

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council to Hear Submissions to the 2008/2009 Draft Annual Plan held at the Presbyterian Hall, Queen Street, Wairoa on Friday 16th and Monday 18th May 2008 at 9:00 AM.

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

COUNCILLORS

D Eaglesome, D Caves, B McKinnon, B Cairns, J Heron and J Petersen

IN ATTENDANCE: P J Freeman (Monday 18th May 2008) (Chief Executive Officer)
T Cook (Administration Manager)
N Cook (Engineering Manager)
R Snow (Finance Manager)

CIVIC PRAYER: Councillor Eaglesome gave the Civic Prayer

CALLS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Heron advised of a Conflict of Interest when considering the submission received from the Wairoa Co-operative Society.

General Items

SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS

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His Worship the Mayor welcomed those in attendance explaining the procedure for the Hearing of Submissions and subsequent deliberations by Council. His Worship then expressed condolences to members of the Wairau family in acknowledging the passing of Mrs Bessie Wairau, whose tangi was being held later in the day. The Chief Executive Officer was attending the funeral, and, with authorisation from the Mayor had advised members of the Wairau family that the Hearing of Submissions would be extended to Monday to allow them the opportunity to speak to their submissions at that time.

Verbal submissions were then heard.

SUBMITTER: Mr C Stone – Sport Hawke’s Bay/Wairoa Community Centre Trust
SUBMISSION: Funding

Mr Stone thanked Council for the opportunity to make a submission, which in effect was a continuation from an earlier presentation made to Council at their workshop in May.

Mr Stone informed Councillors of targets that had been set and achieved by Sport Hawke’s Bay in their management of the Wairoa Community Sports Centre. Participation had grown by 102%, with April recording the highest number of visits since the centre first opened. An increase in overheads to run the facility however as a result of changes in employment legislation, health and safety implications, rising power charges, and the need to attract quality professional staff to run the Centre, had required Sport Hawke’s Bay to divert funding targeted for other initiatives to the Community Centre Trust to allow operations to continue. The annual cost to Sport Hawke’s Bay in propping up the Centre was \$60,000. While this had previously been seen as a good spend by the Board of Sport Hawke’s Bay in that the Centre was becoming more utilised, it was unlikely that this view would continue. To that end, Sport Hawke’s Bay were requesting an increase of \$25,000 to the annual grant currently received by the Wairoa Community Centre Trust.

SUMMITTER: Allan Pickering
SUBMISSION: MacKay Street

Mr Pickering asked that Council consider providing funding to make improvements to MacKay Street. With the expansion developments that had proceeded at Wairoa College, MacKay Street was being utilised as an access way for heavy vehicles. This had resulted in grass verges being damaged and traffic hazards being created where trucks were backing out into traffic on State Highway Two. Mr Pickering provided photographs that evidenced his concerns, for Councillor's to peruse.

SUMMITTER: N Chapman
SUBMISSION: Rating Issues
Mahia Wastewater Sewerage Scheme

Councillor Caves made comments on the submission received on behalf of Mr Chapman, who was unable to attend the scheduled meeting. Mr Chapman queried why all properties were to be subject to a sewerage charge, particularly vacant sections. Mr Chapman sought greater detail from Council as related to the funding of, and actual costs relating to, the proposed Mahia Wastewater Sewerage Scheme.

SUMMITTER: Denys Caves
SUBMISSION: Piped Drainage Programme

Mr Caves spoke to the submission imploring Council to consider initiating a piped drainage programme for the Kitchener Street drain from State Highway Two through to the Wairoa River.

SUMMITTER: Federated Farmers
SUBMISSION: Rating Review/Rating Issues/Roading/Waste Management/UACG
Funding Impact Statement Transparency

Mr John Ross thanked Council for providing a detailed rates notice to ratepayers of the district, as previously requested by Federated Farmers, and for the increase of the Uniform Annual General Charge, which they would still like to see lifted as high as possible. Mr Ross informed Councillors that while the submission received by Council was detailed, a number of the issues contained within had already been addressed by Council, but had been included as the submission was a national statement sent to all Councils. Mr Ross then invited Mr Tony East forward to address a number of concerns.

Mr East sought information from Councillors as related to the change in roading differentials. While discussions had taken place between Council and Federated Farmers when making submissions to the 2006/2016 Long Term Council Community Plan that had resulted in a differential being applied that had been acceptable to all parties, the differential had been changed for the 2007/2008 Annual Plan. In acknowledging that Federated Farmers had not picked this up in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan, he sought an explanation as to why the change had occurred, as Federated Farmers would have liked to have been consulted on the matter. Mr East then raised concerns as related to waste management charges, as the farming community were not users of waste management services, but were still charged for the management of the life of landfills, past and current, in the district. There was a request that the application of this charge on farming communities be revisited.

SUMMITTER: Wairoa Community Co-operative Society
SUBMISSION: Funding

Mrs Sonia Smith, Manager of the Wairoa Gaiety Theatre, thanked Council for being given an opportunity to speak to the submission of the Wairoa Community Co-operative Society. Mrs Smith informed Councillors that the proposal was a request for financial support toward the payment of wages. Mrs Smith believed that the Gaiety Theatre was a venue that held huge potential, and while to date it had operated in 'survival mode' the Trust and Management were now looking toward development of the facility, including the upgrading of projection equipment.

