



ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY

09 JUNE 2009

10.00am

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

to be held in the Council Chambers,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

ON TUESDAY 09 JUNE 2009 AT 10.00AM

PART 1

A G E N D A

CHAIRMAN: His Worship the Mayor Mr L Probert

COUNCILLORS

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

CIVIC PRAYER

APOLOGIES

CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CALLS FOR ITEMS OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED IN
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Receipt/Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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Exclusion of the Public

<p><u>Recommended:</u> That pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded on the following grounds:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>S7 (2)(b) Protect information where the making available of the information-</p> <p>(i) Would disclose a trade secret; or</p> <p>(ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;</p>

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

PART OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

to be held in the Wairoa District Council Chambers
Queen Street, Wairoa

ON TUESDAY 09 JUNE 2009

PART 2
A G E N D A

The Chief Executive Officer has determined, pursuant to Section 46A (8) and Section 46A (9) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, that the following items are reasonably expected to be dealt with by the Council/Committee with the Public Excluded.

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General Item

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Receipt/Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

15-17 **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 12 MAY 2009**

REPORT TO: COUNCIL	
DATE: 9 JUNE 2009	
SUBJECT: INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2009	FILE REF: F02.10.01
AUTHOR: RUSSELL SNOW, FINANCE MANAGER	ATTACHMENTS: Schedule of Investments as at 31.03.09
RELATED COMMUNITY OUTCOME: Nil	RELATED COUNCIL ACTIVITY: Corporate Services

PURPOSE:

To report against the quarterly target for funds management.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Attached for Council consideration is the Schedule of Investments as at 31 March 2009.

There have been some significant changes in the fixed interest market over the quarter ended 31 March 2009. A number of bonds have had their rates reset at interest rates considerably lower than previously, including Rabobank, Fonterra, Credit Agricole and ANZ perpetual bonds. This is primarily due to timing issues, rather than any inherent risk factors. Credit Agricole and ANZ will be repaid at 100%, while Rabobank and Fonterra will show lower returns over the next two years, but will show a gain on redemption.

The current yield is 4.94% below the benchmark trading bond index. This will be reversed on redemption as the bonds are repaid at 100%. The duration of the portfolio is 3.78 years compared to the market index duration of 3.54 years. The overnight cash rate has been reduced from 3.00% to 2.50%, and on that basis the portfolio is showing good coupon returns.

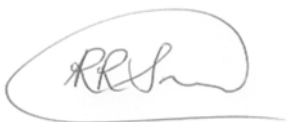
The return on investment is as set out below: -

Yield for nine months	5.39%
Benchmark trading bond index	10.33%
Below market yield	4.94%

The maturity profile is detailed as follows: -

	31/03/09	31/12/08
Due within 12 months	5%	6%
Due from 1 – 2 years	0%	0%
Due from 2 – 3 years	0%	12%
Due from 3 – 4 years	12%	3%
Due from 4 – 5 years	19%	18%
Due 5 years and over	<u>64%</u>	<u>61%</u>
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be received.



