

# HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES



**Meeting** Council  
**Time and Date** 9.30am, 1 June 2017  
**Venue** Council Chambers, 66 Carters Road, Amberley.

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**Members Present** Mayor Winton Dalley (Chairperson), Councillors Nicky Anderson, Marie Black, Vince Daly, Fiona Harris, Julia McLean and Geoff Shier.

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**In Attendance** Hamish Dobbie (Chief Executive Officer), Judith Batchelor (Manager Regulatory Services), Jason Beck (Manager Support Services), David Edge (Manager Infrastructure Services – Assets), Dan Harris (Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery), Audrey van der Monde (Manager Public Services) and Graham Sutherland (Council Secretary).

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**Apologies** Cr Jason Fletcher. Councillors Dick Davison and Michael Ward – leaves of absence.  
THAT THE APOLOGY BE ACCEPTED.  
Black/Harris CARRIED

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**Affirmation** Mayor Dalley read the affirmation as attached to the Council agenda.

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**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

- Cr Daly noted that in earlier discussions he raised that he may have a conflict of interest with respect to the Hurunui Water Project. However he had since taken advice from the Chief Executive Officer and he no longer considers that he has a conflict and would approach the discussions today with an open mind.
- Cr Anderson said she was a shareholder in the Amuri Irrigation Company and considered whether this was a conflict of interest with respect to the Hurunui Water Project matter, however she had taken advice from the Chief Executive Officer and did not consider this to be a conflict. She said she would approach the hearings and discussions with an open mind.
- Cr McLean commented that there may be a perceived conflict of interest as her husband made a submission to the Annual Plan using an email account that included her own name. She said she had no input into this submission as it was his own individual decision to submit. She said she had sought advice from the Chief Executive Officer on this matter and would approach the hearings and discussions with an open mind.
- Cr Black declared a conflict of interest in relation to the potential purchase of shares in the Hurunui Water Project as her husband was a shareholder. She said she was confident that she would be able to deliberate in a fair and impartial way on this matter but had taken advice and would leave the room for any discussions and voting regarding the Hurunui Water Project.
- Mayor Dalley noted that he and his family are shareholders in the Hurunui Water Project and legal advice sought and received was consistent that he has a conflict of interest, so he would withdraw from all matters associated with the Hurunui Water Project.

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Mayor Dalley noted that the process for the meeting would be that when submitters come to speak about the Hurunui Water Project, he and Deputy Mayor Black would leave the room and the Council would need to appoint an acting Chair for those discussions. He said for all other Annual Plan matters, he and Deputy Mayor Black would participate.

THAT THE COUNCIL APPOINTS CR VINCE DALY AS ACTING CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MEETING WHILE MAYOR DALLEY IS ABSENT FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST REASONS.

Shier/Anderson

CARRIED

**Recording Device**

A recording device was used for the purpose of the accuracy of the minutes.

**Urgent Business**

The Council was asked to consider whether or not to accept a late submission to the Annual Plan. This was dealt with later in the meeting.

The Council also agreed to receive oral update from officers on two matters. This is detailed later in the minutes.

**1. Submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2017-18 and Proposed Fees and Charges 2017-18**

The Manager Public Services advised that the Council adopted its draft Annual Plan budget and proposed Fees and Charges for 2016/17 on 24 March 2016. Both had been publicly available since 1 April and the submission period closed on 1 May 2016. The Council needed to consider the submissions received and decide whether or not to make changes to the Annual Plan and/or Fees and Charges as a result of the submissions. The Council is to adopt the final Annual Plan and Fees and Charges for 2016/17 on 22 June 2016. The final version will incorporate any changes the Council makes during its deliberations on the submissions.

