

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council to Hear Submissions to the 2007/2008 Draft Annual Plan and Draft Amendment to the Long Term Council Community Plan held at the Wairoa Community Centre, Marine Parade – West, Wairoa on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 10:00 AM.

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

**COUNCILLORS**

D Eaglesome, S Birrell, D Caves, B McKinnon, W Shortt, G McIntyre

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

**CIVIC PRAYER:** Councillor Eaglesome gave the Civic Prayer

## General Items

### **SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS**

**F01.23.01**

His Worship the Mayor welcomed those in attendance explaining the procedure for the hearing of submissions and subsequent deliberations by Council.

Verbal submissions were then heard.

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**SUBMITTER:** Wairoa Community Co-operative Society  
**SUBMISSION:** Annual Funding

Mr J Heron informed Councillors that following an earlier approach to Council for consideration of annual funding he had been invited to make a submission to the Annual Plan process that was inclusive of information on the viability and future of the Gaiety Theatre. A survey of the District was undertaken, and as a result the gaiety Theatre had been identified as a key facility of the district, which enhanced the Communities development. The survey conducted in January had been deemed to be an unqualified success in that it confirmed the overwhelming support held by the Community in the facility being retained funded from rates on an annual basis. Mr Heron explained the current operation processes of the Theatre, and the difficulty in retaining the enthusiasm of volunteers as a result of the financial difficulties that the Wairoa Community Co-operative Society was continually faced with in trying to keep the theatre operational.

His Worship the Mayor acknowledged the survey results and the fact that replies received illustrated public support for the facility. Councillors queried the number of survey responses received however, and whether it was truly representative of the Communities support. Councillors also questioned the application of the proposed seven dollars per ratepayer, as related to how it would be spread across the entire ratepayer base.

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**SUBMITTER:** Wairoa Enterprise Agency  
**SUBMISSION:** Variation of Contract of Services

Ms M Wilson thanked Councillors for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Wairoa Enterprise Agency.

Ms Wilson informed Councillors that the Wairoa Enterprise Agency was an Incorporated Society comprised of volunteers who promoted the tourism and economic development of the District. The Wairoa Enterprise Agency was seeking a variation to the Contract of Services, by way of an increase in annual funding. The Wairoa Enterprise Agency were finding it increasingly difficult to manage the financial impacts of imposed legislated changes, such as the raising of the minimum wage, and the

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withdrawal of previously subsidised schemes that could no longer be applied to the District due to the decline in the number of unemployed. In addition there had been an overall increase in operational costs. The Wairoa Enterprise Agency were seeking an increase in funding of \$43,410 to fully meet the service requirements of the Wairoa Visitor Information Centre.

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**SUBMITTER: R & L Thompson**  
**SUBMISSION: Flooding at Opoutama**  
**Mowing of Tunanui Road Verge**

Mr Thompson informed Councillors that the content of his submission had also been heard by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council the previous day, and that as a result, Mr M Ayde of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council had informed him of their undertaking to conduct a survey of the stream to establish the hydraulic incline, and subsequently to remove high spots to assist with flow.

Mr Thompson expressed concern however that previous attempts to clear the stream had been hampered by the Department of Conservation, Maori, and Railways.

Mr Thompson then recounted a recent history of the stream, and perceived impacts of development on the damming of the stream, and subsequent flooding.

Mr Thompson asked that where progress on the matter by being prohibited by the intervention of other parties, Council add their support to any initiative and/or undertaking that would assist in mitigating the flooding of the stream, and its potential impact on those who resided at Opoutama.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Hawke's Bay Regional Council would receive greater support if they were to involve all parties affected from the onset of any actions they wished to take, as against involving them after the fact, or not at all, citing recent works carried out on Council Reserve without Resource Consent or Council's knowledge.

Councillors' and Management acknowledged the commitment made by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to undertake a survey of the area, and looked forward to being involved in the process.

Mrs Thompson conveyed concerns of road safety, as related to Tunanui Road, during the peak summer holiday season. The over grown verges, combined with an increase of traffic use during this period, increased the potential for accidents to occur. At present, Contractors mowed the verges in February/March. Mrs Thompson asked that Council consider having the road verges mowed in December.