R R Snow
FINANCE MANAGER

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS 31 MARCH 2009						
NAME	MATURITY DATE	COUPON	YIELD	\$\$\$		
FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL	15.05.09	6.80%	4.00%	\$ 250,000.00		
DEUTSCHE BANK AG	16.06.09	7.14%	13.37%	\$ 20,000.00		
NAPIER CITY COUNCIL	15.07.09	8.04%	4.00%	\$ 14,000.00		
KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL	15.07.09	8.05%	4.00%	\$ 80,000.00		
MERRILL LYNCH UNSECURED NOTES	02.09.09	7.05%	7.25%	\$ 250,000.00		
MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL	15.11.09	6.85%	4.00%	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 664,000.00	5%
TELECOM FINANCE NEW ZEALAND LTD	15.04.11	7.75%	5.50%	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	0%
ASB BANK LTD	15.06.11	7.03%	8.07%	\$ 630,000.00		
ANZ NATIONAL BANK	15.09.11	7.16%	8.23%	\$ 565,000.00		
TELECOM NZ FINANCE LTD	15.04.12	0.00%	6.00%	\$ 17,908.00		
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND	15.06.12	8.42%	8.63%	\$ 233,000.00	\$ 1,445,908.00	12%
ANZ NATIONAL BANK	18.04.13	9.66%	10.23%	\$ 950,000.00		
KIWIBANK LTD	30.09.13	8.75%	8.75%	\$ 130,000.00		
WESTPAC NZ LTD	28.11.13	7.05%	6.88%	\$ 1,033,000.00		
AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD	28.02.14	7.25%	7.25%	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 2,288,000.00	19%
HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL	15.04.14	7.80%	6.50%	\$ 1,000,000.00		
FONTERRA CO-OP GROUP LTD	21.04.14	6.86%	8.02%	\$ 350,000.00		
TELSTRA CORPORATION LTD	24.11.14	7.15%	8.05%	\$ 250,000.00		
HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL	15.12.14	7.05%	6.75%	\$ 750,000.00		
FONTERRA CO-OP GROUP LTD	10.03.15	7.75%	7.75%	\$ 400,000.00		
TELECOM NZ	15.04.15	8.30%	6.85%	\$ 130,000.00		
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND	27.05.15	8.68%	7.18%	\$ 275,000.00		
AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	07.11.15	7.25%	7.75%	\$ 140,000.00		
TELECOM NZ FINANCE LTD	22.03.16	7.04%	7.90%	\$ 750,000.00		
CENTRAL HAWKES BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL	15.08.16	7.00%	7.50%	\$ 667,000.00		
AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	15.11.16	8.00%	7.87%	\$ 455,000.00		
CREDIT AGRICOLE	19.12.17	10.04%	10.15%	\$ 1,994,000.00		
RABOBANK PERPETUAL BOND	8.10.37	9.48%	9.91%	\$ 575,000.00	\$ 7,736,000.00	64%
				\$ 12,164,908.00		

REPORT TO: COUNCIL	
DATE: 9 JUNE 2009	
SUBJECT: <u>REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2009</u>	FILE REF: F02.10.01
AUTHOR: RUSSELL SNOW, FINANCE MANAGER	ATTACHMENTS: Report 31 March 2009
RELATED COMMUNITY OUTCOME: Nil	RELATED COUNCIL ACTIVITY: Corporate Services

PURPOSE:

To report on the performance of Council against the annual budget of 2008-09 as at 31 March 2009.

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Council's Financial Report to 31 March 2009 provides a summary of Council's financial performance and financial position during the past nine months. The Statement of Financial Performance discloses a deficit of \$292,807 against a budgeted surplus of \$5,782,928 projected for the year to 30 June 2009.

The following factors need to be taken into account: -


1. Corporate costs and fees and charges include support services income and expenditure which is allocated at 30 June 2009. Total expenditure \$1,849,376 to 31 March 2009.
2. Dog control income is all received at the start of the year. Expenditure is incurred throughout the year with the net credit steadily reducing throughout the year to 30 June 2009.
3. The financial report includes provision for the LTNZ March claim, water purchases, petrol tax, and interest on call account plus waste management income.
4. The budgeted surplus includes the subsidy for the Mahia Wastewater scheme of \$3.924 million.
5. The Income Statement includes expenditure on infrastructure assets that is included in the Statement of Financial Position at year-end.
6. Depreciation is included to 28 February 2009, with March depreciation estimated at \$310,000.

The Balance Sheet discloses total current assets of \$20.557 million and current liabilities of \$0.565 million, working capital of \$19.990 million, and net assets of \$187.163 million.

Attached is the updated Summary of Transactions for the District Development Fund for the nine months ended 31 March 2009. All adjustments are made at the end of the financial year in June 2009.

Should any Councillor require further clarification of any matters please contact the Finance Manager.

Recommended: That the report be received.