The Manager Public Services said that 118 submissions were received this year. Over 100 of these are related to the Hurunui Water Project (HWP) share purchase proposal. The submissions follow a concerted effort to reach as many people in the district as possible through the following means:

- Public briefing 'Let's Talk' sessions in 13 townships within the district
- Consultation document made available online and in libraries
- Newsletter included with the last rates demand notice
- Advert in The North Canterbury News and Local Papers
- Social media

In summary, the submissions included:

- 62 submissions were opposed to investment in HWP
- 40 submissions were in favour of investment in HWP
- Three submissions about the level of rates increase
- Two submissions seeking funding
- Two submissions regarding the state of Mound Road
- Two submissions about civil defence
- Two submissions about the Amberley pool (one for and one against)
- Several individual issue submissions
- One thank you for past support

No public submissions were made on the proposed fees and charges, however some minor changes were put forward by local committees. These were included in the

Proposed Fees and Charges attached regarding the Amberley Pavilion and the Waipara Hall.

Mayor Dalley made introductory comments about the process for the meeting and advised councillors to not be tempted to debate and argue with submitters, as they are allowed to put their positions forward uncontested. He said councillors can ask questions and seek clarification, including asking for suggestions of solutions that may be helpful to do things differently or better. He said councillors were there today primarily in a listening capacity. The Chief Executive Officer added that if councillors do have questions, they should be related to matters that the speaker is submitting on only.

The Council proceeded to work through the submissions sequentially and address the matters raised, then receive the oral presentations to submissions as per the timetable. (A brief summary of the speakers' oral presentations is attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.)

#### Written Submissions

*(The Council decision with respect to submissions about the potential purchase of shared in the Hurunui Water Project, is recorded later in these minutes.)*

#### **Page 1, Amuri Irrigation Company**

- The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.
- Recreation facilities in Culverden  
Cr Black said it was not clear whether the proposed facility would take in the wider area than Culverden, like the Amuri basin and even up to Hanmer Springs and Waiau. She said further information would be useful.

Mayor Dalley suggested this could be referred to the Amuri Ward Committee to have an extended conversation and tease out more detail about what it might look like. This was agreed by the Council.

#### **Page 2, Stuart and Debbie Anderson.**

- The submitters are opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.
- With respect to the road issue in Cheviot noted in the submission, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery agreed to investigate and deal with this at the officer level.

#### **Page 3, Deborah Andrews**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

#### **Page 4, John and Ruth Appleby**

The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

#### **Page 5, Bridget Banks**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

#### **Page 6, Therese Banks**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 8, Tim Banks and Julie Wells**

The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 9, Derek Baxter**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 10, Eloise Baxter**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

The Council noted wider comparisons made in the submission to matters of water supply and water quality. The Council discussed how the Council commits significant resources to potable water supplies and many actions are taken or planned to rectify or remedy drinking water standards across the district.

**Page 11, Bill Bestic and others**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 12, Ben Black**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 15, Stephen Board**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 18, Francois Bonny**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 19, Clare Bowes**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 20, Kate and Rob Brandrum-Adams**

The submitters are opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 21, Kaye Campbell**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 22, Tony Chandler and Angela William**

The submitters are opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

The Council noted that the matter raised with respect to reticulated water supply in Port Robinson would be addressed as an operational matter.

**Page 24, Terry and Vicky Charles**

The submitters are opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 25, Michele Cherry**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 26, Bruce and Sandra Christensen**

The submitters are opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 27, Robert Clark-Hall**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 29, Angela Clifford**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 30, Community Wellbeing North Canterbury (Oral submission)**

- Seeking funding support.

Mayor Dalley said the Council needed to understand what contribution is made from the Thermal Pools and the figures to be provided by the Trust regarding the Waimakariri District Council contribution, before making a decision.

Cr Black said the Trust has shown willingness and preparedness to pick up and deliver services to the Hurunui community and has ensured the community has access to services it needs following the November earthquake. Mayor Dalley noted that the programmes are all funded by contracts for those services, but the Trust needs to find money for administration and overhead costs. Cr Black noted that she sits on the Trust Board, as Hurunui District Council representative and can report that the Trust runs a tight ship, it was well managed and has a high calibre of people around the governance table.