An initiative under consideration was the potential for the Gaiety Theatre to operate as a tourism facility. As the theatre formed a part of the Wairoa Riverside Walkway, an increasing number of visitors, following requests, were being provided tours of the facility. The Trust believed there was a potential to further develop this service so that a form of historical information and tours were presented in a professional manner. Mrs Smith advised that the Gaiety Theatre were in discussions to secure a 'Ticket Direct' franchise that would provide a face-to-face service for the people of Wairoa who wished to purchase tickets for events held throughout New Zealand. Investigations had revealed that this service was not being provided elsewhere in the district. Policy was also being further developed as related to hireage rates for the facility, as was the planning and securing of events and performances that would be held at the Gaiety Theatre.

In response to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mrs Smith informed Councillors that alternative sources of funding were being sought from the Endeavour, Infinity, and Bayly Trusts, the Lotteries Commission, and Corporate Sponsorship. Discussions were also taking place with the Ministry of Education to determine whether there was potential for a shared ownership agreement to be entered into as related to the purchase and installation costs of lighting that was utilised by schools of the district. The current situation required lights to be hired, installed, and then removed, adding to the costs incurred by all parties.

SUMMITTER: Kim O'Gorman
SUBMISSION: Water Rates

Mrs O'Gorman informed Councillors that following discussions held with the Engineering Manager, she wished to withdraw her submission as submitted, and alternatively asked that Council give consideration to a request that all users of water that was treated at the Water Treatment Plant be charged the same rate, regardless of whether they were urban, peri-urban, or Wairoa rural.

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors of the current application of charges in that residents of Frasertown were metered. The question for Council to consider was whether separate charges should be applied when peri-urban and Wairoa rural were effectively receiving the same level of service as those in the Wairoa Township. The Engineering Manager advised that he would supply Councillors with figures to enable them to determine whether there was a more equitable way to allocate costs.

SUMMITTER: Hawke's Bay Regional Council
SUBMISSION: Wastewater Treatment Scheme

Miss Liz Lambert spoke to the submission in support of the proposal for a community based reticulated sewerage scheme at Mahia. Miss Lambert stated that the system was essential to ensure the environmental sustainability of communities at Mahia. The Hawke's Bay Regional Council had undertaken investigations throughout Hawke's Bay with results identifying Mahia as one community that had a high potential for waste run-off at peak times of the year.

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council was in the process of preparing a Plan Change for the management of cumulative adverse effects on coastal communities. As a result of that plan change, were a reticulated system not to be installed, the alternative would be for the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to regulate all consents, existing and new, as applied to waste water. This being the case, it was highly unlikely that any consents would be issued in the future, thereby restricting future development. In addition, owner's with existing on-site systems would be required to obtain an annual

warrant of fitness, and would be subject to the cost of regular inspections and monitoring. Those with septic tanks would be required to replace these with approved sewerage management systems.

Miss Lambert emphasised that irrespective of Council's decision on the matter, there would be significant costs to residents of Mahia, as the Hawke's Bay Regional Council would impose National Standards. It was evident that communities were not aware of the costs that would be borne by them eventually. As it currently stood, the Ministry had approved a subsidy towards the costs for this particular project, and it was unlikely that such funding would be available in the future. Residents needed to understand the cost implications to them if they were to do nothing.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it was unfortunate that Council had not been in a position to deliver definite statements that conveyed cost implications to residents of Mahia at meetings that had been held to date. The perception of many residents was that the scheme was being imposed on people by Council without justification, where in fact if Council didn't implement a scheme, then the Hawke's Bay Regional Council would enforce the implementation of alternative schemes on individual owners.

In response to Councillor Caves query as related to actual regulatory and compliance costs, Miss Lambert advised that the installation of individual schemes would vary depending on the site, and travel distance from a residence to the installed system. Individual systems approved by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council would be \$12,000 - \$15,000. In addition there would be an annual maintenance fee of \$2,000 and an inspection fee of \$300. As consent to discharge to land would have a life of 20 years, residents would also be faced with the costs of removing and replacing soil from the site, or even having to relocate the system to an alternative site on their property.

The Engineering Manager queried the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's gathering of data in that Council had taken account of health impacts, and as such had taken a risk based approach. As a result, a number of people were now questioning the evidence obtained to date. Miss Lambert stated that assessments had been conducted during the Christmas and New Year period when the loadings were at their peak. At that time, E-coli and a number of other contaminants had been detected in waterways and ground water supplies.

SUMMITTER: Councillor Rex McIntyre – Hawke's Bay Regional Council
SUBMISSION: Mowing - Mokotahi

Councillor McIntyre requested that Council take aboard the mowing of the newly created car park reserve at the base of Mokotahi. The car park had been created following the installation of a walkway from the base to the peak of Mokotahi, a project that had been funded by QEII and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Councillor McIntyre was seeking a service contribution from the Wairoa District Council by adding the mowing to existing contracts.