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**SUBMITTER: Quality Roding Services (Wairoa) Limited**  
**SUBMISSION: Transport Activity**

Mr Aitken spoke to the submission, advising that Quality Roding Services (Wairoa) Limited (QRS) were submitting on Council's intent to suspend Area-wide Pavement Treatment projects, and divert funding into additional roading works. QRS did not support this diversion of funds believing that it would result in a deterioration of Councils assets, and in the level of service provided to the community. Mr Aitken emphasised that QRS were committed to assisting Council in the future preservation of its assets.

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**SUBMITTER: Federated Farmers**  
**SUBMISSION: Rating Environment**

Mr East thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to the submission on behalf of Federated Farmers, and introduced Mr John Ross as the incoming Chairman of Wairoa Federated Farmers.

Mr East asked that Council fairly judge who benefits from roading when applying the roading rate as road user charges make up some 80% of rural rates. Federated farmers were also asking that the Uniform Annual general Charge be raised from 26% – 30%. Clarification was sought as to what benefit rural ratepayers received from contributing to waste management charges, particularly recycling, and the annual collection of dry goods. Members also sought a greater use of the Rebate

Scheme. Federated Farmers further requested that an itemised rates notice be sent out to all ratepayers, detailing what portion of rates was attributed to each Council activity. Comparative rates notices were included in the submission for Councils' consideration. In closing, Mr East stated that members sought district wide consultation on the impact of valuations on rates at the time that they were released by Valuation New Zealand, as against waiting until consultation on the Annual Plan to determine what the impact may be.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr East for speaking to the submission, and emphasised Council's appreciation of the positive submissions that had been received from Federated Farmers over a number of years.

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**SUBMITTER: Ewan Powdrell**  
**SUBMISSION: Rates Increase**

Mr Powdrell expressed his concern at the increase in rates to his property, and the impacts that such increases had on the farming community, particularly if it were to occur triennially. Mr Powdrell was of the belief that if rates were to continue to increase, it would not be viable for farmers to remain in their industry, particularly when stock prices were not increasing. Rural ratepayers did not receive many of the services that their urban counterparts received, yet paid higher rates.

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**SUBMITTER: Jim Taylor**  
**SUBMISSION: Rates Increase**

Mr Taylor thanked Council for the opportunity to speak, stating that he was concerned at the increase in rates for rural ratepayers. Mr Taylor's rates had increased 36.4% for a property that was part dairy farm, and part hill country. The proposed increase in rates was not matched by an increase in services. Mr Taylor appreciated the difficulty that Councillors' faced in setting the rate, however also believed that Council needed to look at, and more appropriately apply, a user pays approach to rates.

Council acknowledged Mr Taylor's concerns, pointing out however that the proposed increase in rates returned Mr Taylor's property to the rating level that existed on his property in 2003/2004. In effect Mr Taylor would still be paying less in rates than he did in 2003/2004.

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**SUBMITTER: Andrew Ormond**  
**SUBMISSION: Rates Increase**

The Ormond family strongly objected to any increases in rates, particularly as it applied to the over-valuation of coastal land, which would have significant negative impacts on Maori owned land at Mahia. The Ormond family requested that a fairer level of rates be set that equated to the productivity of land as against valuations set by external parties, and further requested that Council's Rates Remission Policy be applied to blocks that are farmed as one unit.

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**SUBMITTER: Min Johansen**  
**SUBMISSION: Drains – Sommerville Street**

Mr Johansen spoke on behalf of residents of Sommerville Street, who were expressing their disappointment at Council's decision to install kerb and channelling, footpaths, and fill in existing drains, in a part of Sommerville Street that is rarely used, and services no private dwellings. Residents were seeking a continuation of work that had been undertaken for the remainder of Sommerville Street. Residents believed that the street was often overlooked for repair and/or remedial work, as it was a dead end street. Much of the pavement/seal repair carried was best described as being patchwork, and the edges of the pavement were severely overgrown, making what was already a narrow street more dangerous to users. Given the large number of children in the street, and the existence of a Kohanga Reo, residents believed that the current situation posed safety issues to children and residents alike.

The Engineering Manager informed Councillors and Mr Johansen that the intent was for the current project to extend along Sommerville Street to the Sommerville Street/Freyberg Street intersection, and then on to the Mahia Avenue/Freyberg Street intersection. The Engineering Manager acknowledged that there may be a need to look at the prioritisation of any further work being undertaken on the remainder of Sommerville Street given the increase in the number of children that now frequented the area.

His Worship the Mayor assured Mr Johansen that any safety issue would be discussed fully by Councillors.