R R Snow
FINANCE MANAGER

WATER SERVICES*Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009*

BUDGET		COSTS	REVENUE	NET COST
2008/09		2008/09	2008/09	2008/09
864,871	Water Reticulation	686,437	180,884	505,554
131,328	Water Production	622,868	508,953	113,915
263,400	Stormwater and Drainage	454,863	1,548	453,315
1,149,803	Sewerage	614,360	4,540	609,820
<u>2,409,402</u>		<u>2,378,528</u>	<u>695,925</u>	<u>1,682,603</u>
	Less internal allocation	<u>211,626</u>	<u>211,626</u>	
		<u>2,166,902</u>	<u>484,299</u>	
	Funded by			
1,748,974	Rates			1,588,024
529,100	Reserves			-
131,328	Depreciation not funded			94,579
<u>2,409,402</u>				<u>1,682,603</u>
	Projects			
73,340	Water Reticulation	3,327		3,327
161,800	Water Production	13,615		13,615
584,500	Stormwater & Drainage	422,884		422,884
9,000	Stormwater & Drainage-Loan Pay't	-		-
31,875	Water Reticulation-Loan Pay't	-		-
9,050,316	Sewerage	4,997		4,997
77,500	Sewerage - Loan Pay't	-		-
<u>9,988,331</u>		<u>444,824</u>		<u>444,824</u>
	Funded by			
40,875	Rates	444,824		444,824
714,640	Reserves	-		-
3,924,500	Subsidies	-		-
5,308,316	Loans	-		-
<u>9,988,331</u>		<u>444,824</u>		<u>444,824</u>

WASTE MANAGEMENT*Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009*

BUDGET		COSTS	REVENUE	NET COST
2008/09		2008/09	2008/09	2008/09
686,700	Waste Management	647,901	225,089	422,812
<u>686,700</u>		<u>647,901</u>	<u>225,089</u>	<u>422,812</u>
	Funded by			
686,700	Rates			422,812
-	Reserves			-
	Depreciation not funded			-
<u>686,700</u>				<u>422,812</u>
	Projects			
-	Waste Management-Loan paymt	-		-
40,000	Waste Management			
<u>40,000</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
	Funded by			
-	Rates	-		-
40,000	Reserves	-		-
-	Loans	-		-
<u>40,000</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

TRANSPORT

Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009

BUDGET 2008/09		COSTS 2008/09	REVENUE 2008/09	NET COST 2008/09
34,400	Airport	38,398	24,723	13,675
4,318,891	Roading (Transfund assisted)	7,794,068	4,476,195	3,317,873
396,650	Roading (District funded)	342,318	5,187	337,131
48,660	Parking	28,230		28,230
<u>4,798,601</u>		<u>8,203,014</u>	<u>4,506,104</u>	<u>3,696,910</u>
	Funded by			
3,237,841	Rates			2,778,930
250,000	Reserves			-
1,310,760	Depreciation not funded			917,980
<u>4,798,601</u>				<u>3,696,910</u>
	Projects			
4,170,956	Roading (Transfund assisted)	-		-
155,000	Roading (District funded)	-		-
-	Airport	-		-
<u>4,325,956</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
	Funded by			
-	Rates	-		-
807,125	Reserves	-		-
3,518,831	Subsidies	-		-
<u>4,325,956</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009

BUDGET 2008/09		COSTS 2008/09	REVENUE 2008/09	NET COST 2008/09
714,470	Parks & Reserves	497,838	7,710	490,128
283,100	Library	227,837	9,079	218,758
136,800	Visitor Information Centre	179,853	109,471	70,383
85,627	Museum	43,254		43,254
74,850	Community Support	52,198	25,853	26,345
228,836	Community Centre	180,070		180,070
22,300	Community Halls	12,452		12,452
(14,100)	Pensioner Housing	45,265	70,085	(24,820)
85,890	Cemeteries	80,637	18,768	61,870
<u>1,617,773</u>		<u>1,319,405</u>	<u>240,966</u>	<u>1,078,439</u>
	Funded by			
1,595,273	Rates			1,074,646
15,000	Reserves			-
7,500	Depreciation not funded			3,793
-				
<u>1,617,773</u>				<u>1,078,439</u>
	Projects			
81,000	Parks & Reserves	13,915		13,915
45,000	Library	27,554		27,554
8,000	Pensioner Housing	3,755		3,755
11,000	Cemetery	-		-
<u>145,000</u>		<u>45,224</u>		<u>45,224</u>
	Funded by			
8,000	Rates	-		-
137,000	Reserves	45,224		45,224
<u>145,000</u>		<u>45,224</u>		<u>45,224</u>

