

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 66 CARTERS ROAD AMBERLEY ON
THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2009 AT 9.30 AM**

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PRESENT: Mayor Jackson (Chairperson), Councillors J Coster, R Black, W Dalley, V Daly, W Doody, M Malthus, J Meikle, K Prenter, A Smart.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Dalziel (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs M Brown (Team Leader Secretarial Services).

PART MEETING: Mrs J Batchelor (Customer Services Manager), Ms A Dalley (Policy Planner), Mr B Yates (Manager of Engineering Services), Mr J Beck (Manager of Financial Services), Ms A van der Monde (Manager of Community and Corporate Services), Ms J Weaver (Policy Planner), Mr D McEntee (Biodiversity Officer).

BUSINESS

URGENT BUSINESS

- LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- INSURANCE RENEWALS
- UPDATE FROM RURAL SECTOR MEETING
- CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S FORUM
- WAIKARI LIMeworks (PUBLIC EXCLUDED)
- CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (PUBLIC EXCLUDED)

THAT THE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS ARE DEALT WITH.

Jackson/Malthus

CARRIED

AFFIRMATION

The affirmation was read by Mayor Jackson.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations. (Later in the meeting, Cr Dalley declared a conflict of interest in respect to the report 8.3 - Plan Change 17 Hearings Panel.)

RECORDING DEVICE

Council was advised that a recording device was in use for the purpose of accurately recording the minutes.

1. MINUTES

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2009 AS CIRCULATED, ARE TAKEN AS READ AND NOW CONFIRMED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS AS REQUESTED.

Page 11 - 9.1 Amberley Infrastructure strategies – Plan Change 13 Hearing Panel recommendations: Delete section 9.1 and insert the following -

ITEM 9.1 AMBERLEY INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIES –PLAN CHANGE 13 HEARING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr Feierabend said that it was only the South East section in the roading strategies that was going to be tied up in the mediation process and this could be adopted and easily be amended after mediation, even if it identified there was something different as it is not bound up in any formal statutory process. Cr Malthus, Cr Black and Mayor Jackson all agreed that we should park up the roading aspect in all fairness as it was not signalling the right message to the parties involved when we are about to go into mediation. the roading network was potentially linked to some of the subjects that could be discussed during the mediation process. Cr Dalley thoughts were that he was comfortable with it how it was worded as the roading strategy linkages were all there and was indicative only.

Mr Feierabend clarified that the recommendations of the hearing panel on the roading strategies were indicative only to allow Council the flexibility to move and change with the aspirations of the needs of the developers rather than have something fixed in concrete. Mayor Jackson asked whether Councillors were of the view that we therefore need to park up the Roding Strategy and it

was apparent that there was a general consensus from the Councillors on this.

Miss McClung reported on the recommendation of the amendments to the Sewerage strategy, which changed the development of an eastern boundary line and that would enable connections to be available for new lots in the eastern area and therefore encourage more growth in the central area. This was a more efficient and shorter route as was identified in consultation with Mr Yates. This would encourage greater development as it was apparent that this was a limiting factor in the lack of sewerage in this area.

- 1) THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES TO AMEND THE AMBERLEY SEWERAGE STRATEGY AS SHOWN IN THE REPORT DOCUMENTS.
- 2) THAT THE LTCCP BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE CHANGED TIMING FOR THE SEWERAGE WORKS INDICATED IN THE AMENDED STRATEGY.

Smart/Malthus

CARRIED

Against Prenter

Mayor Jackson asked If arising from successful mediation then approached by the owners of Seavale, who wanted to progress that development, would we be at point that we could approve and progress that and would there be any breaks on this being able to process this consent on the sewerage infrastructure issues. Mr Yates advised that it could be the outfall pipe that would need to be put in and who would be responsible for the placement of this and the sewerage ponds would need to be addressed on the disposal of the effluent, but he could not see any need for holding up the consent process.

Cr Dalley supported the change and had confidence that this would work.

Cr Smart requested that the Works and Services Committee and the Ward Committee be kept up to date with the sewer pond upgrade.

Cr Prenter asked Mr Yates whether alternative methods of sewerage treatment to the traditional oxidation ponds were an option that Council could consider due to the problems of disposing of effluent onto saturated land at Amberley Beach and if private developers could install their own treatment schemes. Mr Yates replied that both were possibilities that could be considered.

Page 14 – Table first column – B Kepes on behalf of the Waipara Residents Association; third column replace Culverden with Waipara.