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**SUMMITTER: Norrie Day**  
**SUBMISSION: Stormwater Drains**

Mr Day informed Councillors of the deterioration of stormwater drains in Campbell Street and flooding that occurred as a result of drains being blocked by vegetation. Tree roots had uplifted the drainage system and footpaths, and Agapanthus, (which were on the noxious weeds list) had infested the drain. Mr Day also believed that rats were coming from the drains. Mr Day had made a personal approach to Council on the matter on two occasions, where he was informed that Council would clean the drains and spray the Agapanthus. Whilst the drain had been cleaned, the Agapanthus remained. Mr Day was also concerned that a vacant property next to his had become overgrown with Blackberry and asked that Council address the issue.

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**SUMMITTER: Hawke's Bay Chatham Islands Smoke Free Coalition**  
**SUBMISSION: Smoke Free Recreational Zones**

Ms Dean and Mr Rarere thanked Council for the opportunity to present their submission. Mr Rarere recounted the benefits of growing up in a Smoke Free Society and the need to encourage people to be Smoke Free.

Wairoa had a high rating of tobacco use for those aged fourteen to fifteen years, when compared with the national average. The Coalition was seeking Councils support to develop and implement a Wairoa District Council Smoke Free Recreational Policy on all Council owned recreational areas. Smoking was perceived as having cultural and economic issues, not just health issues. The implementation of a Smoke Free Recreational Policy would assist in dealing with learned behavioural issues by influencing people to take personal responsibility for their actions, by encouraging people not to smoke in recreational areas.

The Coalition was available to assist in the development of such a policy, and would provide any signage that needed to be erected.

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**SUBMITTER: Rangī Manuel**  
**SUBMISSION: Community Housing Project**

Mr Manuel informed Councillors of the potential for the Kahungunu Executive and Council to become involved in a housing initiative to provide affordable housing to low-income families. The Ministry of Social Development had engaged Kahungunu Executive to deliver 'Family Start' services, a programme designed to teach, nurture, and support parents to prepare their children for life's experiences. While engaged in delivering this programme, Kahungunu Executive personnel observed that many houses in the district were over crowded and below standard.

Kahungunu Executive have investigated considerable funds in investigating an initiative to increase the available housing stock in the Wairoa District by fifteen, including three pensioner flats. Council support was sought by their consideration of exemption of rates for the loan period of funding acquired to commence the project, and/or assistance in identifying and acquiring land. The Executive would welcome any form of support from Council.

His worship the Mayor informed Mr Manuel that the content of his submission would be taken on board and given full consideration by Council. The Chief Executive Officer advised of the need of Kahungunu Executive to put forward a comprehensive project budget that illustrated where the greatest need was.

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**SUBMITTER:** Chief Executive Officer  
**SUBMISSION:** Pinus Pinasta – Opoutama – Mahia Beach

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to the submission informing Councillor's that previous work undertaken by a Periodic detention Contractor had not been enough to manage the wildling pine explosion at Mahia. Additional funding of \$5,000 was sought to commence the felling and removal of wilding pines on the beachfront from Opoutama to Mahia.

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**SUMITTER:** Chief Executive Officer  
**SUBMISSION:** Digital Scanning

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to the submission updating Councillor's on the progress to date in digitally scanning existing property files. Allocating previously unspent funds for past digital scanning projects provided initial funding for this project. Funds were almost expended, with a further \$25,000 required to complete scanning existing files, and in addition to scan all new building consent applications as they were received.

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**SUMITTER:** Engineering Manager  
**SUBMISSION:** Engineering Department Budgets

The Engineering Manager spoke to the submission informing Councillor's that since the preparation of budgets for the 2007/2008 Draft Annual Plan, changes to staffing in the Engineering Department, primarily the appointment of an Assets Manager, required an amendment to budgets. A net increase of \$30,160 was sought.

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**SUMITTER:** Engineering Manager  
**SUBMISSION:** Patanga Bridge

The Engineering Manager spoke to the submission informing Councillor's that as a result of their resolution to undertake necessary repair works on the Patangata Bridge, funding to do so needed to be approved to allow for its provision within the budgets of the 2007/2008 Draft Annual Plan to give effect to their resolution.

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**SUMITTER:** Engineering Manager  
**SUBMISSION:** Property Management Budgets

The Engineering Manager spoke to the submission informing Councillor's that following a review of works programmes for the 2007/2008 financial year, there were a number of budget allocations that required amendment to allow the completion of programmed work. The budgets requiring amendment were for necessary works to be undertaken in Pensioner Housing, Commercial property, and the Tuai Hall. Additional funding of \$14,500 was sought.