SUMMITTER: Wairoa Youth Services Trust
SUBMISSION: New Premises

Ms Francey Whale spoke to the submission, informing Councillors that the Wairoa Youth Services Trust had outgrown three premises in recent times, and would dearly like to acquire new premises from which to base their operations. The Trust were prepared to give a koha to Council to acquire the former Cricket Pavilion premises, and at their own cost relocated the facility to Council owned land at Glengarry Place. Extensive works would then be undertaken to bring the facility up to Council required standards. Ms Whale informed Councillors that the Trust had been offered a temporary home at the Wairoa Cadet Unit facility as it was envisaged that it would take two years to develop a permanent home at an alternative site. Programmes run by the Wairoa Youth Services Trust include; breakfast in schools, after school programmes, holiday programmes, life skill experiences, senior music programmes, providing education services to primary children expelled from school, and curriculum vitae preparation courses for those wanting to enter the workforce. A number of other educational proposals were currently before WINZ and the Ministry of Social Development for consideration of funding.

SUMMITTER: V Plowman
SUBMISSION: Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme

Mr Vaughan Plowman believed that Council could communicate better on matters pertaining to the Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme rather than relying on newspaper reports. Mr Plowman questioned who and what was driving the sewerage policy. Submitters had heard from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council that it was a case of do this, or we'll do it for you. While Mr Plowman had been able to find references to studies undertaken by the Regional Council, he had been unable to obtain a copy of the details of such reports from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's website. Mr Plowman believed that the public needed to be more educated on the correct use and maintenance of existing sewerage schemes and septic tanks. The people of Mahia were questioning figures that had been presented at public meetings, and didn't believe a community should be penalised for the failing systems of 'the few'. Mr Plowman further believed that if existing drains at Mahia were better maintained and kept clean and clear, allowing water to flow freely any existing problems would be minimised. Mr Plowman understood Council's position in that it was policy that was being driven by the Ministry of Environment and Central Government, people that did not have to pay the cost of compliance. Central bureaucrats needed to have greater regard of the social impacts of what they were requiring.

SUMMITTER: P Dunford
SUBMISSION: Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme

Mr Paul Dunford was of the opinion that septic tanks at Mahia became compromised for short periods of the year, and as such only impacted on a few properties with systems that were unable to cope. Mr Dunford did not believe that there was significant evidence to support statements that the ground water at Mahia was being contaminated, and that environmental concerns were more minor than major. Mr Dunford was of the opinion that reticulation should be a last resort and that other options should be investigated. Many people at Mahia were not in a position to accept the financial burden that would result if the scheme were to go ahead. Mr Dunford accepted that there was some risk as related to septic tanks, but he did not believe that the failing of a few tanks at the peak of visitors periods, warranted a sewerage treatment scheme being installed.

Councillor Petersen acknowledged the concerns of residents in that they were focusing on environmental conditions as they existed today, but what about the future. Was Mr Dunford suggesting that Council wait until the risk and environmental impacts were evident prior to installing a scheme, as against managing the potential risk now?

There being no further attendees to speak to their submissions, His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting, to be reconvened at 9am on Monday 18th May 2008 at the Presbyterian Hall.

ADJOURNED: 10:35 AM (Friday 16th May 2008)

RECONVENED: 9:00 AM (Monday 18th May 2008)

CIVIC PRAYER: Councillor Eaglesome gave the Civic Prayer

His Worship the Mayor conveyed his condolences to members of the Wairau family who were in attendance at the meeting to speak to their submissions. His Worship the Mayor welcomed those in attendance explaining the procedure for the hearing of submissions and subsequent deliberations by Council.

SUMMITTER: R Te Nahu
SUBMISSION: Rates Increase - Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme

Mrs Te Nahu informed Councillors that she was in attendance to support submissions in opposition to the installation of a sewerage scheme on the proposed site at Kaiwaitau.

SUMMITTER: A Wairau
SUBMISSION: Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme
Extreme Sports Park - Tataramoa

Ms Alice Wairau acknowledged Council's condolences, and thanked Council for initiating and accommodating the needs of the Wairau family as related to providing them the opportunity to speak to their submission following the passing of Bessie Wairau,

Ms Wairau stated that the people of Mahia wanted to be involved and empowered by having an input into the economic development of their community. In referring to Reserve Management Plans, Ms Wairau informed Councillors of an employment initiative that had been developed through Te Rakato Social Services, which comprised of a horticultural course, and bedding nursery. Locals were disappointed that the landscape design process undertaken as part of the Reserves Management Plans at Mahia, had not involved local input and design. Ngai Rakato hapu were asking that in future, they be the first to be consulted as related to planning the design of gardening aspects of Reserve Management Plans at Mahia.

Ms Wairau advised that Ngai Rakato hapu supported the proposed extreme sports skate park being developed on the Opoutama Reserve.

Ms Wairau informed Councillors that many concerns had been expressed by Ngai Rakato hapu on a recent screening of 'Marae' as related to the installation of the proposed sewerage scheme on Kaiwaitau. The hapu were insulted by Council in that they intended to continue with the process, and were prepared to enter into a fight with Council if needs be. Ms Wairau questioned whether the scheme was necessary, and emphasised that the hapu would not allow any operation to proceed that would devalue Maori land. Neither would they be bullied by Hawke's Bay Regional Council intents. Ms Wairau stated that the Ngai Rakato hapu were asking Council to go back and think about what the people of Opoutama think impacts on them. Council had not established cultural sensitivity and understanding with local people, and as such their cultural values had not been taken into consideration.

