

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 66 CARTERS ROAD, AMBERLEY ON THURSDAY 30
APRIL 2009 AT 9.30 AM**

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor R Black.

MOVED THAT THE APOLOGY BE ACCEPTED.

Jackson/Malthus

CARRIED

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

PART MEETING Ms J Weaver (Policy Planner), Mr B Yates (Manager of Engineering Services), Miss S Cracknell (Solid Waste Manager), Mr A Feierabend (Manager of Environmental Services, Ms A van der Monde (Manager of Community and Corporate Services), Mr J Beck (Manager of Financial Services), Mr B Yates (Manager of Engineering Services), Ms Helga Rigg (Senior Planner), Mr M Rowe (Team Leader Building Controls), Mrs L White (Consents Planner), Mr S Pearson (Tourism Manager), Mrs J Batchelor (Customer Services Manager), Mr D McEntee (Bio Diversity Officer), Miss R McClung (Senior Planner), Ms A Dalley (Policy Planner), Mr D Edge (Roading Manager).

BUSINESS:

1. URGENT BUSINESS

- 1.1 UPDATE ON LTCCP SUBMISSIONS**
- 1.2 UPDATE ON MT CASS APPEAL**
- 1.3 PANDEMIC**
- 1.4 UPDATE ON HANMER SPRINGS REDEVELOPMENT**
- 1.5 UPDATE OF AMBERLEY SEWERAGE PONDS**
- 1.6 HURUNUI BRIDGE SH1**
- 1.7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
- 1.8 HURUNUI WATER CONSERVATION ORDER**
- 1.9 CAMPBELL TERRACE MOTUNAU**

THAT THE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS ARE DEALT WITH.

Coster/Malthus

CARRIED

2. AFFIRMATION

The affirmation was read by Mayor Jackson.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nil.

4. RECORDING DEVICE

The Councillors were advised that a recording device was in use for the purpose of accurately recording the minutes.

5. MINUTES

Item 9.2; Cr Prenter asked that the statement he made be included, "that these costs have become out of control".

Item 9.5; Cr Meikle requested that an additional sentence be added to her comments, "The proposed changes would also undermine fair representation".

Item 9.11; (After the resolution), It was agreed that Cr Malthus would act as Mayor for Council business in Mayor Jackson's absence.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2009 AS CIRCULATED, ARE TAKEN AS READ AND NOW CONFIRMED WITH THE AMENDMENTS AS REQUESTED.

Meikle/Doody

CARRIED

5.1. MATTERS ARISING

- Cr Prenter reiterated that the costs for the Canterbury Museum were out of control and this was supported by Cr Smart.
- Council was advised that the Hearing Panel appointments for the frost fans is deferred to the May Council meeting and the hearings are to be heard in July.

6. ACTION SHEET

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

8. MAYORS DIARY

Council were advised of the Mayor's diary from 20 February to 18 March 2009.

9. BUSINESS

9.1 2009 HLTCP CONSULTATION REVIEW

The Manager of Community and Corporate Services reported that the consultation period for the draft Hurunui Long Term Community Plan 2009 – 2019 was from 6 March until 24 April. Within the seven week period, a number of methods were used to encourage public participation and engagement. The public meetings worked really well overall with a good attendance at them.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Malthus/Coster

CARRIED

New staff, Rachel McClung, Senior Planner and Dale McEntee, Bio Diversity Officer were introduced to Council.

9.2 FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE TRAINING

The Manager of Community and Corporate Services reported that Local Government New Zealand is planning a series of training and development courses for elected

members. The first of these is the Financial Governance 101 course which will be held in various locations throughout New Zealand including Christchurch on 7 August 2009.

Councillors Doody, Coster, Dalley and Malthus expressed their wish to attend.

APPROVED THE ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS DOODY,COSTER, DALLEY AND MALTHUS TO REGISTER FOR THE FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE 101 TRAINING.

Jackson/Smart

CARRIED

9.3 LGNZ CONFERENCE 2009

The Manager of Community and Corporate Services reported that the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference 2009 is being held in Christchurch from 12.30pm, Sunday 26 July to Wednesday 29 July. Council was asked to appoint delegates and determine any accommodation requirements. A budget provision has been made for the Mayor and one Councillor to attend.