Cr Daly said the Council needed to be careful about impacting on ratepayers in the district for services they may not need or receive and he said more information was needed on who is receiving the services. Cr Daly said he was also concerned that the Government was paying for services that it deemed to be worthwhile, but not funding the administration that is required to support the delivery of those services.

Later in the meeting the Manager Public Services reported back that the Thermal Pools was contributing \$5,000 to the Trust for services and this was reviewed each year. It also provided in-kind support like pool passes for special events or fundraisers. In return for this support, the Trust promotes the Pools where possible. Mayor Dalley said the Council was yet to confirm the level of Waimakariri funding support but it was thought that a per-population ratio might be appropriate for any funding decision.

Cr Anderson asked if there was any scope to provide funds out of the Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund for this year, given the work they were doing in this space. Mayor Dalley said the Council could fund it out of the Mayoral Fund this year and the general rate thereafter.

The Council approved a contribution of \$5,000 to Wellbeing North Canterbury, additional to the existing Thermal Pools contribution, with this year's funding from Mayoral Earthquake Fund and a review of ongoing contribution to be undertaken in the Long Term Plan process.

**Page 33, Compass FM**

- Seeking funding support

Mayor Dalley said this was a wider discussion about how Compass FM might support the Council's civil defence role, as there was potential to do things differently. He said the station played an important role after the November earthquake and had an ongoing role for communications. Mayor Dalley said it was also an avenue for general Council communications as he had a regular slot and it was used to promote other Council matters.

The Manager Support Services advised that Compass FM made a submission to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee earlier in the year and following the Committee's support for this, he included an allowance of \$8,000 in the draft budget, so it was sitting in there at the moment, but needs formal approval.

Cr McLean commented that \$8,000 was a lot to throw at community radio if the Council was looking to improve its own communications in house. She said a wider review of how to get the best results for its spend on communications was required first. Cr McLean said she saw this in a similar light to providing charitable funding for Wellbeing North Canterbury, with the difference being that they provide real services on the ground to people in need, which was a higher priority. She said if the Council was doing its communications job effectively, it would get the air time it needs without funding the station directly. Cr McLean said she felt this funding should have been highlighted as a consultation issue.

Cr Daly noted that the station had restrictions on how much paid advertising it could do as it was a community station, but he said that this and Radio New Zealand National were often the only stations that rural communities could receive. Cr Black said the station probably reaches a number of rural families that may not get any other stations. Mayor Dalley agreed and said during the earthquake event, Compass FM was the only way that some affected residents received reliable information and the Council would easily have received more than \$8,000 of coverage in that period alone. He noted that this would come back for a review in the LTP process.

The Council agreed to leave the allowance for \$8,000 for Compass FM in the budget and to review this in the Long Term Plan process.

*(Cr McLean asked that her opposition to this proposal be recorded.)*

It was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer would work with Compass FM to determine how to get the best value from the Council's relationship with the station. Officers were also asked to provide further information to councillors on the full extent of signal coverage of the station in the district.

**Page 35, Linda Constable**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 36, William Couling**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

With respect to the Maskells Road issue discussed in the submission, the Chief Executive Officer said this related to the Council policy on how road sealing was funded and officers could address that. It was noted that any significant change in the existing policy would be a LTP discussion. It was agreed to refer the maintenance concerns to officers to investigate.

**Page 37, William Davidson**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 39, Wendy Davis**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 40, Bill Demeter (Oral Submission)**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 41, Jane Demeter (Oral Submission)**

- The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.
- The submitter argued that the Kerbside waste collection rate was penalising those not creating waste.

The Council agreed that there would be no alteration to the budget for kerbside waste collection and said it was important that the key reasons for this decision be made clear in public messaging. The Manager Public Services said the specific questions raised would be addressed in the officers' response.