SUMMITTER: D Kamau
SUBMISSION: Opposition Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme

Mrs Kamau stated that while she was not a resident of Opoutama, she was a shareholder in Kaiwaitau and that the proposed use of the site had only come to her notice at a hui held at the Mahia Golf Club. No consultation had ever been undertaken with shareholders of the neighbouring site, and Mrs Kamau wanted to know why? Mrs Kaumau requested a copy of documentation as related to Council's agreement to utilise the Kaiwaitau site.

Councillor Eaglesome took the opportunity to inform Mrs Kamau that she took offense to references within her submission in referring to Councillor's as 'you white people.'

SUMMITTER: Liz Battes
SUBMISSION: Opposition Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme

Ms Battes was given approval to convey the concerns of a number of parties opposed to the Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme. The proposed discharge of treated wastewater to land was not acceptable in that residents drew water from the land. There would be an impact on 'mahinga kai' with resulting pollution being highly offensive in cultural terms, wahi tapu, wahi ora, and wahi mate. Local Maori should not be perceived as being 'anti-development', but as kaitiakitanga. Councillors were asked to reject the proposed site for a sewerage system.

SUMMITTER: W Te Nahu
SUBMISSION: Opposition Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme

Mrs Wikitoria Te Nahu objected to the installation of a sewerage scheme on the proposed site at Kaiwaitau, and believed that the continual allowance of development at Mahia had created the problem. Mrs Te Nahu also expressed concern at the increase in rates that was proposed for residents at Mahia, and questioned who would have to pay toward the scheme.

SUMMITTER: W Greening
SUBMISSION: Opposition Mahia Sewerage Treatment Scheme

Mr Bill Greening opposed the installation of a sewerage scheme at the proposed site, informing Councillors that Te Rakato Marae were investigating fresh water fishery initiatives, now that fresh water had been added to Kaimoana regulations. The existence of a sewerage treatment plant would compromise any initiatives they may wish to pursue.

The Chief Executive Officer explained the process of notification and the hearing of a resource consent that would be undertaken by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council prior to Council being able to progress the Mahia Sewerage Scheme proposal. It was acknowledged that a letter needed to be formulated to clearly express who would pay for the sewerage scheme if and when installed as related to rates.

There being no further attendees to speak to their submissions, His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting, to be reconvened at 10am in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNED: 9:45 AM

RECONVENED: 10:00 AM

His Worship the Mayor reconvened the meeting to commence deliberations on all submissions received.

SPORT HAWKE'S BAY/WAIROA COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

Councillor Eaglesome saw the Community Sports Centre as a great community asset, however did not believe that providing extra funding would resolve issues facing the centre. Councillor Petersen stated that any business that couldn't afford to staff a facility to required hours, needed to cut its hours of service to operate within existing budgets if it were to survive, and as such was against the provision of additional funding. Councillor McKinnon supported comments made by Councillor's Eaglesome and Petersen. Councillor Caves believed that a bit of belt tightening was required by the organisation.

Councillor Cairns acknowledged the social benefits of having a facility like the Community Sports Centre, and questioned what the long term outcome for the Centre would be if Council didn't fund it. Councillor Cairns was concerned that providing additional funding would only be a quick fix, and as such there was a need to look at solutions that would bring the Community Sports Centre forward. His Worship the Mayor expressed similar concerns in that the last thing Council wanted was an empty facility in years to come, however Council also had to remain aware of the burden placed on the ratepayer when funding such facilities.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That Council take no further action and that the application for funding be declined.</i>	Caves/McKinnon
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W HUATA - RATING ISSUES - MOHAKA

Councillors considered the content of the submission and requested that Mr Huata be advised to make application for a rates rebate.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Cairns/Petersen**

N CHAPMAN – RATING ISSUES – MAHIA SEWERAGE SCHEME

Councillors considered the content of the submission, confirming that at this point in time, the intention was to apply a charge to all sections at the proposed sewerage scheme passed.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Caves/Cairns**

WAIROA YOUTH SERVICES TRUST

Councillors considered the content of the submission and determined that it was being addressed by a previous resolution of Council at their ordinary meeting in May.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **McKinnon/Caves**

M JOHANSEN – SOMMERVILLE STREET

The Engineering Manager informed Councillor's that the prioritisation process for determining the annual footpath and drainage programme was under review, and that as a result, the request could be included within a future programme. It was likely that the existence of the Kohanga Reo, which had not been in operation when the initial prioritisation was conducted, would lift the status of Sommersville Street.

Resolved: *That the request be taken into consideration for inclusion in the footpath and drainage programme.* **Petersen/Eaglesome**

J JONES – METERED WATER

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors of costs that would be associated with the installation of water metres on all properties as requested by the submitter. There would be an initial capital cost of several hundred dollars per property to install a metre, and annual administrative costs for the metres to be read by contractors, and the information supplied to Council.

