

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held to Adopt the the 2009-2019 LTCCP and Set the Rates for the 2009-2010 Year in the Council Chambers, Coronation Square, Wairoa on Thursday 23 July 2009 at 10.30am.

CHAIRMAN: His Worship the Mayor Mr L Probert

COUNCILLORS

B Cairns (In: 10.36), D Caves, D Eaglesome, J Heron, B McKinnon, D Evans

IN ATTENDANCE: P J Freeman (Chief Executive Officer)
R Snow (Finance Manager)
M Jones (Secretary)

CIVIC PRAYER

Councillor Eaglesome gave the Civic Prayer.

APOLOGIES - Nil

CALLS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

General Items

**STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL AND LONG
TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-2019**

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His Worshiped welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that a lot of hard work and effort had been put in by staff to complete the Plan. His comments were supported by the Chief Executive who advised that it had been a hard struggle, due in part to the large number of submissions received and not having allowed enough time to meet the statutory deadlines.

The Councillors were then canvassed as to whether they wished to go through the Plan page by page. They were of the view that this was not necessary.

Mr Snow was asked if he had any further comments. He briefly outlined the amendments Council had approved, noted the summaries of the significant issues and concluded by stating that Council had achieved to what amounted to a nil increase overall in rates.

The Chief Executive also advised that new property valuations were to be done this year and that those valuations would form the basis of next year's rates. It would be prudent to have a review of our rating system at that time, he added. Some discussion ensued on how and when the review should be carried out and by who.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the report be received.</i>

McKinnon/Evans

DISCUSSION

Councillor Eaglesome sought comment on statements made by the Hon. Rodney Hide. The Chief Executive responded by saying that it appeared the Minister was clearly on a mission to limit the activities of Council back to basic functions.

Considerable discussion took place on the implications this could have.

Also discussed was the Mahia Sewerage Scheme and the effect the decisions taken would have in respect of consents needed and the subsidy available. Council were advised by the Chief Executive that he had written to the Minister requesting an extension of time.

**RESOLUTION TO SET RATES FOR THE
YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JULY 2009**

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The Finance Manager spoke to the report. It was noted that while Council had worked hard to minimise the effects the recession had had, many property owners will still see rises in their rates bill. Some areas on the other hand like Mahia and Opoutama would see a decrease due to the reduced costs incurred for the Mahia Sewerage Scheme and reduced wastewater expenditure at Opoutama.

Councillors discussed the recommendation. The Finance Manager was questioned in respect of Water Charges for Frasertown and Peri-urban ratepayers and commented that the recommendation as it stood did not accurately reflect the decision taken at the Deliberations Hearing that being they will no longer be receiving a separate three monthly water charge but will now pay a uniform water charge within their rates the same as for Wairoa Urban.

Councillors requested amendments be made to include Frasertown and the Peri-Urban areas within the recommendation.

Resolved:	<i>Pursuant to section 93 (3) of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopts the Final Statement of Proposal and Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19.</i> Heron/Evans
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Resolved:	<i>The Wairoa District Council set the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the financial year commencing 1st July 2009 and ending on 30 June 2010.</i> Cairns/Caves
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1. *Uniform Annual General Charge*

A uniform annual general charge of \$366.90 (inclusive of GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

2. *Water Charges*

(a) *Wairoa Urban Ward*

A uniform annual charge in respect of the ordinary supply of water set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, for each separately occupied portion of any rating unit of \$349.80 (inclusive of GST) provided that the uniform annual charge payable in respect of any separately occupied portion of any rating unit to which water can be supplied but is not supplied (being a property situated within 100 metres of any part of the water reticulation system) the charge shall be \$174.90 (inclusive of GST).

(b) *Frasertown Ward*

A uniform annual charge in respect of the ordinary supply of water set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, for each separately occupied portion of any rating unit of \$349.80 (inclusive of GST) provided that the uniform annual charge payable in respect of any separately occupied portion of any rating unit to which water can be supplied but is not supplied (being a property situated within 100 metres of any part of the water reticulation system) the charge shall be \$174.90 (inclusive of GST).

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(c) *Wairoa Peri Urban Ward*

A uniform annual charge in respect of the ordinary supply of water set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, for each separately occupied portion of any rating unit of \$349.80 (inclusive of GST) provided that the uniform annual charge payable in respect of any separately occupied portion of any rating unit to which water can be supplied but is not supplied (being a property situated within 100 metres of any part of the water reticulation system) the charge shall be \$174.90 (inclusive of GST).