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**SUMMITTER:** Engineering Manager  
**SUBMISSION:** Sewerage Budgets

The Engineering Manager spoke to the submission informing Councillor's of the need to amend a number of budget allocations related to the maintenance of the Tuai Sewerage System. The Draft Annual Plan provided for \$30,000 to be taken from the Tuai Fund to offset the expenditure on Sewerage in Tuai. Amended budgets required the figure to be reduced to \$19,000.

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**SUMMITTER:** Engineering Manager  
**SUBMISSION:** Water Main Replacement – Kitchener Street

The Engineering Manager spoke to the submission informing Councillor's of the need to replace 268 metres of 100mm water main on Kitchener Street, from the Clyde Road intersection to the Wairoa Hospital. Funding of \$40,000 was required for the work to commence.

#### **LATE ITEM – RUAWHARAWHARA DIVERSION**

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**Resolved:** *That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, the item LATE ITEM – SUBMISSION TO DRAFT 2007/2008 ANNUAL PLAN – RUAWHARAWHARA DIVERSION 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.*

**Eaglesome/Birrell**

**SUMMITTER:** Engineering Manager  
**SUBMISSION:** Ruawharawhara Diversion

The Engineering Manager spoke to the report informing Councillors that they needed to anticipate that Ormond Drive would be closed, and as such he was recommending that an additional sum of \$70,000 be approved within the Subsidised Roding Activity budget to commence any required consultation, design, and resource consent process that would be required. It was expected that funding for construction work on a new diversion would not be required until 2008/2009.

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#### **LATE ITEM – FEES AND CHARGES**

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**Resolved:** *That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, the item LATE ITEM – SUBMISSION TO DRAFT 2007/2008 ANNUAL PLAN – FEES AND CHARGES 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.*

**Eaglesome/Birrell**

**SUMMITTER:** Engineering Manager  
**SUBMISSION:** Fees and Charges

The Engineering Manager spoke to the submission advising of the need to impose set fees for the processing costs of applications for services connections and vehicle crossings, and, contractor costs for services connections. These fees had not been previously stated in the 2006/2016 Long Term Council Community Plan.

There being no further submissions to here, His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting with deliberations of submissions to commence when the meeting reconvened.

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**ADJOURNED:** 11:49 AM

**RECONVENED:** 12:25 PM

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

### **WAIROA COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY**

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Councillor Eaglesome conveyed her support of the submission, stating that the Gaiety Theatre was an asset to the community. The survey conducted by the Wairoa Co-operative Society indicated that there was public support in the Theatre continuing, and in it being funded by rates.

Councillor's Shortt, Caves, Birrell, and McKinnon believed that the Theatre was struggling purely because people did not go to the pictures anymore. Advancements in technology were surpassing the need for a picture theatre, and it was clearly evident that residents were not patronising the Theatre to the level required for it to remain operational.

Councillor McIntyre endorsed the statements above, however was open to considering a lesser sum than that being asked.

His Worship the Mayor asked that a resolution be put forward to that effect.

<b><u>Resolution:</u></b>	<i>That a one-off grant of \$10,000 be provided to the Wairoa Community Co-operative Society.</i>	<b>Birrell/McIntyre</b>
		<b>AGAINST: Councillors Shortt/Caves/McKinnon/Birrell</b>
		<b>MOTION DEFEATED</b>

In debating the above resolution, Councillor's expressed concern that in providing one-off funding, they would only be repeating the events of the previous year, in effect going backwards, instead of moving forwards on the matter, prolonging the inevitable.

Councillor Eaglesome reminded Councillor's that the greatest supporters of the Gaiety Theatre were the schools of the District

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the application for Annual Funding of the Gaiety Theatre be declined with regret.</i>	<b>Caves/Shortt</b>
		<b>AGAINST: Councillor Eaglesome</b>
		<b>ABSTAINED: Councillors Birrell and McIntyre</b>

### **WAIROA ENTERPRISE AGENCY**

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The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors of the current operational expectations of Council from the Wairoa Enterprise Agency, as related to the current Visitor Information Centre Contract, which did not expire until November 2008.

