



Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

10.00am Tuesday 23 August 2016 held in the Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council, Coronation Square, Wairoa.

Present: His Worship the Mayor Mr C Little (Chairman)

Councillors: M Bird, B Cairns, D Eaglesome-Karekare, J Harker, M Johansen, H Flood.

P Kelly	(Māori Standing Committee Representative)
F Power	(Chief Executive Officer)
H Montgomery	(Chief Operating Officer)
J Cox	(Engineering Manager)
J Baty	(Corporate Services Manager)
A Morton	(Chief Financial Officer)
K Tipuna	(Communications Strategist)

Procedural Items

1. Karakia

The karakia was given by Mr J Baty (Corporate Services Manager).

2. Apologies for absence

Māori Standing Committee Representative Mr Kelly (for lateness).

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Cairns – Adventure Wairoa Proposal

Councillor Harker – Late item: WDC Drinking Water Supply Risks

4. Chairman's Announcements

None.

5. Items of Urgent Business not on the Agenda

Late item: WDC Drinking Water Supply Risks

Late item: Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy

Late item: KiwiRail - Selwyn District Council

6. Public Participation

Mr G Preston enquired as to when monthly financial reports will be available. He also enquired as to when the first rocket will be launched and what assurances Council has that satellites launched won't be used for spying or military activities.

Financial reports go to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee before coming to Council.

Rocket Lab has installed the launch platform at the private orbital launch under development on Māhia Peninsula. The installation of the almost 50 ton platform is the final major step in preparing the site for the arrival of the first electron launch vehicle, scheduled to be tested in the coming months.

The New Zealand Government has announced the development of a new regulatory regime for space and high altitude activities.

It will ensure the development of a peaceful, safe, responsible and secure space industry that meets New Zealand's international obligations.

7. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: *That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings.*

Eaglesome-Karekare/Cairns

8. CEO Monthly Report – July

The Chief Executive Officer presented his report.

Resolved: *That the reports be received.*

Johansen/Harker

9. Early Payment of Rates Policy

The Chief Financial Officer presented his report.

Councillors discussed:

- Late submission received after the closing period. Submission in support of adopting the policy. Miscellaneous item contained in submission referred to the Engineering Department.

Resolved: *That Council adopt the attached Early Payment of Rates Policy in respect of the Māhia and Ōpoutama Wastewater Schemes attached as Appendix 1.*

Cairns/Harker

10. Adventure Wairoa Proposal

The Engineering Manager presented his report.

Mrs Tamsyn Morunga presented on behalf of Adventure Wairoa.

Māori Standing Committee Representative Mr Kelly entered the meeting at 10.51am

Councillors discussed:

- Other Council's use of the landfill previously mentioned – what timeframe before this affects the mountain biking facility and landfill expansion that might be required
- Robust mitigation plan required especially in relation to fire
- 50 metre buffer zone, fire plan, restricted fire season, membership and code of conduct noted
- Organic process that needs to be flexible to maximise opportunities especially tourism

Resolved:

That Council directs the Chief Executive Officer and Engineering Manager to develop an agreement in partnership with Adventure Wairoa relating to the creation of a purpose-built mountain biking facility for the Wairoa community on the Fraser Street forest block and that the agreement comes back to Council for approval.

***Flood/Little
Abstention: Cairns***

ADJOURNED: 10.53am

RECONVENED: 10.58am

11. Better Local Services Bill

The Communications Strategist presented his report.

Councillors discussed:

- Extending the role of the Local Government Commission to re-organise local authorities
- Establishment CCOs across councils, including the transfer of functions
- Accountability requirements for new and existing CCOs
- Amalgamation process
- Extension of regulations and the creation of more financial and non-financial benchmarks and performance measures
- Rushed legislation and erosion of local democracy
- Support for Nelson Ratepayers Association

Resolved: *That Council:*

1. Receive the report;
2. Endorses the WDC submission; and
3. Direct the Chief Executive to implement a community communications campaign about the potential impact of the Better Local Services Bill on loss of local control of community assets, and the erosion of local democracy.

Little/Johansen

LATE ITEM: WDC Drinking Water Supply Risks

Resolved: *That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the item **WDC Drinking Water Supply Risks** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this matter is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed.*

Eaglesome-Karekare/Johansen

The Engineering Manager presented his report.

Councillors discussed:

- Havelock North water quality crisis
- State of current water supplies in the district
- Contaminated samples regularly returned from the Māhanga Water Supply
- Current reactive treatment of Māhanga Water Supply

Resolved: *That Council:*

1. Directs the Engineering Manager to proactively treat the Māhanga Water Supply and that the boil water notice remain in place.
2. Continues to promote that the Māhanga Water Supply is non-potable.
3. Proceeds with the referendum on whether or not to close the Māhanga Water Supply as soon as possible after the 2016 local government elections.

Little/Cairns
Against: Bird

LATE ITEM: Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy

Resolved: *That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the item **Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this*

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Eaglesome-Karekare/Flood

The Chief Operating Officer presented her report.

Councillors discussed:

- Regional approach to economic development which is government led
- Vision for Māori now included
- Accountability clear

Resolved: *That Council endorses the Regional Economic Development Strategy and continues to provide support for the implementation of the strategy.*

Eaglesome-Karekare/Flood

LATE ITEM: KiwiRail - Selwyn District Council

Resolved: *That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the item **KiwiRail - Selwyn District Council** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this matter is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed.*

Little/Harker

The Chief Executive Officer presented his report.

Councillor Flood left the meeting at 12.08pm

Councillors discussed:

- Investigating Council's own history with KiwiRail

Councillor Flood returned to the meeting at 12.12pm

Resolved: *That Council receives the report.*

Little/Harker

Receipt of Minutes from Committees/Action Sheets

12. Council Action Sheet

13. Māori Standing Committee

Minutes discussed. Noted quorum issue.

Public-excluded items

14. Resolution to exclude the public

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Review of Public Excluded Minutes

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reasons 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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) to the passing of this resolution
Review of Public Excluded Minutes	<p>Section 7 (2)</p> <p>(a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>(h) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist:</p> <p>(i) where the local authority is named or specified in the Schedule 1 to this Act, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i)) [of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987]</p>

Flood/Harker

ADJOURNED: 12.36pm

RECONVENED: 1.10pm

PUBLIC EXCLUDED: 1.10pm

RE-ADMITTED: 1.44pm

14. Release of Confidential Minutes

Resolved: *That Council release the redacted confidential minutes attached as Appendix - Release of Confidential Minutes.*

Little/Harker

There being no further General Business His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at **1.44pm.**

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Chair