**Page 42, Bernard Dobbs**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 43, Tania Downes**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 44, Chris and Jane Earl**

The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 46, Rosemary Ensor**

The Hanmer Springs Forest Camp Trust thanked the Council for its support for the Hanmer Forest Camp sewer project.

Mayor Dalley noted that he attended the opening function earlier in the week and said the Trust was doing a great job and this was one of three major projects undertaken in recent years. He said the forest camp was a valuable asset to the local and wider Canterbury community and now had a more secure future due to the facilities being upgraded.

**Page 45, Environment Canterbury (Oral Submission)**

General points were noted by the Council. The Chief Executive Officer said it was worth noting that ECan is responsive to district councils across the region and the relationship between ECan and the Hurunui District Council was in good shape.

**Page 47, Ian Ewart**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 49, Andy, Nic and Fergus Fairbairn**

The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 51, Federated Farmers of New Zealand**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 57, Sandra Forbes**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 58, Forrester Family**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 59, Maya Fricker**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 60, Urs Fricker**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 61, Ursula Fricker**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 62, Gabrielle Gebbie**

Dog stream reserve weed control

Mayor Dalley asked that this matter go back to the Hanmer Springs Community Board for a response. The Manager Regulatory Services sought information about this matter and reported back later in the meeting. She said there was funding of \$6,000 to address old man's beard in Hanmer Springs in next year's budget and enough in this financial year also, but this did not include Dog Stream. She said she would try to manage the identified work within the existing district reserves budget.

**Page 63, Craig and Dee Ginders**

The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 64, Rosemary Graham**

The submitter is opposed to the Amberley Pool funding.

The Council noted that the issues about patronage and usage can be addressed in the response to the submission and it would be noted that the Amberley Pool project has gone through a thorough community consultation process to get to this point in the Council's plans.



**Page 65, David and Sally Handyside**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 66, Peter and Megan Handyside**

The submitters expressed concern about Conway Flat Road subsidence and the need for an alternative route.

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery said officers were evaluating options and had a coastal erosion expert review this to look at costings of options regarding maintaining the road where it is or finding an alternative road.

Cr Daly said he was happy to organise a meeting up there with landowners if needed to work through options and said getting action on this earlier rather than later was preferable, as it was becoming a major concern.

The Chief Executive Officer said officers were also looking at whether there has been earthquake impacts, as that may mean the Council can apply for NZTA subsidy for repair work. He said the likely costs were high and one good storm could take this piece of road away, so the implications are significant and the Council would have to do something to address the matter.

Cr Daly said he preferred that that the Council focus on the long term solution rather than short term fixes. Mayor Dalley said it was not one or the other, as the Council would have to do some immediate protection work, but then start plotting the new route, as the road once repaired could still all go in a major storm event.

The submitter also asked the Council to do due diligence of the benefits and returns with respect to the potential purchase of shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 67, Sue Harding**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 68, Raymond Herber**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 69, Janet Hodgen**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 70, Mike Hodgen**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 71 Anne Holloway**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 72, Howell, Deborah**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 73, Jackman, CR**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 74, Stu Jensen**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 75, Jorge Ltd**

The submitter highlighted issues with respect to the use of the Hanmer Springs hall.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that one of the submitters wrote to him about this and he referred it to the Hanmer Springs Community Board, as the Board sets fees and charges and runs the hall. The Board discussed this and recommended that the Chief Executive Officer look at commercial tendering processes where double booking occurs amongst commercial parties, noting that community events would get priority. He said it would require a change to the fees and charges policy, but was achievable. The Chief Executive Officer said he would report back to the Board on this in due course and the submitters may take to opportunity to speak to the matter then.

**Page 77, Jennifer Kearns**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 78, Kathleen Kennedy**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 79, Ann Kirwan**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 80, Wendy and CJ Knight (Oral Submission)**

The submitter supports a new swimming pool in Amberley and movement of the 100km/h section on Amberley Beach Road.