Page 15 – 9.3.1 Development Contributions – delete paragraph as recorded in the minutes and replace with document to be tabled later in the meeting.

(It was decided later in the meeting that this paragraph would remain in and that the tabled minutes about Development Contributions would be appended to the minutes as an attachment).

Page 16 – 9.6 – Motion – delete *WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS* from the motion.

Page 20 – 9.17 – *Cr Malthus* to be inserted before *from 28 June to 12 July 2009* in motion.

Page 22 – 9.18 – third paragraph to read*”a contract of 3 plus 1 plus 1”*

Page 23 – first sentence in motion to read *TO ENTER INTO A 3 PLUS 1 PLUS 1 CONTRACT.*

Jackson/Black

CARRIED

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE LTCCP SUBMISSION HEARING (COUNCIL MEETING) HELD FROM 11 MAY 2009 AS CIRCULATED, ARE TAKEN AS READ AND NOW CONFIRMED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS AS REQUESTED.

Smart/Doody

CARRIED

1.1. MATTERS ARISING

1.1.1 LTCCP SUBMISSION HEARING

Cr Dalley reminded Council that Mike Northmore, Amberley Medical Centre had been inadvertently left off the submission presentation list for the LTCCP and would make his presentation to Council at the July 30 meeting.

2. ACTION SHEET

The Council were updated on the outstanding matters on the action list.

3. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

A programme of known reports and events to be included in the future Council meetings was provided for the Council's information.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Councillors that this document is to indicate the forward work planned for July and invited Councillors to list any work requested on this programme.

4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Notices of sale were tabled for the Council's information.

5. MAYORS DIARY

Council was advised of the Mayor's diary arrangements from 21 May 2009 to 19 June 2009.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 BENCHMARKING STATUS REPORT

The report by the Chief Executive Officer providing information on preliminary work on benchmarking for the Council was considered. The report identified six other councils that the CEO thought Hurunui District Council should benchmark against, with estimated population and land area being the two main determining criteria. The report suggested that before comparisons are made on Hurunui's performance with those other six council's, the CEO recommended waiting for the outcome of a Department of Internal Affairs report to Cabinet, which is expected before 31 August 2009. Cabinet's decisions are likely to shape how work on benchmarking of local authorities proceeds.

The CEO reported on the comparisons between Mt Ruapehu and Manawatu and advised that he is currently collecting information on all six councils however he noted that there are some inconsistencies in doing the comparisons as some of the costs are either in governance or in trusts.

The CEO sought Council opinion on the suggested criteria of land area and population and Cr Dalley made the point that there are too many variables and the outcomes are just not consistent.

CEO noted that it is good to compare yourself with neighbours and this gives us a model however he expressed the concern that if the minister gets traction it will be about mandating measures for us and the CEO advised that he does not want this to influence our behaviours.

Cr Malthus suggested that the value is for the staff and systems.

The Mayor thanked the CEO for the time he has put into this and noted that he has the support of Council.

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THIS REPORT AND NOTE THAT FURTHER WORK ON BENCHMARKING WILL BE PROGRESSED AFTER CABINET CONSIDERS A DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT COVERING THIS TOPIC, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST 2009.

Dalley/Malthus

CARRIED

6.2 BORROWING AND SECURITY STRUCTURE

The report from the Manager of Financial Services recommending that Council needed to consider the structure of debt that Council forecasts to take on during the 2009/2010 financial year was considered.

Mr Beck advised that of the three basic security options available to Council for the approximate \$9 million forecast debt the most appropriate form of documentation is a simple debenture and the most appropriate form of security is a charge on rates.

The Mayor noted that this is a “structural” approval to provide the mechanism to handle the borrowings which council agreed to through the LTCCP. The actual “borrowings” still comes back to Council for formal approval when Council approves and agrees to proceed with Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools expansion which is a large part of the \$9 million. It was noted that Council have agreed to the Thermal Pools development in principle and have adopted this in the LTCCP but there is still the final step of formal sign off.

THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF BASIC DEBENTURE AS THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR BORROWING AND THAT A CHARGE ON RATE BE THE SECURITY COUNCIL PROVIDES FOR BORROWING.

Meikle/Malthus

CARRIED

6.3 CONTESTABLE FUND – CARRY OVERS

The report from the Manager of Financial Services advising that a direction from Council was required regarding the carry over of remaining funds yet to be uplifted from the Contestable Fund Allocation was considered.