Resolved: *That the submission be received, and the submitter informed that the request was 'too cost prohibitive'.* **Caves/Petersen**

P TANGIORA – RATING FOR MAHIA

Councillor Eaglesome endorsed the concerns raised by Mrs Tangiora as related to the impact of rising rates on people living at Mahia. Councillor Eaglesome believed there was a need for a member of Council staff to go out to the Mahia Hauora and inform residents of the rates rebate scheme, and in turn assist them in making application. Councillor Eaglesome informed Councillors that WINZ had offered to accompany a Council staff member at such meetings so as to inform residents of other subsidies that they may qualify for.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Cairns/Eaglesome**

D CAVES – KITCHENER STREET DRAIN

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that the Kitchener Street drain was always going to be an expensive project, and as such it would never fit into the annual \$100,000 drainage programme, as little could be achieved within that budgeted amount. Councillors were also informed that the Hawke's Bay Regional Council were reviewing the Tawhara Valley Flood Scheme, and that it was their intention to carry out modelling on existing drains that formed a part of that scheme, the Kitchener Street drain being one of them. Results from the modelling would provide information as to the level of water flow in the drain, and determine the size of piping that would need to be installed.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the Engineering Manager provide Council with detailed costs as applied to the piping of the Kitchener Street drain.</i>	<i>Petersen/Eaglesome</i>
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L GROOBY - STORMWATER

Councillors determined that the content of the submission would be considered as part of the review of the Open Drains Programme.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<i>Petersen/Cairns</i>
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L GROOBY - AMALGAMATION

Councillors stated that there was a formal process applied when seeking a referendum on amalgamation. As a referendum had not been requested at this point in time, no further action would be undertaken.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<i>McKinnon/Cairns</i>
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L GROOBY – WASTE MANAGEMENT

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the submission be received and the submitter advised of Council's review of Waste Management activities.</i>	<i>Petersen/Eaglesome</i>
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L GROOBY – REST AREAS – TOWN BOUNDARIES

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that money was provided within existing budgets to carry out maintenance as required to lift the appearance of rest areas.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<i>Caves/Petersen</i>
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L GROOBY – SEALING WHAKAMAHI ROAD

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the submission be received and the submitter advised that the request would be taken into consideration.</i>	<i>Petersen/Caves</i>
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ENERGY SMART – HAWKE'S BAY HEALTH HOMES PROJECT

Councillor Eaglesome expressed her support of the project in that it offered an opportunity for much needed insulation to be installed in homes in the Wairoa District. Councillor Caves had an opposing point of view, being of the opinion that it was the responsibility of individual home owners to improve their surroundings at their cost. It was not a Council responsibility, and as such the burden should not be placed on the ratepayer. Councillor Petersen stated that he often fielded enquiries from ratepayers questioning why they had to pay for something they did not use, such as the Library, or Community Sports Centre. He believed that in supporting the request, Council was likely to buy a lot of negativity.

Councillor McKinnon stated that the Government had recognised its responsibility in providing warmer, healthier homes by initiating similar projects with its State Housing. Councillor Cairns believed that supporting the project would be a good use of ratepayer's money. Age Concern had recently released the results of a survey undertaken that included questions on how the aged kept warm, with many sitting in their cars with the heater on, or wrapping themselves in newspaper for additional warmth. Councillor Cairns believed that it was a social responsibility of Council, and that it was a small price to pay to keep people warm in their homes.

Resolved: *That Council approve the request for funding of \$15,000 on the condition that 30 homes in the Wairoa District be insulated as contained in the proposal, and that Council be involved in the selection process of those homes. Cairns/Eaglesome*

AGAINST: Councillor Caves

NGAI RAKATO HAPU – INVOLVEMENT IN UPGRADE OF RESERVES

Councillors had previously agreed to involve communities in the development of Reserve Management Plans, and would continue to do so where such opportunities arose. Councillor Caves stated that in respect to the request made in the submission, the reality was that Council work was contracted out to commercially competitive groups, and as such, any local organisation that wished to become directly involved in providing a service to Council would need to be just as competitive.

Resolved: *That the submission be received. Petersen/McKinnon*

A PICKERING – MACKAY STREET

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that if there were a problem with the road, kerb and channelling, then it would be fixed. The access into the College grounds had been created as a result of recent development on the property. The issue was more one of safety, particularly where trucks were backing out directly into traffic on State Highway Two, and that ground rules needed to be established to ensure trucks turned around on-site. There was also an issue of parking that needed to be addressed as a result of people using the access way during weekend sports.

Resolved: *That the submission be received and that the Engineering Manager look into the matter and bring a report to Council. McKinnon/Petersen.*

A MCKAY – SPEED RESTRICTIONS TAYLORS BAY

Councillor Eaglesome questioned how hard the request was to achieve in that all that was required was the erection of a speed sign. The Engineering Manager stated that a sign was already in place, and that the request was for an additional sign to be erected. In addition road markings and speed bumps were being requested. The Engineering Manager did not believe that road markings would provide any resolution, and that a speed bump was likely to cause more problems than it would solve. In short, it was an enforcement issue that required the involvement of Police to enforce speed restrictions. Councillor Petersen informed Councillors that he had travelled the road in question and believed that the existing sign needed to be moved so that it was more visible.

Resolved: *That the submission be received and that an additional sign be erected. Petersen/Caves*

WAIROA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Eaglesome expressed a conflict of interest, and withdrew from participating in the deliberation of this item.

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that he had had tremendous response to the Lake to Lighthouse DVD and that the production of a promotional DVD of the Wairoa District was a positive step forward in advancing Wairoa and its environs.

Councillor Caves believed that the purpose of the Wairoa Community Development Trust was to encourage organisations to seek funding from avenues other than Council, and to assist in the promotion and economic development of the District, yet were making a submission to Council for funding for their own projects. Councillor Petersen supported Councillor Caves, in that the purpose of the Trust was to raise funds for projects from avenues other than Council.