It was noted that this section of road was already included in the speed limit review planned for later this year. The comments about the Amberley Pool were noted.

**Page 81, Lee Lawrence and Nigel Marx**

The submitters are opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 82, Leithfield Beach Residents Association**

Leithfield Reserve maintenance and civil defence at Leithfield Beach

Mayor Dalley commented that there would be a review of civil defence following the experience of the November earthquake, so was confident there would be appropriate systems in place as raised in the submission.

Cr Black noted the comments about the standards that residents expect in terms of maintenance of the local reserve. The Manager Regulatory Services said that some maintenance was previously carried out by the Association, but the Council gardeners were now doing this. It was noted that the organisation of the gardeners

has been restructured recently and this was now in the service delivery team, with a change to a district-wide model. Cr McLean noted that some of the things mentioned in the submission have been addressed through the Amberley Ward Committee. It was agreed that officers would do a response to explain the new arrangements.

With respect to the firefighting matter at Leithfield Beach, the Chief Executive Officer said it seemed to be an operational matter to follow up as officers and to bring back information to the Amberley Ward Committee.

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets reported back later in the meeting on the provision of hydrants at Leithfield Beach and said the Council could install four new hydrants with access to the new bore, at a relatively economic price. The Council agreed that officers would follow up on this with appropriate action.

**Page 85, Mike Macfarlane**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 86, Sam Mahon (Oral Submission)**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 88, Daniel Maxwell**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 89, Steve & Susan Mazur**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 90, John McCaskey**

Submission about the Hurunui Water Project and irrigation projects in general.

The Council noted the extensive information contained in the submission.

**Page 112, Richard McCubbin**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 113, John McGrath**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 114, AJ McKendry**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 118, Lesley McLachlan**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 120, Allan Mclean**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 119, McLean Family**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 121 Kate McMillan**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 122, Andrew Mitchell**

The submitter expressed concerns about the state of Mound Road.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that this was similar to the issue raised by another submitter about Maskells Road and officers would respond similarly to that matter. He said the operational issues in the submission would be noted by officers.

**Page 123, Roy Myers (Oral Submission)**

- The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.
- The Council noted the comments about the kerbside collection rate. The Council agreed that there would be no alteration to the budget for kerbside waste collection and said it was important that the key reasons for this decision be made clear in public messaging.
- The Council noted the comments about Council forestry and agreed that officers would prepare an appropriate response to explain the details of the Council's forestry portfolio and recent decisions about the future of its forestry assets.

**Page 125, Tiffany Neylon**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 126, Maria Noering and Herbert Wiesen**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

The Council noted that in responding to this submitter, there was an opportunity to promote understanding of the Council's MIOX approach to Drinking Water Standards and how it all fits in the bigger picture. Councillors suggested that the Council do media releases on these issues regarding what water quality rules are and actions taken to remedy these things, as submitters raising matters like this also allows the Council to tell the full story.

**Page 128, North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support (Oral Submission)**

The submitter was seeking funding support.

The Manager Public Services said the submitter was happy for this to go into the LTP process so there was the potential for establishing a relationship with the Council. Therefore, the Council did not need to turn its mind to specific funding matters at the moment.

The Chief Executive Officer said officers were aware of the Gets Ready programme being promoted and said there were also other programmes offering similar functionality being worked on by Government and non-government agencies. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery said there were also other options investigating the old phone dial up network and getting an up to date information automated system to ring all people listed as having a phone in the district.

The Council noted that this matter would be referred to the LTP process.

**Page 131, Ian Orr**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 132, Chris Pennell**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 33, Denis Pierce**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 134, Port Robinson Informed Citizens Inc.**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 135, Richard and Marianne Power**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 136, Puketira Deer Ltd**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 138, Bruce Rees**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 139, Andrew and Mandy Roberts**

The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 140, Kevin & Marion Roberts**

The submitters advocated for pedestrian access to Carters Road from Willowside Place in Amberley.