(d) *Mahanga Supply area*

A uniform annual charge in respect of the ordinary supply of water set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 in respect of each separately rateable property of \$230.00 (inclusive of GST) (being a property situated within 100 metres of any part of the Mahanga Water Reticulation System).

(e) *Tuai Supply area*

A uniform annual charge in respect of the ordinary supply of water set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 in respect of each separately rateable property of \$348.70 (inclusive of GST) (being a property situated within 100 metres of any part of the Tuai Water Reticulation System).

3. *Sewerage Charges*

(a) *Wairoa Ward*

A uniform annual charge set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$283.60 (inclusive of GST) for each water closet or urinal connected, either directly or through a private drain to a public sewerage drain provided that every separately rating unit used exclusively as, or principally as a residence of not more than one household, shall be deemed to have not more than one water closet or urinal.

Provided also that where a rating unit is situated not more than 30 metres from a public sewerage drain to which it is capable of being connected, either directly or through a private drain, to any public sewerage drain the charge shall be \$141.80 (inclusive of GST).

In respect of those rating units (excluding residential) that have multiple water closets or urinals connected either directly or through a private drain to a public drain a stepped regime of sewerage charges shall apply as under:

(i) *For all properties with up to 5 pans will be at full charge.*

(ii) *For all properties with pan connections greater than 5 but less than 16 pans the charging regime shall be:*

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| 1. | <i>Pans 1 to 5</i> | <i>full rate</i> |
| 2. | <i>Pans 6 to 15</i> | <i>70% of full rate</i> |

(iii) *For all properties with multiple pan connections per property*

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| 1. | <i>Pans 1 to 5</i> | <i>full rate</i> |
| 2. | <i>Pans 6 - 15</i> | <i>70% of full rate</i> |
| 3. | <i>Pans greater than 15</i> | <i>50% of full rate</i> |

Resolution: (Cont'd)

(b) *Tuai Village*

A uniform annual charge set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$283.60 (inclusive of GST) for each water closet or urinal connected, either directly or through a private drain to a public sewerage drain provided that every separate rating unit used exclusively as, or principally as a residence of not more than one household, shall be deemed to have not more than one water closet or urinal. Provided also that where a rateable property is situated within 30 metres of a public sewerage drain to which it is capable of being connected, either directly or through a private drain, to any public sewerage drain, the charge shall be \$141.80 (inclusive of GST).

(b) *Mahia Beach Township*

A uniform annual charge set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$203.60 (inclusive of GST) for each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Funding Impact Statement.

4. *Uniform Annual Charge – Drainage Wairoa Township*

A Uniform Annual Charge set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$69.20 (inclusive of GST) on every separate rating unit situated within the Wairoa Urban area as defined in the Differential Rating Special Orders Resolution confirmed on 1st August 2001 under A General 2 "The Urban Area".

5. *Uniform Annual Charge – Drainage Mahia Township*

A Uniform Annual Charge set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$223.80 (inclusive of GST) on every separate rating unit situated within the Mahia Township area with valuation references inclusive of and between 870016600 to 870017000 and 870030400 to 870042617 and 870050801 to 870050839.

6. *Uniform Annual Charge – Waste Management Wairoa Township*

A Uniform Annual Charge set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$162.80 (inclusive of GST) on every separate rating unit situated within the Wairoa Urban area as defined in the Differential Rating Special Orders Resolution confirmed on 1st August 2001 under A General 2 "The Urban Area".

7. *Uniform Annual Charge – Waste Management Rural Areas*

A Uniform Annual Charge set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$128.90 (inclusive of GST) on every separate rating unit situated within the Rural area as defined in the Differential Rating Special Orders Resolution confirmed on 1st August 2001 under A General 2 "The Rural Area".