Mr Beck advised that there is \$101,034.55 unspent funds remaining and suggested that these funds be transferred into a special account where they can be tracked and that the end date for the uplifting of the funds be March 2010.

Cr Daly noted that the funds have to be spent on the Reserves, and that the community groups do take the time to complete the projects. Cr Daly suggested that June would be a more appropriate closing date for the uplifting of the funds.

The Mayor queried why the funds have not been used within the set time noting that there is provision in the LTCCP that this funding be repeated in the next twelve months and queried why further funding would be provided if the first funding has not been spent.

Cr Meikle noted that the funding has been allocated but not spent and Cr Dalley noted that this could be due to the groups wishing to seek funding from other sources and also that the people involved are volunteers who have other commitments.

THAT THE REMAINING UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE CONTESTABLE FUND IS CARRIED OVER TO THE 2009/2010 YEAR ON THE PROVISIO THAT THE FUNDS MUST BE UPLIFTED BY 30 JUNE 2010.

Jackson/Prenter

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.23 am

Meeting resumed at 10.37 am

6.5 HURUNUI LONG TERM COMMUNITY PLAN 2009 - 2019

The report from the Policy Planner advising that Council is required to have a Long Term Council Community Plan for the period from 2009 to 2019 to take effect from 1 July 2009 was considered.

The report advised that the Draft Hurunui Long Term Community Plan has been processed through the special consultative procedure under part 6, section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Council is now required to adopt the final Hurunui Long Term Community Plan 2009 - 2019 for it to become effective from 1 July 2009.

The written report from Audit NZ was tabled at the meeting and Ms van der Monde advised that Audit NZ were satisfied that the LTCCP requirements have been met.

Cr Doody noted Rotherham has been omitted from the one of the statements in Ward profiles [in the plan] and that it should be there.

Cr Daly advised that the Amberley Domain Board have not been kept informed regarding the request from the Amberley Football Club for irrigation on the Reserve. Mr Yates advised that the Board were advised at a meeting however this was after the decision was made by Council. Cr Smart noted that most of the Board are members of the Amberley Ward Committee and the Ward Committee had discussed this proposal prior to Council making the decision.

THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE HURUNUI LONG TERM COMMUNITY PLAN 2009 - 2019 PURSUANT TO SECTION 93 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS AS ATTACHED AND NOTING THE UNQUALIFIED AUDIT REPORT.

Jackson/Malthus

CARRIED

Discussion took place as to whether or not the thermal pools and spa development project would need to come back to the Council for approval before it commenced. It was agreed that although the funds for the development project had been approved in the LTCCP, before the commencement of the project, it should come back to the Council for final approval.

The Mayor asked that the minutes record appreciation to staff and management for the work done in the development of the LTCCP.

Cr Malthus queried if submitters will receive a response from Council and Ms van der Monde advised that this is under action.

Cr Meikle noted that the steering committee formed at the lead up time to the LTCCP process worked well and she suggested that this maybe a process for the future, the meeting agreed.

6.4 ADOPTION OF RATES FOR 2009/2010

The report from the Manager of Financial Services advising that under section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Council is required to resolve to set rates for the forthcoming year was considered.

It was noted that Council has approved the rates level in approving the Funding Impact Statement, which formed part of LTCCP. The schedule in the report indicated the rates to be set.

Cr Prenter queried the Glenmark Ward Roadside Construction rate and Mr Beck advised that this is carry over of work at the start of the financial year.

Cr Malthus advised that he was comfortable with the Targeted Tourism rate figures and Cr Dalley queried the wording on page 53 of the report and it was agreed that the sentence beginning ..*The Roading Rate requirement* be inserted under the Planning heading.

THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 23 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RATING) ACT 2002, THE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2010 AS DETAILED IN THE REPORT.

Malthus/Meikle

CARRIED

The Mayor queried whether Council wished a media release to be made regarding the final 09/10 annual plan and the rate increase. The CEO advised that he felt it is important that the 4.2% overall increase in the rates be signalled that feedback be given to the community that the increase has crept up because of the submissions and that Council have taken account of the community suggestions but kept the increase as low as possible. It was noted that the Rotherham Medical Centre and the global Amberley drainage rate have both contributed to the increase.

6.6 RŪNANGA POSITION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Policy Planner reported that on 28 May 2009, the Council decided that creating a seat on the Environmental Services Committee for Rūnanga

representation was a significant issue and as such, the matter is now required to undergo a Special Consultative Procedure as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr Malthus updated Council of the recent meeting with the Runanga of Kaikoura and Tuahuriri where it was noted that this is a matter of significance and consultation will take place.