Mayor Jackson and Councillors Malthus and Coster expressed their wish to attend. Ms van der Monde advised Council there was sufficient funds in the budget for all three members to attend.

1. APPROVED MAYOR JACKSON, COUNCILLORS, COSTER AND MALTHUS TO ATTEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE.

Jackson/Doody

CARRIED

2. APPOINT MAYOR JACKSON AS THE PRESIDING DELEGATE AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MALTHUS AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS THE TWO ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Smart/Daly

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.17 am

Meeting resumed at 10.34 am

3. ADVISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND OF THESE DECISIONS.

4. THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE COST OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE LGNZ CONFERENCE FOR UP TO TWO NIGHTS EACH.

Jackson/Smart

CARRIED

Ms van der Monde presented 4 proposed remits for the LGNZ Conference sent through from other local authorities to the Council to seek their support.

5. PROPOSED REMITS:

- A. SUPPORT THE PROPOSED REMIT INITIATED BY THE PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL CALLING ON LGNZ TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE SITING OF WIND FARMS AND SPECIFICALLY:
 - i. THE MINIMUM DISTANCE TURBINES CAN BE PLACED FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCES
 - ii. THE ALLOWABLE MAXIMUM SATURATION OF AN AREAS SKYLINE
 - iii. AND PARTIALLY SUPPORT IDENTIFYING THE ICONIC AREAS ON WHICH TURBINES CANNOT BE BUILT AS LONG AS THIS DOES NOT COMPROMISE LOCAL ABILITY TO DO SO.
- B. SUPPORT THE PROPOSED REMIT INITIATED BY THE WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE NATIONAL CEILING ON THE LITTER INFRINGEMENT FINE FOR THE ILLEGAL DEPOSIT OF WASTE TO BE LIFTED TO \$1,000.
- C. SUPPORT THE PROPOSED REMIT INITIATED BY THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE LGNZ POLICY TEAM TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER TO DEVELOP AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE METHOD OF AUDITING THE LTCCP AND ANNUAL REPORT.
- D. SUPPORT THE PROPOSED REMIT INITIATED BY THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY TO EXTEND THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ITS TOTAL MOBILITY SCHEME.

Jackson/Coster

CARRIED

9.4 CHEVIOT WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee Secretary reported that at the triennial election meeting in 2008 only six names were put forward for the committee. A further member was added, but this still left one vacancy on the Cheviot Community Ward Committee. At the Annual meeting on 31 March 2009 a nomination was received from Peter Montgomery and accepted by the meeting.

THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP OF PETER MONTGOMERY TO THE CHEVIOT COMMUNITY WARD COMMITTEE.

Daly /Smart

CARRIED

9.5 ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE – CHEVIOT RESERVES COMMITTEE

The Committee Secretary reported that additional expenditure of \$3,000 for contractor payments in the Cheviot Reserves Committee account was required.

APPROVED THE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF \$3,000 FROM THE CHEVIOT RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR CONTRACT WORK.

Daly/Smart

CARRIED

9.6 DECISION ON PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 14 – BEATTIE

Council was advised that some additional personal information had been received and should be discussed in the public excluded session.

THAT THIS ITEM IS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION.

Meikle/Doody

CARRIED

9.7 DECISION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 7 – QUARRYING AND MINING

The Policy Planner reported that the Proposed Plan Change 7 Hearing Panel's recommendation was to approve an amended Plan Change subject to additional rules that differentiate between quarrying and mining activities and provide for these at different activity status levels. It was recommended that the Plan Change be adopted by the Council.

There was a series of questions on how this would be affected for commercial or private operations. Council was advised by Mr Feierabend that the purpose of the Plan Change was to clarify existing consent conditions, and remove the requirement for the District Council to address a permitted activity and give the regional responsibility to ECan.

Mr Feierabend also advised that the plan change provided for a discretionary activity with a 500 metre buffer.

THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE HEARING PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 7 TO THE HURUNUI DISTRICT PLAN AS ITS DECISION AND PUBLICLY NOTIFY THIS PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 10 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991.

