

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council was held in the Wairoa District Council Chambers, Queen Street, Wairoa on Tuesday, 14 April 2009 at 10.00am.

CHAIRMAN: His Worship the Mayor Mr L Probert

COUNCILLORS

B Cairns, D Caves, D Eaglesome, J Heron, B McKinnon, D Evans

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

CIVIC PRAYER

Councillor Eaglesome gave the Civic Prayer.

APOLOGIES - Nil

CALLS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

CALLS FOR ITEMS OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA AND NOTICES

1. Bokashi Bins (Cr Heron)
2. National Maori Committee (Chief Executive Officer)
3. Agenda Item – Statement of Proposal & LTCCP 2009-2019 (Finance Manager)
4. Presentation - Quality Roading and Services (Wairoa) Limited

General Items

DRAFT TAIOHI E TU! – WAIROA YOUTH POLICY **A24.11**

The Policy Analyst spoke to the report noting that it was self explanatory. Mr Baty pointed out that there had been youth input into the policy from start to finish.

<u>Resolved:</u> Council receives the report. Heron/Evans

Councillor Eaglesome advised that as part of their Community Portfolio responsibility, she and Councillor Cairns had offered themselves as advisers to the group.

Councillors asked various questions with Councillor Heron commenting on the machinery in place for reporting back by the Youth Council.

After a brief discussion the Chief Executive advised that there is the facility for reports to be submitted to the Information Pack. However should there be any recommendations contained in the report, they would go into the Agenda.

<u>Resolved:</u> In accordance with Sections 83 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Draft Taiohi E Tu! - Wairoa Youth Policy, with amendments if necessary, be adopted as the Statement of Proposal and approved for public consultation and submission. Eaglesome/Heron

DELEGATION – LIMITED NOTIFICATION RESOURCE CONSENTS

D01.10

The Chief Executive spoke to the report advising that the delegation was required where it was necessary to consider and make decisions on resource consents for which limited notification is required under Section 94 of the Resource Management Act but where no submissions opposing the application are received.

Resolved: *The report be received.* **Cairns/McKinnon**

Councillor McKinnon expressed his view that the Chairman of the Resource Management Committee should be part of the decision making process, a view shared by Councillor Caves.

The Chief Executive Officer advised of the implications of the proposed changes

Resolved: *That Section 2 the Policy Statement for 'Delegations – Resource Management Act now read:*

“That the District Planner and Chairman of the Resource Management Committee be given delegated authority to:

(a) *Consider and make decisions on resource consent applications*

(i) *Not requiring notification in accordance with Section 94 of the Act; or*

(ii) *Requiring notification in accordance with Section 94 of the Act but where no submissions opposing the application are received.*

McKinnon/Caves

HINKESMAN BRIDGE REPAIRS

B10.02

The Engineering Manager briefly backgrounded the situation, which he noted would be familiar to a few Councillors present. Unfortunately due to difficulties in obtaining the specialised services of people experienced in the type of work required, the work was not carried out and although funding had been carried over from the 2006/07 to 2007/08 year, it was not carried over from 2007/08 to this financial year.

Resolved: *That the report be received.* **Caves/Evans**

Resolved: *That:*

1. *Council approve the amount of \$30,000 from the District Development Fund as its share of the funding to carry out the repairs.*

2. *The Engineering Manager be given authority to negotiate with the owner on terms of payment.*

McKinnon/Caves

WAIROA AIRPORT SAFETY MARGINS

H10.01

The Engineering Manager spoke to the report. Council had previously agreed to a budget of \$31,000 for the resealing of the Airport Safety Margins. This work had not been carried out due to the amount of lichen on the seal and the need to remove the majority of it to ensure the reseal was successful.

Having completed the removal of the lichen, the consultant has determined the existing seal is brittle and sealing chip is being lost as a result. Due to the increase in bitumen prices the available funding is insufficient to carry out the work.

Resolved: *The report be received.* **Eaglesome/McKinnon**

Resolved: *Council approve the additional amount of \$14,000 from the Depreciation Fund to ensure sufficient funding for this work.* **Eaglesome/Heron**

INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

F02.10.01

The Finance Manager spoke to the report. He noted that although Council had been affected by the financial crisis, we were still in a good position in the long term.

Councillors discussed the Schedule of Investment with Councillor Heron suggesting another column could be added to the Table showing the estimated yield rate.

Resolved: *That the report be received.*

Evans/Cairns

REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2008

F02.10.01

The Finance Manager spoke to the report commenting that Council is in a sound financial position.

Councillor Heron requested that commitments from the District Development Fund balances be shown.

Resolved: *That the report be received.*

McKinnon/Heron

Receipt/Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 10 MARCH 2009

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 March 2009 were presented.

Resolved: *That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 March 2009 be confirmed as correct.*

Heron/Eaglesome

BOKASHI COMPOSTING BINS

B06.20

Councillor Heron reiterated Council's support for the system but felt that the story reported in the Wairoa Star had missed the point.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

A24.01

Councillor Eaglesome reported that she had met with Mr Bernard Ryan of Age Concern and was advised that a public meeting was to be held in respect of the Community Garden.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

A24.05

Councillor Eaglesome briefly touched on the situation occurring in Auckland with the possibility of a Super Council and voiced her thoughts that there would be a trickle down effect.

The Chief Executive spoke of an article he had read by Rod Oram on the matter and if Councillors wanted a copy they should let him know.

Councillors discussed the possible implications.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
24 MARCH 2009 – RALLY OF HAWKE'S BAY – ROAD CLOSURES**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 24 March 2009 were presented.