Councillors and Management acknowledged that there had been an increase in financial costs that could not be controlled by the Wairoa Enterprise Agency, with no allowance for potential increases to the annual grant of \$50,000 already from Council. The grant from Council was to meet the costs of employing a Manager for the Information Centre and a part-timer. Clearly this grant was not sufficient to meet this expenditure.

Councillors determined that a detailed report was required on the current operations of the Visitor Information Centre prior to their making any firm decision as to increases in funding. Management were to present a report to Councillors in three months, with Councillors agreeing to financially support the Wairoa Enterprise Agency in all shortfalls in funding during that period.

**Resolved:** *That Council financially support the Wairoa Enterprise Agency in its operation of the Visitor Information Centre for the next three months, allowing for the preparation and receipt of a report to determine future funding requirements.*  
**Shortt/Birrell**

#### **HAWKE'S BAY HEALTHY HOMES PROJECT**

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Councillor's expressed concern that while the submission referred to a further 270 homes being retrofitted, should their application for funding be successful, it did not stipulate that those homes would be in the Wairoa District.

**Resolved:** *That the request for \$5,000 funding towards the Hawke's Bay Healthy Homes project, be declined.*  
**Birrell/Caves**

#### **FLOODING OPOUTAMA/TUNANUI ROAD**

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The Engineering Manager stated that it was a positive step forward in that the Hawke's Bay Regional Council would be undertaking a survey of the stream, which would in turn assist Council in the delivery of projects planned for the Opoutama area in the future.

Councillors supported the provision of their support to any initiative undertaken in the area.

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

In regards to the mowing of road verges, this activity was carried out as a safety concern on rural roads, not as an amenity. The Engineering Manager advised that he was prepared to have a look at the Tunanui Road to determine what action was required.

**Resolved:** *That the Engineering Manager look into the matter and report back to Council*  
**Birrell/Caves**

#### **TRANSPORT ACTIVITY**

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The Engineering Manager advised Councillors that it would be Council's preference to continue with the Area Wide Pavement Treatment while also concentrating on major road projects. Increases were such however that it was not possible to continue with both, and as such for the next few years Council's focus should be on reducing the average seal age of roads in the district.

**Resolved:** *That Council receive the submission and accept the Engineering Manager's advice on the matter.*  
**Caves/McKinnon**

#### **FEDERATED FARMERS – RATING ENVIRONMENT**

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The Chief Executive Officer advised Councillor's of the potential impacts, and requirements of Council, were they to take on the request of Federated Farmers in determining a fairer means by which to apply rates.

Federated Farmers were requesting that the Uniform Annual general Charge be increases from 26% to 30%. This would require a change to policy, and if this were to occur, Council should use it as an opportunity to revisit the 93% and 7% split between urban and rural roading.

Discussion followed as to what activities could be included in the Uniform Annual General Charge to increase it to 30%.

**Resolved:** *That the Chief Executive Officer determine the impact of moving 50% of the Library, and any other identified allocation costs, to the Uniform Annual general Charge to bring it up to, or close to 30%.*  
**Birrell/Shortt**

Following previous workshops on the issue of rates, Councillors had also requested that they, set all roading rates at 1.0 and the forestry roading rate at 1.18, ensure the yield from Mahia was 5-10% higher in 2007/2008 than in 2006/2007, and, utilise \$250,000 from Reserves as a reduction in the rural roading rate (to be reduced over two years.)

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the sum of \$250,000 be allocated from Reserves to assist in meeting the increase in rates.</i>	<b>Shortt/Eaglesome</b>
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**AGAINST: Councillor Caves**

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillor's that Council Information technology personnel were looking at developing an indicative rating statement comparable to other Councils.

#### **TAUWHARETOA TRUST/NGATI PAHUWERA SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that much of the submission raised issues that had already been raised following a meeting with representatives of the Raupunga Community and Ngati Pahuwera Society Incorporated. Issues pertaining to household waste would be addressed by the Community Waste Educator engaged by Quality Roding Services (Wairoa) Limited.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Birrell/McKinnon</b>
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#### **EWAN POWDRELL – RATES INCREASE**

Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>McIntyre/McKinnon</b>
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#### **JIM TAYLOR – RATES INCREASE**

Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Eaglesome/Birrell</b>
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#### **BRUCE ROSS – RATES INCREASE**

Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Shortt/Caves</b>
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### **GARY PEKIN – RATES INCREASE**

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Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b><i>Caves/Birrell</i></b>
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### **ANDREW ORMOND – RATES INCREASE**

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The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that this submission differed to previous submissions as related to increases in rates as it required an intervention by Council to engage the Ormond Family and Quotable Value New Zealand in discussions to resolve the issue.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the Chief Executive Officer arrange a meeting between the Ormond Family and Quotable Value New Zealand.</i>	<b><i>McKinnon/Eaglesome</i></b>
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### **SOMMERVILLE STREET – OPEN DRAINS**

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The Chief Executive officer informed Councillors that the submitter had approached him when work had commenced on the installation of kerb and channelling and footpaths on a portion of Sommerville Street, wanting to know why Council was spending funds on what was a under utilised part of the street.