8. *Water by Meter*

The following charges in respect of metered supplies and extra ordinary water charges are deemed to be inclusive of GST.

a. *For metered supply within the Wairoa Township Reticulation Area*

<i>Minimum per 3 months</i>	<i>\$88.00</i>
<i>Per Cubic Metre</i>	<i>60 cents</i>

b. *For metered supply within the Frasertown Reticulation Area*

<i>Minimum per 3 months</i>	<i>\$88.00</i>
<i>Per Cubic Metre</i>	<i>60 cents</i>

Resolution: (Cont'd)

- c. For metered supply within the Wairoa Environs area (being those properties not included in 1 & 2 above)

Minimum per 3 months	\$88.00
Per Cubic Meter	60 cents

- d. For metered supply within the Tuai Reticulation Area

Minimum per 6 months	\$174.40
Per cubic metre	19 cents

- e. For supply to AFFCO Ltd (under Agreement)

The charges are subject to negotiation

9. General Rate (Land Value Based)

A general rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit, assessed on a differential basis as follows: -

- a. General Urban 1.0 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order “Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township”, and with a land value less than \$80,000, a general rate of 0.16115 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- b. General Urban 3.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order “Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township Commercial/Industrial” a general rate of 0.56403 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- c. General Rural 1.0 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order “Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural” a general rate of 0.03124 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- d. General Rural Resident 0.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order “Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential” a general rate of 0.01562 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- e. General Urban 0.3 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order “Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township” and with a land value exceeding \$79,999, a general rate of 0.04835 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- f. General Rural Resident 1.25 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order “Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential” (the rural townships of Frasertown, Raupunga and Nuhaka) a general rate of 0.03905 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.

10. Rooding Separate Rate (Land Value Based)

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 assessed on a differential basis as follows: -

Resolution: (Cont'd)

- a. *Roading Urban 1.0 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township" and with a land value less than \$80,000, a separate rate of 1.13480 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- b. *Roading Urban 3.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township Commercial/Industrial" a separate rate of 3.97182 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- c. *Roading Rural 1.0 with LV < \$100,000 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural" with Land Value less than \$100,000 a separate rate of 0.29153 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- d. *Roading Rural 1.0 with LV \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural", with Land Values between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 a separate rate of 0.29153 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- e. *Roading Rural 1.0 with LV > \$1,000,000 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural" with Land Values greater than \$1,000,000 a separate rate of 0.29153 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- f. *Roading Rural Resident 0.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential" a separate rate of 0.14576 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value*
- g. *Roading Rural Forestry 1.0 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Forestry", with a land area less than 100 hectares, a separate rate of 0.29153 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- h. *Roading Rural Forestry 1.18 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Forestry", with a land area equal to or greater than 100 hectares, a separate rate of 0.34400 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- i. *Roading Urban 0.3 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township" and with a land value exceeding \$79,999 a separate rate of 0.34044 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- j. *Roading Rural Resident 1.25 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential" (the rural townships of Frasertown, Raupunga and Nuhaka) a separate rate of 0.36441 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*

11. Stormwater Drainage Separate Rate (Land Value Based)

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 assessed on a differential basis as follows: -

Resolution: (Cont'd)

- a. Stormwater/Drainage Urban 1.0 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as "Wairoa Township", and with a land value less than \$80,000, a separate rate of 0.04849 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- b. Stormwater/Drainage Urban 3.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township Commercial/Industrial" a separate rate of 0.16971 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- c. Stormwater/Drainage Rural 1.0 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural" a separate rate of 0.00221 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- d. Stormwater/Drainage Rural Resident 0.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential" a separate rate of 0.00110 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- e. Stormwater/Drainage Urban 0.3 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as "Wairoa Township" and with a land value exceeding \$79,999 a separate rate of 0.02424 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.
- f. Stormwater/Drainage Rural Resident 1.25 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential" (the rural townships of Frasertown, Raupunga and Nuhaka) a separate rate of 0.00276 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.

12. Services Separate Rate (Capital Value Based)

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 assessed on a differential basis as follows: -

- a. Services Urban 1.0 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township", and with a land value less than \$80,000, a separate rate of 0.10328 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.
- b. Services Township 2.5 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township Commercial/Industrial with rateable capital value less than \$200,000.00" a separate rate of 0.25820 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.
- c. Services Township 2.5 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township Commercial/Industrial with rateable capital value equal to or greater than \$200,000.00" a separate rate of 0.25820 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.
- d. Services Rural 1.0 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural" a separate rate of 0.01434 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.