The draft consultation document had been given to members of the Runanga earlier in the week and their feedback had been invited. They suggested some changes at the meeting with Cr Malthus. Those present accepted the principle of the consultation and understand the reasons for this. There was also some discussion regarding the draft Accidental Discovery Procedure and some minor changes were suggested particularly that the procedure should be part of a Resource Consent.

Ms Dalley advised of the changes the Runanga had suggested to the document outlining the position on the Environmental Services Committee. Cr Black expressed the concern that the changes should be given proper consideration before going to the public and that the Council had not had an opportunity to do that. The Mayor noted that the changes were not [immediately] available for consideration and Cr Malthus advised that the changes were not just that the Runanga were seeking a position on the Environmental Services Committee but to give greater emphasis on the reasons they want to be involved and the significance of that to Maori.

The Mayor expressed the concern that the summary statement must be clear and that it is most important part of the document.

Cr Black stressed that Councillors need time to read the document and think through the ramifications of the document before it is put out to the public.

Cr Smart advised that he wanted time to give the revised document due consideration and suggested that the matter be carried over to the July meeting.

THAT THIS ITEM BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING AND THAT THE REVISED SUMMARY STATEMENT BE SENT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT COUNCILLORS BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER THE DOCUMENT AND THAT THE OPPORTUNITY BE GIVEN TO COUNCILLORS TO ADVISE STAFF OF ANY CHANGES OR RAISE QUESTIONS THAT REQUIRE CLARIFICATION.

Jackson/Dalley

Cr Black queried if the summary was the document that was going to the public and the Mayor advised that the whole package will go into the public domain for consultation but he suspects that most people will read the summary document.

The motion was put and CARRIED

Cr Prenter queried the cost implications and Cr Malthus advised that this had been discussed at the meeting and the cost would only be in terms of mileage allowance - the same of other members of the committee.

6.7 GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW

The report from the Policy Planner advised that under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Act 2003 the Council is required to have a Class 4 and TAB venue policy and that this policy must be reviewed every three years to assess any changes in the community that may require a change of gambling policy.

Cr Smart queried the robustness of the report regarding the social impacts of gambling on the district and Ms Dalley advised that the report came from data from the Internal Affairs and Gaming Associations that are associated with this area. Cr Smart queried what areas this extends to and Ms Dally advised that it covers Class 4 and the TAB - the areas that local authorities have control over.

Ms Dalley noted that there is a slight increase in levels of gambling losses in the Hurunui however she advised that this is only slight and is no cause for alarm at this stage although if it continues it may have to be addressed in the future. Cr Black noted that an annual review would be unnecessarily costly but Ms Dalley advised that it would be more of an annual information report rather than a review.

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) REAFFIRM ITS SUPPORT FOR THE CURRENT CLASS 4 AND TAB VENUE POLICY.
- 2) RESOLVE TO INITIATE THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE ON THE CURRENT POLICY.
- 3) ADOPT THE PROPOSAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION
- 4) RESOLVE TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON GAMBLING TRENDS IN THE HURUNUI DISTRICT LEADING UP TO THE NEXT THREE YEAR REVIEW.

Doody/Meikle

CARRIED

6.8 BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION – PROGRESS REPORT ONE

The Biodiversity Ambassador advised that he commenced on 20 April 2009 and reported on his actions to date to implement the Hurunui Biodiversity Strategy and the work programme for July to December 2009.

The Mayor queried if there should be other key players other than those listed who should be contacted e.g. Jamie McFadden (Native Plant supplier), Fran Perriam (Chair of SNA Group), Federated Farmers etc. Mr McEntee advised that he has plans to meet with these people. Cr Dalley advised that he had spent time at the Lakes with Mr McEntee and Mr McEntee advised that he has already met with the Hurunui Ward Committee and plans to meet with the other ward committees.

Cr Doody advised that she would like Mr McEntee to meet with members of the Amuri area as they are doing a lot of planting and the Mayor suggested that councillors do a tour of their respective areas with Mr McEntee and meet with the key people in the area.

Cr Malthus queried the feedback from rural areas and Mr McEntee advised that has been receptive and positive.

Cr Malthus queried the liaison with Greening Waipara and Mr McEntee advised that he is now picking up the two days in Waipara.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Doody/Coster

CARRIED

6.9 PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 17 – HEARINGS PANEL

The report from the Policy Planner on the proposed Plan Change 17 miscellaneous changes and corrections was considered. It was recommended that a Hearings Panel be appointed to hear submissions and recommend a decision on the proposed Plan Change 17.