Daly/Meikle

CARRIED

Cr Meikle raised the issue that Cr Black has had valued input to this Plan Change, but it was unfortunate that due to his illness he was not available for the final decision.

It was agreed that this decision should be released to Federated Farmers, the Ward Committee and the media, so that extensive communication be made with comprehensive information to the consent holders.

9.8 HEARING PANEL FOR PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 16 – MICAH PROPERTIES LIMITED

The Senior Planner reported that the proposed Plan Change No 16 was a privately initiated plan change to rezone approximately 7 hectares of land in Hanmer Springs from General Management to Residential. The report addressed the constitution of a hearings panel to hear and make decisions requested on submissions on the plan change.

The hearings are scheduled for late June, or early July.

THAT THE COUNCIL APPOINT A HEARINGS PANEL MADE UP OF A COMMISSIONER AND TWO COUNCILLORS DOODY AND MEIKLE TO HEAR AND RECOMMEND A DECISION TO THE COUNCIL ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 16 – MICAH PROPERTIES LIMITED.

Coster/Malthus

CARRIED

Canterbury Water Management Strategy Presentation by Hugh Cunard and Eugene Sage

Their presentation focused on the key points and timeframes that are in place:

- *Shaping the way that water is managed across Canterbury*
- *Public consultation needed*
- *Committed to a long term solution*
- *Deal with all aspects of water including flows, quality, demand and conservation*
- *Desired outcome being “to gain the greatest cultural economic environmental, recreational and social benefits from our water resources within a sustainable framework both now and our future generations”.*
- *The topical areas that are part of the strategy are: environmental flows; ecosystem; protection; water; quality; land use allocation; infrastructure; demand management.*

The Hurunui District Council was encouraged to make a submission to the strategy.

Following the presentation there were several points raised that need to be considered.

A district wide meeting to be held on 21 May 2009 at the Waipara Hall to be chaired by Mayor Jackson.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm

Meeting resumed at 1.00 pm

9.9 RURAL SUBDIVISION REVIEW

The Planner reported that the Council agreed at a meeting that the general subdivision standards in the rural areas of the District be reviewed in the context of current residential use of the rural environment and the need to address potential reverse sensitivity issues. This work stream was programmed to occur in the 2008/09 financial year. The report provided the Council with the direction that is planned for

the rural subdivision review. Cr Prenter stated that he wanted to have input to the rural subdivision review. Mayor Jackson asked that Councillors give any feedback through him.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Jackson/Smart

CARRIED

9.10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was agreed that Cr Malthus would act as Mayor in Mayor Jackson's absence from Monday 4 May to 8 May 2009.

THAT COUNCIL APPOINT CR MALTHUS AS MAYOR DURING MAYORS ABSENCE FROM 4 MAY TO 9 MAY 2009.

Smart/Doody

CARRIED

9.11 LTCCP UPDATE ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The Manager of Community and Corporate Services advised that there were 197 submissions received with 45 submitters wishing to speak.

Councillors were advised of the following timetable for the submission hearings:

9.30 am start Monday 11 May 2009

9.00 am start Tuesday 12 May 2009

9.00 am start Wednesday 13 May 2009.

Submissions will be sent out on Friday to Councillors.

9.12 UPDATE ON MT CASS WINDFARM

The Manager of Environmental Services advised that an application to appeal the decision has been lodged with the Environment court on the grounds of ecology and landscape.

9.13 UPDATE ON THE PANDEMIC

Council were advised by the Emergency Management Officer that we have no major role in the current notification of the Swine flu. We will have a link in with the Health Organisations, who have a plan on how this would be handled in the event of an outbreak. The Emergency Management Officer is keeping up with the current events as they unfold.

9.14 UPDATE ON THE AMBERLEY SEWERAGE PONDS

The Manager of Engineering Services provided an update on the Amberley Sewerage Ponds with the hearings being heard last week. The planned upgrade is to increase the size of the ponds and the quality of the effluent that is being discharged.

Also, that the methods of disposing of the surplus effluent is to be addressed along with the disposal for the effluent area to be increased by 2 hectares. There will be a financial impact for the physical completion of the works and this will need to be included in the LTCCP.

A communication strategy is to be developed to ensure that the public is kept up to date with what is planned.