PLANNING & REGULATORY

Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009

BUDGET 2008/09		COSTS 2008/09	REVENUE 2008/09	NET COST 2008/09
248,690	Resource Planning	83,970	42,620	41,350
109,140	Environmental Health	80,226	14,638	65,588
6,980	Dog Control	100,029	166,756	(66,727)
93,090	Livestock Control	61,378	4,517	56,861
69,560	Building Inspection	232,358	140,905	91,453
12,140	Liquor Licensing	17,050	7,624	9,426
1,990	Bylaw Enforcement	1,256	590	666
61,840	Safer Communities	122,372	218,175	(95,803)
273,180	Emergency Management	206,908	51,143	155,765
<u>876,610</u>		<u>905,547</u>	<u>646,969</u>	<u>258,579</u>
	Funded by			
753,520	Rates			231,991
83,190	Reserves			-
39,900	Depreciation not funded			26,587
<u>876,610</u>				<u>258,579</u>
	Projects			
-	Regulatory - vehicle purchase	58,437		58,437
30,000	Regulatory - dog control	29,563		29,563
5,000	Emergency Management	-		-
<u>35,000</u>		<u>87,999</u>		<u>87,999</u>
	Funded by			
-	Rates	-		-
-	Reserves	76,444		76,444
-	Asset Sales	11,556		11,556
<u>-</u>		<u>87,999</u>		<u>87,999</u>

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE*Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009*

BUDGET		COSTS	REVENUE	NET COST
2008/09		2008/09	2008/09	2008/09
1,049,700	Community Representation	770,721	99	770,622
86,900	Maori Liaison	56,352		56,352
238,090	Economic Development	125,185	25,322	99,863
<u>1,374,690</u>	Total	<u>952,258</u>	<u>25,421</u>	<u>926,837</u>
	Funded by			
1,264,690	Rates			926,837
110,000	Reserves			-
-	Depreciation not funded			-
<u>1,374,690</u>				<u>926,837</u>
	Projects			
-		-		-
<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
	Funded by			
-	Rates	-		-
-	Reserves	-		-
<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

CORPORATE & FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009

BUDGET 2008/09	COSTS 2008/09	REVENUE 2008/09	NET COST 2008/09
(24,790) Commercial Properties	4,739	11,006	(6,267)
45,670 Sundry Property	134,124	100,725	33,399
(1,242,300) Funds Management	8,613	1,101,944	(1,093,332)
(250,000) Dividends		83,196	(83,196)
10,000 Corporate	102,408	48,160	54,248
<u>(1,461,420)</u>	<u>249,883</u>	<u>1,345,031</u>	<u>(1,095,148)</u>
Less Internal Reallocation	85,959	85,959	
	<u>163,924</u>	<u>1,259,072</u>	
Funded by			
(718,920) Rates			(1,104,391)
13,000 Depreciation not funded			9,243
(755,500) Reserves			
<u>(1,461,420)</u>			<u>(1,095,148)</u>
Projects			
- Corporate Property			1,378
- Commercial Properties			-
26,285 Sundry Property			-
<u>26,285</u>			<u>1,378</u>
Funded by			
26,285 Reserves			-
Rates			-
<u>26,285</u>			<u>-</u>

SUPPORT SERVICES*Statement of Cost of Service for the period ending 31 March 2009*

BUDGET		COSTS	REVENUE	NET COST
2008/09		2008/09	2008/09	2008/09
226,070	Management	128,514	169,542	(41,028)
713,900	Administration	493,435	502,737	(9,302)
710,800	Finance	544,000	554,124	(10,124)
440,240	Information Services	306,161	330,552	(24,391)
521,300	Engineering Services	372,890	390,978	(18,088)
-	Regulatory Management	4,375		4,375
<u>2,612,310</u>		<u>1,849,376</u>	<u>1,947,934</u>	<u>(98,558)</u>
	Funded by			
50,000	Rates			
2,562,310	Overhead Allocation			(98,558)
<u>2,612,310</u>				<u>(98,558)</u>
	Projects			
39,270	Information Services			49,346
-	Engineering			-
35,000	Administration			24,467
<u>74,270</u>				<u>73,813</u>
	Funded by			
25,000	Rates			
-	Asset Sales			-
49,270	Reserves			73,813
<u>74,270</u>				<u>73,813</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the period ending 31 March 2009