The report advised that six submissions to the Plan Change have been received however none of the submitters wish to be heard.

Cr Dalley declared that he had a conflict of interest and therefore was not suitable to be on the Hearings Panel.

It was noted that three members on the Panel would be the minimum required number.

THAT THE COUNCIL DELEGATES TO A HEARINGS PANEL THE POWER TO HEAR AND REVIEW SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMEND A DECISION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 17.

THAT THE COUNCIL DETERMINES THAT THREE ELECTED MEMBERS COUNCILLORS MEIKLE, DOODY AND MALTHUS BE THE HEARINGS PANEL FOR PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE17.

Jackson/Coster

CARRIED

6.10 INSURANCE RENEWALS

The Manager of Financial Services tabled a report that scheduled the range insurance policies that the Council currently holds and sought approval for the renewal of the policies as the total exceeds the delegated authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Beck advised that Council has set amounts for Insurance in the 2009/2010 financial year at \$134,826 however there has been some movement in the market since last year. Based on the figures provided in Vero's quote of \$117,363 was the lowest, the Council is expecting to receive a saving of \$17,500.

Cr Black queried if the broker fee was included in the quote and Mr Beck confirmed this. Cr Black then asked if it is necessary to have a broker and Mr Beck advised that in view of the complexity of claims it is important for the broker to handle these on behalf of the Council.

Cr Black queried attempting to reduce the Jardine Lloyd Thompson's brokerage fee. The Mayor noted that Council rates have gone up 0.5% and asked if the broker's fee is in line that amount. Mr Beck replied that the broker's fee is a percentage of the premium and the brokers' fee will have reduced in accordance to the reduction in the premiums.

The Mayor noted that Council are moving away from Civic Assurance and queried if this will cause a problem. The CEO replied that while Civic Assurance do give a dividend it is extremely small and when the same level of cover can be obtained in the market place at a cheaper rate it is good business to do so.

THAT THE COUNCIL RENEWS ITS EXISTING POLICIES AND THAT IT PLACES ITS KEY INSURANCE POLICIES WITH VERO.

Jackson/Malthus

CARRIED

At 11.45 am Councillors were given 10 minutes to read the 2 items in relation to the minutes of 28 May 2009 as follows (6.11 and 6.12) -

6.11 AMBERLEY INFRASTRUCTRE STRATEGIES – PLAN CHANGE 13 HEARING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT THE TABLED DOCUMENT BE TAKEN AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE DISCUSSION IN RESPECT OF ITEM 9.1 ON 28 MAY AND REPLACES ITEM 9.1 IN THE MINUTES OF 28 MAY.

6.12 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

THAT THE TABLED MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS DISCUSSION OF 9.3.1 AT THE 28 MAY COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THAT DISCUSSION.

Page 6, Cr Smart advised that the second to last paragraph on page 6 of the report should reflect that the formula of 20 lots per year was based on the growth as well as the retail area.

Page 6, second to last paragraph – to be added on to the last sentence after ‘approach,*reflecting both residential growth itself and the impact of the retail developments, and should be explored as a way forward.*

Page 6 – second to last paragraph - second line – delete “*Line*” 11 and replace with “*year*” 11.

Smart/Black

CARRIED

THAT THE NOTES ON PAGE 15 OF THE MINUTES FOR ITEM 9.3.1 NOT BE DELETED BUT RETAINED AND THAT THE NEW MINUTES BE APPENDED AS AN EXTENSION.

Jackson/Malthus

CARRIED

Cr Smart noted that the Development Contributions as listed in the document as increasing each year and Mr Beck advised that this is due to inflation.

Cr Doody advised that she has an issue regarding the fairness of the Development Contribution scheme when more contributions than expected are received and the meeting agreed that once the contributions project is completed Council will have other projects to be funded.

Mr Dalziel advised that the minutes for the Development Contributions discussion have been carefully scrutinized to show a full and frank discussion was held resulting in a robust decision.

6.13 MAYORAL FORUM

The CEO advised that the District Commander of Canterbury Police Superintendent, Dave Cliff spoke to the Mayoral Forum. He said that crime is up across the region, particularly; arson, burglary numbers are up, but that have been 13 road deaths, which is the lowest number in 10 years.