The Engineering Manager explained the reasoning behind installing kerb and channelling, and the installation of a footpath, which was in line with Council policy, and in addition as a result of a flooding problem which had been brought to the Engineering Manager's attention by the owner of Clyde Panel and Paint.

The Engineering Manager informed Councillor's of a previous prioritisation survey that had been undertaken on all streets in the Wairoa Township, which at the time had not ranked Sommerville Street as a high priority. The increase in the number of children that now resided in the area, and the existence of a Kohanga Reo, warranted the street being reassessed to determine whether its priority had changed.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the submission be received and that the Engineering look into the matter as relates to the undertaking kerb and channelling works on the remainder of Sommerville Street.</i>	<b><i>McIntyre/Eaglesome</i></b>
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### **CAMPBELL STREET DRAINS**

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The Engineering Manager informed Councillors that the submission was timely in that Council may need to remind people of their responsibility to keep all drains and culverts clear of vegetation and rubbish.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the submission be received and that the Engineering Manager look into the matter.</i>	<b><i>McKinnon/McIntyre.</i></b>
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### **SMOKE FREE RECREATIONAL ZONES**

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Councillors supported the concept of self-regulation in achieving a Smoke Free Environment, as it did not require enforcement from Council, placing the onus upon individuals as to whether they acknowledged and respected signage advising of Smoke Free areas. Council needed to formulate and adopt a Smoke Free Recreational Zones Policy prior to any signage being erected. Council acknowledged the support that had been offered, and would be provided, by the Hawke's Bay & Chatham Island Smoke Free Coalition in the provision of any signage to be erected.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That a Smoke Free Recreational Zones Policy be formulated and brought back to Council for adoption and implementation.</i>	<b><i>Eaglesome/McIntyre</i></b>
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## **COMMUNITY HOUSING**

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Councillors were in support of what they described as being an admirable scheme, should it come to fruition, and worthy of Council's support. Prior to making any commitment as to how Council could support the initiative however, it was important that further consultation take place on the matter in accordance with legislated Significant Consultative Procedures. The provision of an extensive project budget was also endorsed.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the submission be received, and that further consultation take place on the matter.</i>	<b><i>McIntyre/Birrell</i></b>
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## **PINASTA PINES**

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Councillor Shortt spoke in favour of the request for funding in that it had been a matter that he had raised some three years ago. If the wildling trees were left as they were, they would continue to spread along the beachfront like wildfire.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That:</i>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. Council approve additional funding of \$5,000 to commence the felling and removal of Pinus Pinasta from the beachfront area from Opoutama to Mahia, and,</i></li><li><i>2. The funding be taken from the General Rate</i></li></ol>	<b><i>Shortt/McIntyre</i></b>

## **DIGITAL SCANNING – PROPERTY FILES**

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The Chief Executive Officer reiterated comments made during the hearing of the submission.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the report be received.</i>	<b><i>Caves/Eaglesome</i></b>
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<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That:</i>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. A further \$25,000 be allocated in the 2007/2008 year to complete the scanning of existing property files and all new building consents received, and,</i></li><li><i>2. That the increase be funded from the General Rate.</i></li></ol>	<b><i>Shortt/McIntyre</i></b>

## **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

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<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the net increase of \$30,160 be approved.</i>	<b><i>Caves/McKinnon</i></b>
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## **PATANGATA BRIDGE**

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Councillors queried whether a component of the funds required could come out of the depreciation fund, particularly where depreciation may have been attributed to the future maintenance and/or renewal of the bridge. The Engineering manager was not able to state whether the bridge had been depreciated and would investigate the matter and apply any depreciation that could be attributed if funds were found to be applicable.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That a sum of \$144,000, less any amount funded by depreciation, be approved within the Non-Subsidised Roading Activity for the repair of Patangata Bridge.</i>	<b><i>Caves/Eaglesome</i></b>
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## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BUDGETS – ENGINEERING**

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The Engineering Manager informed Councillors of specific work that needed to be undertaken as related to Pensioner Housing, Commercial Property, and the Tuai Hall. If funding was not forthcoming from Council, then the required work would not be undertaken during the financial year.