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that the Memorandum of Understanding that they had agreed to with the Trust, including the support of joint ventures, the promotion of tourism in the district being one of those ventures.

Councillor McKinnon was of the opinion that the funding requested was a luxury that Council could ill afford, and questioned whether the footage obtained for the Lake to Lighthouse DVD could be used to promote the area. Councillor Cairns stated that that footage related primarily to the Lake to Lighthouse event. Council had identified at their retreat in Tuai that there were risks for the Wairoa community in that there was a decreasing population, and a generally poor self image held by those in the Wairoa District. A promotional DVD could be utilised to attract people to the Wairoa District, and as such Council should consider some level of funding, if not the full amount requested.

<p>Resolved: <i>That Council approve funding of \$10,000 towards the development of a promotional DVD.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Heron/Petersen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGAINST: Councillor Caves</p>
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FEDERATED FARMERS

The Chief Executive Officer expressed disappointment that despite the Government undertaking a rates review, there had been very little to come out of the recommendations of the Shandy Report. In respect to waste management, the bottom line was that there was a community cost to waste management that had to be met by all ratepayers. There was also very little room left to raise the Uniform Annual General Charge as it was almost at its maximum. While comparisons were made with Gisborne and Hastings, the farming community obviously did not understand that it was determined by population and a pre-determined formula.

<p>Resolved: <i>That the submission be received and the Chief Executive Officer provide a written response.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">McKinnon/Heron</p>
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K O'GORMAN – WATER RATES

The Engineering Manager informed Councillor that there were three separate water charges applied to Wairoa Urban, Wairoa Peri-urban, and Frasertown, with costs allocated by number of users. Frasertown residents currently paid an annual water charge of \$600. The fact that they were metered was irrelevant in that few users ever utilised their full quota. The question for Council to consider was whether they believed it was equitable for one group of users to pay more than another when they were receiving the same level of service.

Following discussions with Council's Auditors, it had been determined that any change to charges was likely to trigger an amendment to the Long Term Council Plan. The Engineering Manager suggested that Council may wish to consider providing interim relief to Frasertown residents for the 2008/09 Financial Year, and review all charges to determine a flat charge to be applied as part of the 2009/19 Long Term Council Plan. This would allow all affected parties to participate in consultation.

<p>Resolved: <i>That the submission be received and that relief be provided to Frasertown residents for the 2008/09 Financial Year.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Heron/Eaglesome</p>

WAIROA SUMMER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

While Councillors agreed that the Summer Festival Street Parade and Carols in the Park was a worthy event that should be supported, no budget had been included with the submission as to how much money was sought from council.

Resolved: *That the submission be received and the Chief Executive Officer obtain more information as related to funding required.* **Caves/Eaglesome**

WAIROA COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

Councillor Heron excused himself from deliberations in that he had a conflict of interest as related to the submission.

Councillor Petersen expressed concern that the receipt of a submission from the Wairoa Co-operative Society was an annual event, and that while the Gaiety Theatre was a good thing for the community, community support was not evident in that attendance numbers at films continued to decline. Councillor McKinnon recalled that four years previous, Council had said to the people of Wairoa that the Theatre could be saved if they simply put bums on seats. The reality was that theatres were a competitive area of entertainment, and that the venture was exactly that, entertainment, rather than culture based. Councillor Caves supported comments made by previous speakers and was against the provision of any funding.

Councillor Eaglesome believed that the theatre was an asset that needed to be supported by Council, and that the new manager had the ambition to make some positive changes. Council should not keep shirking its responsibilities by insisting that applications for funding be made through the Wairoa Community Development Trust and other such organisations.

Resolved: *That the application for funding be declined.* **Caves/McKinnon**

HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL – WASTE WATER TREATMENT SCHEME

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Mckinnon/Petersen**

HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL – MOKOTAHU RESERVE

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved: *That the mowing of the Mokotahi Reserve car park area be included in existing contracts.* **McKinnon/Petersen**

R WILLIAMS – EXTREME SPORTS SKATE PARK

Councillors considered the content of the submission. While acknowledging that a number of people were concerned at the cost of the venture, and the ability for the organisation involved to raise required funds, Councillors believed that they should support the concept in principle.

Resolved: *That Council approve the concept of an extreme sports skate park.* **Heron/Petersen**

B FRASER – DISTRICT PLAN – ADVERSE ECONOMIC EFFECTS

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that Plan Change number one, which would have incorporated matters relating to the clearing of vegetation, had been put on hold as Council were awaiting a Government decision on their position as related to carbon trading.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received and that it be deferred to the Plan Change process.</i>	Caves/Heron
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OFFENSIVE SUBMISSIONS

Councillor Petersen expressed concern at the inclusion of a submission which he found to be offensive, and to contain racist remarks. Other Councillors also took exception to this submission. Councillors sought a resolution that would enable staff to inform those submitting offensive submissions that they would not be accepted.