BUDGET 2008/09	REVENUES	ACTUAL 2008/09
	8,691,953 Rates	6,579,667
	11,148,380 Subsidies	4,720,224
	70,000 Petrol Tax	47,699
	1,771,440 Fees and Charges	3,568,184
	1,568,800 Investment Income	1,211,373
	23,250,573	16,127,146
	-	
	23,250,573	16,127,146
	EXPENDITURE	
	3,141,322 Water Services	2,378,528
	1,016,700 Solid Waste	647,901
	8,528,450 Transport	8,203,014
	1,852,153 Community Facilities	1,319,405
	1,326,950 Planning & Regulatory	905,547
	1,374,690 Leadership & Governance	952,258
	96,880 Investments	61,516
	130,500 Corporate	1,951,783
	17,467,645	16,419,952
	5,782,928 Net Surplus (Deficit) on Operations	(292,807)
	- Plus Profit on sale fixed assets	-
	- Plus Revaluation increase	-
	5,782,928	(292,807)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the period ending 31 March 2009

BUDGET 2008/09	Notes	ACTUAL 2008/09
CURRENT ASSETS		
2,553,380	Cash and cash equivalents	7,012,991
13,224	Inventories	3,921
3,700,000	Trade & other receivables	1,373,868
-	Available for sale financial asset	-
10,000,000	Financial assets at fair value	12,164,908
<u>16,266,604</u>	Total Current Assets	<u>20,555,688</u>
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
4,330,000	Trade & other payables	564,764
350,000	Current Portion - Term Liabilities	-
<u>4,680,000</u>	Total Current Liabilities	<u>564,764</u>
11,586,604	Working Capital	19,990,924
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
162,629,091	Property, Plant & Equipment	166,453,818
155,503	Loans & other receivables	19,110
1,250,000	Investments in Subsidiary	1,250,000
260,000	Investment Property	277,000
133,123	Biological asset - forestry	130,632
28,604	Intangible Assets	41,940
22,992	Available for sale financial assets	22,992
	Financial assets at fair value	
<u>176,065,917</u>		<u>188,186,416</u>
LESS TERM LIABILITIES		
5,168,000	Term Debt	-
1,031,104	Provisions for other liabilities	1,023,019
<u>169,866,813</u>	Net Assets	<u>187,163,398</u>
Represented by		
169,866,813	Equity & Reserves	187,163,398
<u>169,866,813</u>		<u>187,163,398</u>

Projects committed by Council from District Development Fund to 31 May 2009	Council Meeting	\$\$\$ Approved	\$\$\$ Spent
District Development Fund Balance 1/7/08		1,659,389.84	1,659,389.84
2008/09 Annual Plan		271,000.00	271,000.00
		1,388,389.84	1,388,389.84
1 Insulation/Heating for Pensioner Housing	Jul-08	85,000.00	22,417.35
2 Grant Mokotahi Hall Society - permit cost	Jul-08	2,581.00	2,581.00
3 Grant to Nuhaka Tennis Club - practice wall	Aug-08	3,769.62	3,769.62
4 Feasibility Study on alternative sites for Wastewater scheme at Mahia	Sep-08	50,000.00	14,177.50
5 Repairs to Hinkesman Bridge, Kotare Road	Apr-09	30,000.00	0.00
		171,350.62	42,945.47
District Development Fund Balance 31/5/09		1,217,039.22	1,345,444.37

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	
DATE:	09 JUNE 2009	
SUBJECT:	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 12 MAY 2009	FILE REF:
AUTHOR:	P J FREEMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	ATTACHMENTS: Nil
RELATED COMMUNITY OUTCOME: N/A	RELATED COUNCIL ACTIVITY: N/A	

PURPOSE:

Attached are the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12 May 2009.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12 May 2009 be confirmed as correct.

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Coronation Square, Wairoa on Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at 10.00am.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Mr L Probert (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS

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

IN ATTENDANCE: P J Freeman (Chief Executive Officer)
 N Cook (Engineering Manager)
 R Snow (Finance Manager)
 J Baty (Administration Manager)

CIVIC PRAYER

The civic prayer was given by Councillor Eaglesome.

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Heron.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the apology from Councillor Heron be received.</i>	McKinnon/Evans
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CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil**CALLS FOR ITEMS OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA AND NOTICES**

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| 1. | LATE ITEM - Wairoa Maori Film Festival | (Chief Executive Officer) |
| 2. | LATE ITEM - Regulation of Activities on Beaches | (Chief Executive Officer) |
| 3. | Maori Committee & Policy Update | (Administration Manager) |
| 4. | Pensioner Housing Insulation | (Councillor Eaglesome) |
| 5. | Property Disposal Update - Hunter-Brown Street | (Councillor Caves) |