Resolved: *That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 24 March 2009 to discuss the HB Rally – Road Closures be confirmed as correct.*

Evans/Heron

The Chief Executive advised that to avoid a similar situation that Council should have a Policy around Road Closures.

RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

G01.01

Councillor Caves followed up on his query in respect of RMPs for Oraka, Opoutama and Mahanga and was advised that it was the intention to have plans started in this financial year.

TIROHIA PENSIONER FLATS

H07.03

Councillor Eaglesome again expressed her concern in respect of the jump in UACs on Pensioner Flats and questioned whether or not there was anything that could be done to alleviate the cost to pensioners.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there was nothing in the Rating Act to assist. Council could if they so wished write a policy around flats owned by Trustees.

Council discussed the issue.

MAORI ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

A13.04

The Chief Executive advised that Local Government was again calling for registrations of Maori Councillors to stand for the Maori Advisory Committee to National Council.

1. **Registrations** of elected Maori Councillors who wish to enrol to vote for nominees to a Maori Advisory Committee to National Council
2. **Nominations** of elected Maori Councillors to stand for the Maori Advisory Committee to National Council

Registrations and nominations must be received by *Local Government New Zealand* by 5pm Friday May 15th 2009.

Mr Freeman went on further to advise that Councillor Cairns was our last nomination.

<p>Resolved: <i>That Councillor Cairns be confirmed as the Wairoa District Council's nomination to stand for the Maori Advisory Committee to National Council.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Heron/Eaglesome</p>
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MAYORAL UPDATE

A06.03

His Worship the Mayor gave an update on meetings/events he had recently attended.

- Bede Fahey – Development Officer for the Police. Received advice of a tentative proposal that our area be dealt with from Napier instead of Gisborne. His Worship voiced the concerns Council and the Community had in respect of distance from Napier to Wairoa / Mahia as opposed to coming from Gisborne, Night Callouts and Emergency Services.

Councillor Eaglesome advised that she had had talks with some emergency services people and noted that there were not unduly concerned with the change to Napier.

- Attended the Hawke's Bay Sports Awards
- RMA re-certification for Councillors– Councillors Caves and McKinnon also attended. All attendees have to complete a paper to be recertified.
- Medal Presentation to Olwyn Lloyd who was in the Land Army
- Kids House Opening
- Cactus Dinner
- CDEM Meeting
- Hereheretau Station – Finalist in the Ahuwhenua Trophy – BNZ Maori Excellence in Farming wards 2009 (Sheep and Beef). Field Day to be held on Thursday 23 April.
- Caravan Club Rally Opening
- DoC changes to Conservancy Areas

The Chief Executive spoke to the last point mentioned by the Mayor and gave an update on the proposed changes to DoC Conservancy areas. Initially Council had indicated its acceptance if not support. However subsequent information received on the proposed changes were not what was initially consulted upon and Mr Freeman felt that the move of the Headquarters at Aniwhaniwa to Murupara could be detrimental to the district.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 11.00am

RECONVENED: 11.07am

Presentation - Quality Roothing and Services (Wairoa) Limited

Mr Dennis Munro presented to Council the results of the 6 monthly report. Accompanying Mr Munro to the meeting were other Directors and Staff.

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: *That pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded on the following grounds:*

That the exclusion of the public from the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in:

S7 (2)(b) Protect information where the making available of the information-

- (i) Would disclose a trade secret; or*
- (ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;*

McKinnon/Heron

RE-ADMITTED: 11.50 am

ADJOURNED: 11.52 am

RECONVENED: 12.30pm

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

F01.25

His Worship commented that Council had spent a lot of time on the budgets and working with staff on the document and now it was time to adopt the Statement of Proposal (SOP) and Draft Long Term Community Plan 2009-2019 (LTCCP) for submission to the public for consultation.

Extensive discussion took place on the Significant Issues and the Options listed for each one. Prior to release of the Draft Plan, Council advised of the following changes they would like included:

- Pg 4 Indicate in the Table of Forecast Rates Increases a column or section to show the percentage increase.
- Pg 35 Maori Involvement in Decision – Section to be re-looked specifically as it applies to the wording in current use “*established a Maori Committee*” as it appears in Point 2.
- Pg 45 Wairoa Enterprise Agency no longer exists. Bullet point to be removed from the Draft Plan.

Other changes to be included:

- Ormond Drive scenario to be noted and shown as a separate stream of consultation being undertaken.

Summary

- Need to clearly explain the use of Reserve Funds to offset rates increase and the implications it would have.
- Stress the need for people to comment on the roading issues in particular the repercussions that would occur should the recommendations be implemented for unbudgeted items.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>Council receives the report.</i>	<i>Heron/Cairns</i>
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<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>Pursuant to sections 83 and 84 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopt the Statement of Proposal and Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 for release for public consultation.</i>	<i>Cairns/Heron</i>
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<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the Council adopts the draft timetable, and confirms the dates, times and venues for meetings to be held in the district to discuss the Draft Statement of Proposal and LTCCP 2009-19.</i>	<i>Caves/Heron</i>
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The Chief Executive Officer also raised the question of the number of meetings to be held and where.

Suggestions made by Councillors included Tea and Scones type meetings, contact made to specific groups offering to go and speak to them and phone calling.

There was a consensus to have at this stage at least two Public Meetings, one in Wairoa and one at Mokotahi.

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to put a programme together.

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

CLOSED: 1.45 pm

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Chair