9.15 AMURI AVE HANMER SPRINGS

The Manager of Environmental Services provided an update on the need to remove 15 trees in Amuri Avenue to complete the landscape project and thought that the public should be consulted on what is proposed and that it be a notified resource consent. Ongoing communication has been made with the arborist and will be available at a public open day (to be advised) for questions and clarification of the project.

The costs for the removal of the trees and the replacement of them in the new design would be offset by the redesign of the plan.

9.16 HURUNUI BRIDGE SH1

Cr Daly reported that he had concerns about the northern end barriers having been narrowed by the contractors for NZTA. Mr Yates was asked to investigate.

9.17 CAMPBELL TERRACE MOTUNAU

Cr Prenter raised concerns about the one way access way on Campbell Terrace being washed away and that it could develop into a major concern. A report on this is to be presented to the next Works and Services committee meeting.

9.18 WAIPARA RIVER WORKING GROUP

Mayor Jackson updated the Committee on the work plan of that committee.

9.19 HURUNUI RIVER CONSERVATION ORDER

Mayor Jackson advised that five of the submissions in support of the Council's case will be heard tomorrow.

9.20 FURTHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Jackson asked that Council consider a further leave of absence for Cr Black.

CR BLACK BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE 2009.

Malthus/Coster

CARRIED

THAT COUNCILLORS SMART AND PRENTER BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM 18 MAY TO 25 MAY 2009.

Jackson/Malthus

CARRIED

Walking & Cycling Strategy submitter Mr Fred Murray

Mr Murray made a personal presentation based on the cycling strategy, he raised the following points:

- commented on traffic issues that were hazardous for cyclists with heavy vehicles passing and causing down draft*
- happy to have cycling in areas where there are no vehicles and wanted to see a bike trail between wineries in the Hurunui*
- wanted encouragement for Hurunui residents to cycle to their place of work, not just for the purpose of recreational activities.*

Presentation by Karen Selway on the Resident Satisfaction Survey

Power point presentation tabled.

Meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.17 pm

Meeting resumed at 3.33 pm

9.21 RESIDENT AND RATEPAYER SURVEY

The Manager of Community and Corporate Services reported that the Council's annual resident and ratepayer survey was conducted in February 2009 by Opinions Market Research Ltd. The analysis has been completed and was presented by the director of Opinions, Karen Selway at the meeting. The report summarised the results with a brief analysis and comparison to the previous two surveys done in 2008 and 2007.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Jackson/Meikle

CARRIED

9.22 WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY

The Policy Planner reported that the Draft Hurunui Walking and Cycling Strategy was consulted on, in February and March 2009. The report summarised the submissions that were received and recommended changes to the draft strategy before its final adoption.

THAT COUNCIL:

- a) ACCEPT THE LATE SUBMISSION RECEIVED FROM FIONA WHERO.

Dalley/Smart

CARRIED

- b) ADOPT THE PROPOSED WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY AS TABLED TOGETHER WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES AS LAID OUT SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS MADE AS A RESULT OF NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO THE STRATEGY AND DECISIONS MADE ON THE SUBMISSIONS. A THANK YOU TO THE WORKING GROUP FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT.

Jackson/Meikle

CARRIED

MOVED SESSION INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED AND WHAT WAS DISCUSSED IN THIS SESSION IS TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Jackson/Malthus

CARRIED

10. 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
Item 1 Public Excluded minutes of 26 March 2009	Minutes contain information which if released would affect the privacy of natural persons.	Section 48 (1) (a) (i)
Item 2 GST	To enable the local authority to deliberate in private without prejudice or disadvantage.	Section 48 (1) (a) (i)
Item 3 Distribution of funds	To enable the local authority to deliberate in private without prejudice or disadvantage.	Section 48 (1) (a) (i)
Item 4 Plan Change 13 Appeals	To allow the local authority to deliberate in private on matters which could be subject to Appeal.	Section 48 (1) (a) Section 48 (1) (d)

MOVED MEETING INTO OPEN SESSION AND RESOLVED THAT WHAT WAS DISCUSSED IN THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION REMAINS PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Jackson/Prenter

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED AT 5.49 PM.

Confirmed _____ Date _____