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| 6. | Development Contributions Policy | (Chief Executive Officer) |
| 7. | Update on Te Urewera Rainforest Route Activities | (Chief Executive Officer) |
| 8. | Overview of Mayoral Activities | (His Worship the Mayor) |

PUBLIC FORUM – Nil

General Item

DOCUMENTS SEALED FOR THE PERIOD FROM 25 FEBRUARY 2009 TO 9 APRIL 2009

The Schedule of Documents sealed for the period 25 February 2009 to 9 April 2009 was presented.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the report be received.</i>	Caves/Cairns
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Receipt/Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 14 APRIL 2009

The Minutes of a Meeting of Council held 14 April 2009 were presented.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the Minutes of a Meeting of Council held on 14 April 2009 be confirmed as correct.</i>	Cairns/Evans
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LATE ITEM - WAIROA MAORI FILM FESTIVAL **A03.01**

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, the item LATE ITEM – WAIROA MAORI FILM FESTIVAL be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this item is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed.</i>	McKinnon/Cairns
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The Chief Executive spoke to the report noting details of Council's previous history of financial support for the event. The festival has become synonymous with Wairoa and a clear pattern of Council support is evident.

His Worship the Mayor spoke in support of the festival and noted that it was something Wairoa should be proud of. He mentioned the various benefits of the festival to the Wairoa community.

Councillor Caves enquired as to the structure and membership of the organising committee. Councillors were referred to page 5 of the Business Plan submitted with the request.

Councillor Eaglesome supported the request for financial assistance and noted the professional presentation of documentation. She also supported the idea of festival organisers submitting to the LTCCP for ongoing funding.

The Chief Executive noted the travelling aspect of the festival and the positive promotion that comes from this.

Councillor Cairns supported the previous speakers and added that the festival was not just for Maori but for the whole community.

His Worship the Mayor highlighted that the funding in this instance was being sourced from the economic development budget and that if their submission was successful in terms of the LTCCP a new budgetary code would be necessary.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That Council grant \$10,000 to the Wairoa Maori Film Festival and that this amount be funded from Economic Development (Project Support).</i>	
	<i>And further that the organisers be encouraged to make application for future funding through the Long Term Community Council Plan.</i>	Eaglesome/Cairns

<u>Resolved:</u>	That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, the item LATE ITEM – REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES ON BEACHES be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this item is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed. <i>McKinnon/Eaglesome</i>
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The Chief Executive tabled a letter received from Hon J Carter, Associate Minister of Local Government regarding the regulation of activities on beaches in the district. He noted that its contents was self explanatory.

Currently Council has no jurisdiction below the mean high mark and bylaws therefore have no effect in the zone between the high and low water marks. The proposal is that Wairoa and 24 other Councils would alter their boundaries thereby conforming with the majority of Councils in the country.

Councillor Caves asked about the current issues regarding dogs on beaches. The Chief Executive noted that irrespective of the proposed jurisdiction changes, dog control matters are carried out on beaches regardless as a matter of public safety and this will continue.

Councillor McKinnon enquired as to whether there would be any impact on the Pukenui Road subdivision. The Chief Executive replied confirming that the Pukenui Road subdivision would not be affected and in doing so referred to the nature of the suggested changes versus Council's current jurisdiction over beaches. He added that this change was more a formality.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That Council advise the Associate Minister of Local Government that it has no objection to the boundaries being extended to the low water mark.</i> <i>Eaglesome/Cairns</i>
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General Business

MAORI COMMITTEE & POLICY UPDATE

A28.01

The Administration Manager spoke to the report noting that it was to provide Council with an update on the progress and developments relating to the formation of the Maori Committee and Maori Policy. While no formal decision of Council was sought, the report aimed to inform Council of management's intended 'next steps' with a view to bringing focus and closure to this important matter.

The Administration Manager outlined the history of Council decisions relating to this matter. He noted that a significant amount of work by Council's recently appointed Maori Liaison Officer had gone into moving this kaupapa forward. Most notably in terms of kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) hui with the organisations mentioned in Council's meeting of 16 December 2009. These hui have been successful to the extent that they have provided some clarity of where we need to head in the future. They also identified a number of pitfalls which in turn have made it difficult to progress to the formation of a representative group and a fully developed Maori Policy.