Resolution: (Cont'd)

- e. *Services Rural Resident 0.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as "Wairoa Rural Residential" a separate rate of 0.00717 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.*
- f. *Services Rural Commercial 3.7 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Commercial/Industrial with rateable capital value greater than \$200,000.00" a separate rate of 0.05306 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- g. *Services Rural Resident 1.25 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential" (the rural townships of Frasertown, Raupunga and Nuhaka) a separate rate of 0.01793 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*

13. *Recreation Separate Rate (Capital Value Based)*

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 assessed on a differential basis as follows: -

- a. *Recreation Urban 1.0 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township", and with a land value less than \$80,000, a separate rate of 0.17361 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.*
- b. *Recreation Urban 2.5 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township Commercial/Industrial with rateable capital value less than \$200,000.00" a separate rate of 0.43403 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.*
- c. *Recreation Urban 2.5 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Township Commercial/Industrial with rateable capital value equal to or greater than \$200,000.00" a separate rate of 0.43403 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.*
- d. *Recreation Rural 1.0 – being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural" a separate rate of 0.02152 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.*
- e. *Recreation Rural Resident 0.5 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential" a separate rate of 0.01076 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable capital value.*
- f. *Recreation Rural Commercial 3.7 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Commercial/Industrial with rateable capital value greater than \$200,000.00" a separate rate of 0.07961 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*
- g. *Recreational Rural Resident 1.25 - being all rateable properties defined under the Rate Review Special Order "Differential Rating Special Order Resolution – E: Explanatory Statement 3a as Wairoa Rural Residential" (the rural townships of Frasertown, Raupunga and Nuhaka) a separate rate of 0.02690 cents in the dollar (inclusive of GST) of all rateable land value.*

Resolution: (Cont'd)

14. PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENT

Pursuant to section 52 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, with the exception of Water by Meter, rates shall be payable in instalments due on 28 August 2009, 20 November 2009, 20 February 2010 and 20 May 2010.

15. ADDITIONAL CHARGES ON UNPAID RATES

(a) *An additional charge of 10% inclusive of GST will be added to each instalment if not paid on or before 28 August 2009, 20 November 2009, 20 February 2010 and 20 May 2010.*

(b) *A further second additional charge of 10% inclusive of GST will be added to all rates levied before 1 July 2008 remaining unpaid as at 1st day of July 2009.*

(c) *A continuing additional charge of 10% inclusive of GST will be added to the amount of rates or instalments remaining unpaid at the 1st day of July for each successive year after the application of (b) above.*

The Council will allow a discount of 5% on total annual rates paid in full on or before 28 August 2009.

16. PAYMENT OF RATES

That rates shall be payable at the Council Offices, Coronation Square, Wairoa between the hours of 9am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

WAIROA COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

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The Chief Executive advised Council that the Wairoa Community Service Contract needed renewing and sought Council's input on what they wanted from the Trust. Mr Freeman also gave an overview of the relationship between the Trust and the District Council.

After considerable discussion the following points were made:

Document to reflect the following outcomes:

- A Life Time Of Good Health And Wellbeing
- Supportive, Caring And Valued Communities
- Safe And Accessible Recreational Facilities
- A Community That Values And Promotes Its Culture And Heritage

Management and Operation of the Centre to include:

- Old outside pool
- Paddling Pool
- Heated Pool
- Fitness Centre
- Gymnasium
- AFFCO Room

Other points to be covered in new document:

- Facility available for all ages across the community.
- Meet requirements of the legislation – Health and Safety
- Accessibility to public
- Disabled/wheelchair access
- Compliance with best practice
- Funding level

General discussion also took place around maintenance issues, in particular leakages in the roof and the state of the carpet and table & chairs in the AFFCO room.

Council was of the view that a meeting was required. Discussion revolved around the frequency of such meetings with the options being once a year or on an as and when required basis. The Directors of the Trust could be invited to a Forum meeting. A six monthly report was also sought.

Once the new document was drafted, Council requested the Chief Executive bring it back before them. Mr Freeman suggested the document could be in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Trust and Council rather than a contract.

LGNZ SURVEY REGARDING GANGS

A13.01

The Chief Executive advised Council of his concerns in respect to a survey he had received from Local Government New Zealand on Gangs and read the questions on the survey to the Councillors.

Councillors discussed the matter. It was felt that some of the questions would be better off directed to other agencies like the Police to respond to.

It was agreed by Council that the Chief Executive not respond to the survey and that the Mayor would write to Lawrence Yule expressing their concerns.

WRITE-OFFS – RATE ARREARS

F09.01

Councillor Heron presented a list in respect of upcoming rate arrears to be written off and was advised that this matter would be dealt with as a Policy issue.

MAYORAL UPDATE

A06.07.10

The Mayor advised he had attended a Charter Signing Ceremony for the HMNZS Rotoiti in Napier on the weekend. Council will receive a copy of the Charter and a picture of the ship which will hang on the wall outside of his Office.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at 12 noon

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Chair