The Manager Regulatory Services said her recollection was that this matter had been explored before, but there was a problem with creating either an underpass or overpass across the railway line and until the large lot at the end of the subdivision was developed, it would be difficult to make this happen.

The Council noted that there was no regulatory mechanism for this and the funding mechanism to make this happen would be through local amenity rates and the Amberley Ward Committee. The Manager Regulatory Services said that when the final lot is developed, it may be an opportunity to consider this and it could be presented as a challenge to create an access route to Carters Road.

**Page 141, Kevin Roche**

- The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.
- The submitter raised concerns about the footpath on SH1 Glasnevin Road and it was noted that it would be an Amberley Ward Committee amenity issue.
- The submitter raised concerns about the use of truck air brakes on SH1 through Amberley. It was noted that the mechanism to explore this was to forward the concerns to the Trucking Association, who could convey this to its members. It

was also recommended that officers convey this to Rachel Stokes, coordinator of the Safer Roads Programme for NZTA.

**Page 143, Graeme Scrivener**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 144, Olmec Sinclair**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 145, Sue and Neville Sinclair**

- The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.
- The submitters commended the Council for its efforts in supporting the communities affected by the November earthquake and expressed support for the civil defence arrangements in place, as well as the funding for a full time employee in civil defence. The Council noted these comments.

**Page 146, Gretchen Smith**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 147 Fiona Spencer**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 148, Keith Stackhouse**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 149, Carol Stade**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 150, Christopher Svensson**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 151, Geoffrey and Judy Symonds**

The submitters expressed concern about the state of Mound Road.

In response to a question from Mayor Dalley, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery said that since the delegation made to the Infrastructure Committee about this matter, officers had been investigating existing dust rules and options with respect to dust suppressants, including Ministry of Health research on the health effects of dust. He said no action had been taken yet with respect to dust issues. He noted that the submitters still have a wish for the Council to put money aside for sealing the road.

The Council asked that the response to the submitters include relevant research about dust from the Ministry of Health. Cr Daly noted that there were similar problems around the district and said if the submitters were provided with information regarding the full extent of the costs to seal all the roads that had dust

problems, it would assist their understanding of the district-wide issue the Council faces.

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets said a lot of research was going into dust suppressants and there are some good results for some products that hold dust. However he noted that this creates other challenges like losing all the product when the road then needs grading and then to replace the suppressant becomes very costly. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets said officers would continue to look at ways to address these issues, including trying to secure NZTA funding for specific roads, but he said often the roads in question do not meet the strict NZTA criteria for subsidies.

Mayor Dalley noted that the Council previously had a policy that allowed local residents to cost-share on road sealing, but this was no longer in place due to the high cost to Council. He said the response should explain why that policy was removed.

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets said officers would investigate any safety issues with respect to Mound Road.

**Page 152, Chris Taiaroa**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 153, Heather Templeton-Inch**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

Officers noted the comments about bridges on Lake Sumner Road and said the weed spraying for this area was in the spraying schedule.

**Page 154, Sherwyn Thom**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 155, Gordon & Lorraine Thomas**

- The submitters are opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.
- The submitters also commented on the rates rise and the need to focus on core services. The Council noted these comments.

**Page 157, Timbridge Pastoral Ltd**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 158, Brian Turner**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 159, David Turner**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 160, Peter Vink**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 161, Jack Ward**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 162, Rebecca Weight**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 163, Zelda Weightman**

The submitter advocated for a dog park in Hanmer Springs

The Manager Regulatory Services noted that the dog control policy and bylaw was due for review this year and that was an opportunity to look at fees and charges and would include the matter of dog parks. She said that otherwise this would be a matter to put on the Public Services Committee work plan. She said the Council had previously done research into dog parks and they can be expensive to create and maintain. It was noted that there had previously been requests for dog parks in Amberley, Leithfield and Hanmer Springs, but the key issue was how to fund these.