The district will have 10% less police cars due to budget cuts. However rural areas will retain staffing numbers and vehicles numbers. Cr Smart expressed concern that there will not be an increase in the number of police in the district. He was concerned that the police are not operating in the single man stations at night. Mr Dalziel advised that Supt Cliff intends to make a visit to Hurunui. Supt. Cliff advised that alcohol is the biggest problem for Police, any advocacy by councils to restrict alcohol would be appreciated. He supported the co-location of emergency services, as was happening in some Hurunui towns.

6.14 CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM

The CEO reported on the recent CEO's forum, advising that several messages were given, including updates on work which was occurring on the core service functions of councils, polls and referendums, and a three year moratorium for the drinking water standards.

The Mayor advised that he had discussed the water standards moratorium with Lawrence Yule and suggested that in view of the moratorium, Council should identify in the next Annual Plan what development is required in all the water schemes to meet the standards and through LGNZ share the data with Government to draw them into the funding debate. Mr Yule intends to pick up on this idea from the LGNZ viewpoint.

6.15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RURAL AND PROVINCIAL SECTOR FORUM

The CEO reported on the recent Local Government Rural and Provincial Sector Forum advising that the Government saw itself as supporting health in rural communities; that the level of dissatisfaction was building over the structural changes proposed in Auckland; and the LGNZ is coordinating a response to changes the Local Government Minister is proposing for the sector. A reasonably pessimistic view was presented on the state of the Country's books, which made it clear that the Government was struggling to cover its costs.

6.16 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Jackson requested leave of absence from two months to the end of August for private reasons which he did not wish to disclose. It was noted that Cr Malthus will step into the role of Mayor during his absence and that remuneration will be applied accordingly. The Mayor advised that with Council support he intends to retain a lead role for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy during his leave of absence.

MOVED THAT LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE APPROVED FOR THE MAYOR UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

Smart/ Daly

CARRIED

Mr Dalziel advised that Cr Malthus will be on leave from 28 June to 12 July and asked that a Councillor be named to act in place at this time. Cr Meikle advised that it is possible she will not be available however Cr Dalley will be.

MOVED THAT DURING THE PERIOD ACTING MAYOR MALTHUS IS ABSENT CR DALLEY BE ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR.

Smart/Meikle CARRIED

THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF MAYOR JACKSON THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAS THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY CONSEQUENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS.

Smart/Meikle CARRIED

THAT CR BLACK BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE 1 – 12 JULY.

Prenter/Malthus CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.46 pm and resumed at 1.18 pm.

7. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF THE MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED WHILE THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED, THE REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO THE MATTER AND THE SPECIFIC GROUNDS UNDER SECTION 48 (1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Grounds under section 48 (1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| Item 1 Public excluded Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of 28 May 2009. | Minutes contain information which if released would affect the privacy of natural persons. | Section 48 (1) (a) (i) |
| Item 2 Minutes of the public excluded session of the LTCCP submission | Minutes contain information which if released would affect the privacy of natural persons. | Section 48 (1) (a) (i) |

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| Item 3: Interim Conclusions proposed Plan Change 15 - Buxton Gore Bay Ltd | Subject to appeal | Section 48 (1) (a), Section 48 (1), (d) |
| Item 4: Tabled item – Waikari Lime Works | The Report contains information that would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial positions of persons who supplied it | Section 48 (2) (b) (11) |
| Item 5: Canterbury Water Management Strategy - presentation | To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence | Section 48 (2) (c) (1) |

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as follows:

Jackson/Meikle

CARRIED

THAT THE MEETING MOVE OUT OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED AND WHAT WAS DISCUSSED IN THIS SESSION REMAINS PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Jackson/Smart

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

Following the closure of this meeting a presentation was made to the recipients of the Hurunui Fund and the Community Services Awards. This was

chaired by Mayor Jackson and attended by Councillors Coster, Dalley, Doody, Meikle, Malthus, Black, Smart and Daly.

Hurunui Fund (Environment) recipients: Tim and Sue Anderson, W H Holdings Ltd, Rein Bakker from Dutch Station.

Hurunui Fund (Heritage) recipients: Cheviot Historical Society, Michael Lynch from the Weka Pass Railway Inc.

Community Services Award recipients: Athol and Barbara Rutherford (Hurunui Ward), John Belton (Amuri Ward), Monica Smith (Hanmer Springs Ward), Judith McKendry (Amberley Ward), Ellen Harry (Cheviot).

Confirmed _____  _____ Date 31/7/09 _____