Resolved:	<i>That submissions received that included racist or derogatory comments pertaining to staff and Council were not to be accepted by Management for inclusion in agendas of Council.</i>	Eaglesome/Petersen
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L EASTON – DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PLAN – TUAI

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Heron/McKinnon
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RECONVENED: 1:47 PM

P THOMAS – SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL

Councillors considered the content of the submission and commended the submitter on making a submission that praised Council's activities.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received and a response be sent thanking the submitter for his kind words.</i>	McKinnon/Cairns
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D CAVES – PUBLIC CEMETERY OPOUTAMA/MAHIA – RAUPUNGA TOILETS

Councillors were informed that the provision for a public cemetery at Opoutama/Mahia had already been included in the 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Councillor Caves acknowledged that since he had made his submission, graffiti problems pertaining to the Raupunga toilets seemed to have been resolved. Councillor Cairns stated that while the outside of the toilets was much more presentable, there was still a need to address the cleanliness of the inside of the facility, particularly now that there was community buy in to improve and maintain the toilets.

The Engineering Manager advised that some work had been done inside the toilets to upgrade the facilities, and that discussions were underway to have murals painted on the inside walls by the local community.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	McKinnon/Cairns
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NGATI PAHUWERA INCORPORATED SOCIETY – NETBALL COURTS

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that he had engaged in discussions with members of Ngati Pahuwera who were seeking funding to allow them to resurface their netball courts. The cost to do this had been estimated at \$50,000. This did not include fencing or the placement of netball poles. If the project was funded by Council, then Council staff would manage the contract to install a netball court overlay.

Councillor Eaglesome stated that while \$50,000 may seem like a lot of money, when compared with the amount of money Council had invested in Reserve Management Plans to date at Mahia and Tuai, it was a small amount of money to consider from a community that deserved its share from rates.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That funding of \$50,000 from the District Development fund towards the resurfacing of the netball courts at Raupunga, be approved.</i> <i>Eaglesome/McKinnon</i>
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J HEDLEY – FOOTPATHS – MAHIA

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that a number of requests had been received from residents at Mahia wanting a footpath installed from the corner of Pohutukawa Drive to Taylor's Bay. The request was reasonable in that it could be installed prior to any drainage being carried out in the area, if it was Council's wish to do so.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the submission be received and considered for inclusion in the Footpath Programme.</i> <i>Heron/Eaglesome</i>

S HOWARD – FOOTPATHS – FRASERTOWN

Councillors determined that the content of the submission be forwarded for consideration in the footpath programme.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the submission be received and considered for inclusion in the Footpath Programme.</i> <i>Cairns/McKinnon</i>

N LYONS – RATING

Councillors considered the content of the submission. Councillor Caves believed that there were elements within the Wairoa Community who required a detailed explanation as to why Council could not apply a Roothing Uniform Charge as requested by the submitter.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the submission be received and that the Finance Manager provide a response.</i> <i>Petersen/Caves</i>

C FOXE – MORE DOG PATROLS

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that a new vehicle for Dog Control had been included in the Annual Plan so that another Dog Control Officer could be engaged to conduct more dog patrols.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the submission be received.</i> <i>Cairns/Eaglesome</i>

B HETA – RUBBISH – MOHAKA AND PENSIONER HOUSING

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the submission be received.</i> <i>Petersen/Heron</i>

M J HILL – RATES CHARGES

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Cairns/Caves**

M COOPER – ANIMAL CONTROL – SUNDRY PROPERTY CHARGES – COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Heron/McKinnon**

B JONES – CLYDE HOTEL WALKWAY – MITCHELL ROAD

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Caves/Heron**

B MEEK – REVIEW OF LEASE LAMBTON SQUARE

Councillors considered the content of the submission. Councillors acknowledged that there was a need to review the Sports Ground Rental Policy, as there had been significant changes in the running of various sports grounds, particularly Lambton Square where gate charges were no longer applied.

Resolved: *That the rental of Lambton Square be dispensed with for one year and that Council's Sports Ground Policy be reviewed.* **Heron/Eaglesome**

P CRARER – DEPRECIATION RESERVES

Councillors were informed that it was not possible to take funding from depreciation reserves to fund new projects. Depreciation Reserves could only be utilised for the funding of renewals.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Eaglesome/Petersen**

CRAWSHAW FAMILY TRUST – INCREASE IN RATES

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Caves/Heron**

E MARTIN – RATES IN NUHAKA

Councillors considered the content of the submission. The Chief Executive Officer pointed out that Council do maintain the cemetery at Nuhaka, and that a hall did not exist at Nuhaka as there were a number of Marae, and the rugby club rooms in which to hold meetings and functions if required.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Cairns/McKinnon**

J RICHARDSON – RECREATIONAL RATE/RURAL RESIDENTIAL RATE

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that there was currently no policy as to how to apply rates to properties that were utilised for farming purposes yet deemed to have sub-division potential and as such a greater capital value was applied than would be to similar sized properties deemed to be rural. There would be an opportunity for Council to address the matter through the formulation of policy to be included in the 2009/2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Resolved: *That the submission be received.* **Eaglesome/Heron**

G PRESTON – WASTE MANAGEMENT

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Caves/Petersen
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B HIGGINS – TOWN ENTRANCES – MITCHELL ROAD

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Caves/Petersen
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W HOWELL – CLEARING OF DRAINS – MAHIA

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Caves/Heron
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S SAVAGE – LOCKWOOD POINT

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Caves/Heron
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L SIMMONDS – RATES – BOY RACERS

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Cairns/Petersen
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D WHITMORE – MITCHELL ROAD RATES

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Heron/Caves
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R ORMOND – OBJECTION TO TREE PLANTING

Councillors considered the content of the submission.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Eaglesome/Caves
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C RASKIN – SPEED LIMITS – WATER RATES – CLEANING OF DRAINS – WRECKED CARS

Councillors sympathised with residents impacted upon by the build-up of wrecked and dumped cars on private properties.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received and that Council look into the removal of wrecked/unwanted cars.</i>	Heron/Petersen
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V & T GROOBY – ROADING – SEALING WHAKAMAHI ROAD

Councillors considered the content of the submission. The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that the sealing of the Whakamahi Road would not attract a roading subsidy and as such the full cost would need to be met from rates. Aspects of the submission relating to footpaths were to be forwarded for consideration for inclusion in the footpath programme.