**Resolved:** *That the request for additional funding for Pensioner Housing (\$8000), Commercial Property (\$1,500), and Community Halls – Tuai (\$5,000) be approved.*  
**Eaglesome/McIntyre**

## **SEWERAGE BUDGETS – ENGINEERING**

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The Engineering Manager reiterated comments made during the hearing of the submission as related to the proposed amendment to the Sewerage Budget, and a reduction in the sum to be allocated from the Tuai Fund.

**Resolved:** *That:*

- 1. The amended budget as detailed in the report be approved, and*
- 2. That the reduction of \$11,000 in expenditure be reflected as a reduction of \$11,000 taken from the Tuai Fund.*

**Probert/Birrell**

## **WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT – KITCHENER STREET**

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**Resolved:** *That*

- 1. The submission be received, and,*
- 2. Council approve funding of \$40,000 for the replacement of 268 metres of 100mm water main.*

**Birrell/McKinnon**

## **RUAWHARAWHARA DIVERSION**

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The Chief Executive officer informed Councillors that the Trustees of Ruawharawhara Cemetery had made it clear that the road would not remain open, and as such Council needed to consider making financial provisions for an alternative diversion to be progressed.

**Resolved:** *That a budget of \$70,000 be approved within the Subsidised Roothing Activity, funded from Reserves, to commence consultation, design, and resource consent application for an alternative route should Ormond Drive be closed at the Ruawharawhara Urupa.*  
**Shortt/McKinnon**

**ADJOURNED: 2.22 PM**

**RECONVENED: 2:32 PM**

## **FEES AND CHARGES – ENGINEERING**

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The Engineering Manager explained Engineering Services processes and charging procedures and the need to implement a more efficient means of charging and processing all due fees.

**Resolved:** *That an addition be made to Register of Fees & Charges in the LTCCP to the effect that the flat rate processing charge of \$100 be applied to new water connections, new stormwater system connections, new sewer connections, reconnections to sewer, and applications for new vehicle crossings.*  
**Eaglesome/Birrell**

**Resolved:** *That an addition be made to Register of Fees & Charges in the LTCCP to the effect that a flat rate processing charge of \$25 be applied to applications to discharge stormwater to an open drain or kerb side and for reconnections to/of disconnected water services.*  
**McKinnon/McIntyre**

**Resolved:** *That:*

- 1. An addition be made to Register of Fees & Charges in the LTCCP to the effect that Connections to Council's underground services (Stormwater, Sewer and Water Reticulation) may only be carried out by Council's maintenance Contractor.*
- 2. All costs incurred in making the connection will be on-charged to the applicant.*
- 3. Council may charge an administration cost of up to 5% of the value of the work.*

**McIntyre/Eaglesome**

## **NEGLECTED SECTIONS/FUNDING NUHAKA**

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Mrs Taurima expressed concern within her submission as related to overgrown sections at Nuhaka, and the lack of funding expended on Nuhaka as a whole.

Councillor's acknowledged her concerns and the need to approach owners of vacant sections to advise them of their requirements to maintain their properties. Councillor's agreed that there would be value in addressing the concerns of Nuhaka residents at a community meeting, similar to those already held at Tuai and Raupunga.

**Resolved:** *That the submission be received and that a meeting be held at Nuhaka to speak with residents on community matters.*  
**Eaglesome/Shortt**

## **SIGNAGE**

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A submission had been received from the Combined Services Hall Society to investigate the erection of signage welcoming people to Wairoa.

Councillors were informed that no allocation had been made to erect any signs. Councillors recounted that at a previous meeting of Council they had determined that the Transit signs would suffice.