It was noted that there was no easy answer as to how to achieve Council's desire of a representative group. Council staff have taken the time to re-evaluate the current situation and propose that a major hui be held at the paramount Takitimu Marae inviting stakeholders, for example, the Chairperson of every marae Committee in Wairoa or their representative. Additionally, it was suggested that Council consider an official kaumatua appointment.

It is necessary to share the message of what the role and responsibility of the Maori Committee is, in that it is a Standing Committee of Council and as such, is more than a benign element of the bureaucracy. Being the only Standing Committee of Council, the Maori Committee acts as a check and balance on Council processes, especially on those matters involving a Maori perspective. The hui would aim to fully involve stakeholders in the structure setting-up process which is a topic of much debate and complexity.

Councillor Eaglesome agreed the major hui was a vital tool in helping to move the process along.

His Worship the Mayor said he had concerns over how long it was taking to get a Maori policy and committee organised and that from a Council point of view we have done our best to assist the process.

The Chief Executive mentioned that it was important to “get things right” in setting up the policy and committee. It is the only standing committee of Council which gives it mana. It provides an opportunity for Maori to be involved in decision-making. Maori should be involved from the beginning not just there to talk about it afterwards.

Councillor Cairns agreed that significant progress was being made and that new discussions had been taken up by both sides about how Maori of this community are to be involved in decision-making.

PENSIONER HOUSING INSULATION

H07.03

Councillor Eaglesome confirmed that the insulation of pensioner flats was complete. She enquired as to an update of heating solutions.

The Administration Manager provided an update of the current status of work being undertaken in respect of alternative heating solutions for pensioner housing. He stated that consultant advice indicates that Council needs to deal with the obvious issues relating to heating, for example, curtaining and carpets before considering heat generating options like heat pumps. In some instances heat pumps would appear to be overkill and more sensible options need to be investigated.

PROPERTY DISPOSAL UPDATE - HUNTER-BROWN STREET

H01.03

Councillor Caves asked as to the progress made in respect of the sale of Council land at Hunter-Brown Street, Wairoa.

The Finance Manger confirmed that the sale was nearing completion with the settlement date set down for 4 June 2009.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

C19

The Chief Executive in response to queries relating to development contributions outlined the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 (s106, s201-207 and schedule 13).

Council discussed the matter at length.

The Chief Executive noted concerns relating the “unit of demand” requirements under the Act. Moreover he noted that Council’s LTCCP does not indicate any such demand. The Act specifies that we can only require a contribution for the growth aspect of a development and this only relates to a capital expenditure project.

His Worship the Mayor queried whether we could formulate a policy in contemplation of any future growth.

Councillor Cairns noted the ability of Council to set conditions as part of the resource consent process whereby developers pay for roading, lighting, sewerage, water, etc.

The Chief Executive agreed and said this was necessary to protect existing ratepayers, but that it was also important to strike a balance.

The Engineering Manager noted that the salient difference between Wairoa District Council and the likes of Taupo District Council or Northshore City Council was that they (through their District Plan) determine where development occurs, that is a “proactive approach”. Whereas Wairoa’s District Plan applies a “reactive approach” to development.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Caves agreed.

The Chief Executive suggests that changes to the District Plan would be more effective at this stage then considering a Development Contributions Policy.

The Chief Executive tabled and read from the Chairman of the Te Urewera Rainforest Route. The letter acknowledges Council for providing financial support and gives an update of activities relating to this initiative.

OVERVIEW OF MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

His Worship the Mayor gave a brief overview of his activities since the last Council meeting:

- AGM of the Women's Catholic League.
- Open day at Hereheretau Station a finalist for Ahuwhenua Trophy, awarded to the winner of the BNZ Maori Excellence in Farming competition.
- Opening for the JAB Rugby Season.
- CDEM Meeting.
- Powhiri for new Administration Manager.
- Letters to the Minister of Conservation regarding DOC boundary issue; Mayors Taskforce for Jobs regarding agriculture and letter of condolence to Napier regarding recent shooting incident.

ADJOURNED: 11.40 AM

RECONVENED: 12.18 PM

Exclusion of the Public

<p><u>Resolved:</u></p>	<p><i>That pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded on the following grounds:</i></p> <p><i>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:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>S7 (2)(b) Protect information where the making available of the information-</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(i) Would disclose a trade secret; or</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">McKinnon/Evans</p>
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RE-ADMITTED: 12.18pm

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

A06.09

NIL

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

CLOSED: The meeting closed at **12.20pm**