Resolved:	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	Heron/Cairns
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Councillors were informed that the proposed site for the treatment plant was freehold Maori land that had been offered under lease to Council for a term of 80 years. Council's taking up of the lease agreement was subject to the obtainment of consent to proceed with the treatment scheme.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Council needed to decide whether they wished to proceed with the proposed wastewater treatment scheme at Mahia and as such had to give consideration to, opposition to projected costs, future health implications, continued growth and development at Mahia, contamination risks, and the content of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council submission.

Councillor Cairns believed that Council needed to take ownership of the system, as it was something that was required at Mahia. Council then had to determine whether the proposed site was the best location for the system, particularly given the need to take account of cultural values.

Councillor Caves was of the opinion that the people of Mahia and Opoutama needed to be provided with detailed information as to how the scheme was to be paid for, particularly for those who could not afford to pay a lump sum. People also needed to understand that the current projected cost did not include annual maintenance costs. The Engineering Manager advised that there was a need to review the original project costs as they are likely to have increased 16-17% since the project obtained subsidy, with operating costs likely to have increased by 25%.

Councillor McKinnon stated that it was inevitable that some sort of scheme would be required at Mahia at some stage in time, and if Council were to delay the proposed scheme, the cost would only continue to increase. Despite statements to the contrary, consultation on the proposed scheme had been adequate, and people had been well informed.

Councillor Heron sought a detailed breakdown of costs as attributed to the scheme. The Chief Executive Officer warned that there was a danger in going out with devil in the detail in that Council could then be held to those costs. What needed to be conveyed to people was that it would be cheaper to contribute to a wastewater treatment scheme together as a community, as against having to fund the installation of individual schemes.

Councillor Petersen stated that debate aside, Council must determine whether Mahia needed a wastewater treatment scheme, and as such wished to put a recommendation forward.

<p>Resolved: <i>That Council proceed with the establishment of a sewerage system at Mahia</i> <i>Petersen/McKinnon</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Council Unanimously Supported the Recommendation</i></p>
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ALL SUBMITTERS – OPPOSITION TO KAIWAITAU SITE

Councillors considered the content of all submissions.

Councillor Cairns was of the opinion that the proposed site needed to be reconsidered as the role of kaitiakitanga had not been considered fully. Council needed to take all aspects as related to the cultural values of tangata whenua at Opoutama into consideration before proceeding with the obtaining of consent so that they would be comfortable in supporting any decision to proceed. Councillor Cairns believed that Council should seriously consider the offer made by Nanaia Mahuta to have Russell Fairbrother facilitate a meeting between Council and the hapu of Te Rakato Marae.

Councillor Eaglesome sought confirmation that the land offered to Council under lease was freehold land and that 100% of the owners in that land had signed the Heads of Agreement. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that this was the case.

Councillor Heron expressed concern in that there was a risk of contaminants being discharged onto surrounding land via ground water supplies.

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that Council had applied for consent from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to discharge contaminants to the land in question. At this point in time the Regional Council did not believe that Council had provided enough information as related to potential

impacts on ground water. The Hawke's Bay Regional Council would have to be satisfied that the effects were no more than minor when considering the consent application.

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that the hearing of the consent would not focus solely on discharge and would need to take account of cultural values. Council needed to determine whether they wished to proceed with the consent application in light of this information.

Councillors believed that there was a need to meet with the hapu of Te Rakato Marae to hear their concerns and determine whether an alternative site should be considered.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That Council accept Nanaia Mahuta's offer of Russell Fairbrother facilitating a meeting between Council and the hapu of Te Rakato Marae.</i>	Heron/Cairns
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<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the consent application to discharge to Kaiwaitau 7C2B be deferred until discussions had been held with the hapu of Te Rakato Marae.</i>	Heron/Caves
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ALL SUBMITTERS – EXTREME SPORTS PARK ON TATARAMOA

Councillors considered the content of all submissions.

Councillors acknowledged that a number of alternative sites were being proposed, and the need for such a complex to be located at a site where it was clearly visible to the general public. This would ensure that the complex would not be subject to graffiti attacks and general vandalism.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That Council approve the concept of an extreme sports skate park and that it be considered for inclusion in the Opoutama Reserves Management Plan.</i>	Heron/Petersen
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CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS SERVICE – FUNDING CHILDREN'S DAY

The Chief Executive Offer sought approval from Council to consider a late application received from the Children and Young Persons Service to annually contribute funding to Children's Day. Council had provided funding the previous year at a cost of \$1900.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That \$2000 be provided annually from rates as Council's contribution to Children's Day.</i>	Cairns/McKinnon
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There being no further submissions, His Worship the Mayor closed the hearing.

CLOSED: Hearing concluded at 3:20 pm

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