**Resolved:** *That the Combined Services Hall Society be informed that Council did not support the erecting of Welcome to Wairoa signs at this stage*  
**Shortt/Birrell**

### **SEWERAGE CONSULTANCY – MAHIA - ROADING & FOOTPATHS – N CHAPMAN**

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The Engineering Manager expressed concern at the content of the submission, believing that Mr Chapman had misinterpreted Council's intent when referring to Sewerage Consultancy at Mahia.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received and that the Engineering Manager take the comments of the submission into consideration and respond accordingly.</i>	<b>Birrell/Shortt</b>
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### **MAHIA SEWERAGE INVESTIGATION & STORMWATER - MR J BROWNLIE**

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<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received and that the Engineering Manager take the comments of the submission into consideration and respond accordingly.</i>	<b>Birrell/Shortt</b>
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### **WASTE MANAGEMENT/ROADING/SEWERAGE – B HETA**

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Councillors considered the content of the submission.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Caves/McIntyre</b>
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### **HOUSING NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION**

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Councillors considered the statements made within the submission.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Birrell/Shortt</b>
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### **RATES INCREASE – P J CRARER**

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Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Shortt/Caves</b>
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### **RATES INCREASES – A & D WILKIE**

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Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Shortt/Caves</b>
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### **RATES INCREASES – JOHN RICHARDSON**

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While Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers, it was also acknowledged that there may be an anomaly in the way rates were applied to this particular property.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received and the Chief Executive Officer contact Quotable Value New Zealand to determine how a valuation was applied to the property</i>	<b>Birrell/Shortt</b>
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### **PAN PAC**

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Councillors considered the statements made within the submission.

<b>Resolved:</b>	<i>That the submission be received.</i>	<b>Eaglesome/McIntyre</b>
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### **RATES INCREASES – KEN ROSS**

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Councillors determined that the content of the submission had been acknowledged and addressed when considering the submission of Federated Farmers.

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

### **RATES INCREASES – JULIE BATTES**

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Councillors determined that the content of the submission relating to rates increases had been acknowledged and addressed. The Engineering Manager was to follow up on comments made in relation to inadequate lighting at Ruawharo Marae.

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

### **NUHAKA TENNIS CLUB**

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Councillors were advised that Council owned the Nuhaka Domain, which was managed by a Domain Board.

Councillors expressed disappointment in that the project had been initiated without Council consent, with an approach only being made now due to a shortfall in funding. Neither had detailed information been provided to illustrate how much money had been expended on the project to date.

**Resolved:** *That the submission be received, and that the request for funding be declined.* **Eaglesome/Birrell**

### **DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT – KELLY DOYLE**

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Councillors considered the content of the submission.

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

### **HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD**

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Councillors considered the content of the submission and considered that the content relating to Smoke Free Environments had been addressed when considering the Hawke's Bay & Chatham Island Smoke Free Coalition submission.

**Resolved:** *That the submission be received.* **McIntyre/Shortt**

### **URBAN FORESTRY STANDARDS – EWAN MCGREGOR**

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Councillors considered the content of the submission.

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

There being no further submissions to the Draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan, His Worship the Mayor asked that Councillors now consider submissions received to the Draft Amendment of the Long term Council Community Plan

**PETER MANSON**

Councillors considered the content of the submission and noted the submitter's support of the Draft Amendment.

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

**MR TIM JONES**

Councillors considered the content of the submission. The Engineering Manager pointed out that despite comments made within the submission as related to new development exacerbating the situation, the stormwater problem had been in existence at Mahia for a long time

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

**MR TINY WHYTE**

Councillors considered the content of the submission and noted the submitter's support of funding being provided to offset the costs to implement the Mahia Beach Stormwater Management Plan.

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

**MR N CHAPMAN**

Councillors considered the content of the submission and noted the submitter's support of the Draft Amendment.

**Resolved:** *That the submission be received.* **Birrell/Shortt**

**MR JAMES BROWNLIE**

Councillors considered the content of the submission and noted the submitter's opposition to the Draft Amendment.

**Resolved:** *That the submission be received.* **Birrell/McIntyre**

There being no further submissions to the Draft Amendment of the 2006/2016 Long term Council Community Plan, His Worship the Mayor asked whether Councillor's were prepared to make a resolution on the matter.

**Resolved:** *That Council's resolution of 27 February 2007 'that a contribution of \$500,000 be made from the District Development Fund, to subsidise the costs to implement the Mahia Beach Stormwater Management Plan' be confirmed.*  
**Shortt/McKinnon**  
**AGAINST: Councillors Birrell and Caves**

**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;*

**Birrell/Caves**

**EXCLUDED FROM:**                    **3:19 PM**

**READMITTED FROM:**            **3:45 PM**

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There being no further submissions, His Worship the Mayor closed the hearing.

**CLOSED:**                    Hearing concluded at 3:46 pm

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Chair