triennium.

**CARRIED**

Resolution number **CO/2025/228**

Moved Mr Brannigan, seconded by Mr Davy:

That Mrs Irene Wakefield be elected Deputy Chairperson of Te Awahou Foxton Community Board for the 2025-2028 Triennium.

**CARRIED**

Performance by Amelie Williamson - If There Were Dreams to Sell by John Ireland

Mayor Wanden thanked all who attended.

The meeting was closed with a Karakia and the National Anthem.

7.11 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:**