**Page 164, Dr Virginia Williams**

The submitter is opposed to the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 165, Marco Woelders (Oral Submission)**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 166, Mandy and Simon Woods**

The submitters support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 167, John Wright**

The submitter advocated for a public toilet at the Hurunui River SH1 bridge.

Mayor Dalley said this could be viewed in the context of the discussion around tourism funding for public toilets. The Manager Regulatory Services said there would be a report soon to the Public Services Committee regarding the toilet strategy and a toilet at this location has been identified, as well as a petition about having a public toilet in Waipara, so work is planned to be done in this area.

**Page 168, Mark Zino (Oral Submission)**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 169, Penelope Zino**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 170, Sam and Keri Zino**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.

**Page 171, Sarah Zino**

The submitter supports the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project.



The Manager Public Services suggested that following the hearing and the consideration of the written submissions, the Council work through the officers' submission as included in the agenda report.

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**Fees and Charges**

The Manager Public Services advised that no public submissions were made on the proposed fees and charges. Some minor changes were put forward by local committees. These were included in the Proposed Fees and Charges attached to the agenda, with respect to the Amberley Pavilion and the Waipara Hall.

The Council agreed that these minor changes be incorporated into the Fees and Charges document.

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**Officers' Recommendations**

A number of officer recommendations were included within the report to address circumstances which had arisen since the Draft Annual Plan budget was developed.

**Car Park Sealing:**

It was proposed that two items are added to the District Reserves Budget for the 2017/2018 year: \$60,000 to seal the car park at Waikari; and \$40,000 to repair and reseal the car park at Chisholm Park. This has no direct effect on rates as the funding source for District Reserves is the use of the Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve Funds. The additional \$100,000 may have an effect on the total debt and the resulting interest cost, so as a result, there may be a minor change to the general rate component.

The Council approved the recommendation.

**Rotherham Doctor's House:**

It was proposed that an additional \$3,500 be added to the budget to provide for a heat pump in the hallway of the Doctor's House in Rotherham. It is intended that the cost of the heat pump will be funded through the debt structure for the Amuri Medical Centre, so there would be no need to adjust the rate from the current \$101.30 per ratepayer.

Mayor Dalley said there may be funding available for this through the community trusts and he suggested that applications be made to the appropriate external funders. Cr Anderson agreed with this approach but said it was an important piece of equipment for a Council asset, so she would like a budget provision made, subject to applications for external funding. The Manager Support Services said this addition would not affect the rates as it would just extend the debt against this asset for a short period.

The Council agreed to include a budget provision for this item subject to the local community first seeking external funding for the heat pump.

**Balmoral Water Rates:**

Currently, the rates had been budgeted for the Balmoral Water Rates as the following: \$120 per unit for 1,000 litres per day unit; and \$50 for each unit that has been placed on hold. This is budgeted to provide a total of \$92,861 (excluding GST) in rates. The Balmoral Water Advisory Group met after the budget was confirmed by the Council and recommended that the rates be adjusted to \$130 per unit for 1,000 litres per day unit and \$30 for each unit that has been placed on hold. The effect of this change was that the adjustment to the rates will result in a total of \$95,913 (excluding GST), which is a \$3,052 increase. There would need to be a corresponding decrease in the Sewer Rates to ensure that Council maintains the 6.00% growth adjusted rates increase.

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Mayor Dalley said the Council was obliged to accept this as the Balmoral Advisory Group was managing its own scheme and was cautious about dropping off a big number of units, which would affect the viability of the scheme.

In response to a question from Cr Shier, Mayor Dalley said the local scheme users would still carry the burden of this water rate increase, but the use of the sewer rate lever was to maintain the overall rates rise under 6% for the whole district.

The Council agreed to this recommendation.

### **Stormwater**

As previously reported to the Infrastructure Committee, there are numerous stormwater projects that were identified for completion in 2016/2017 that had not been started due to revised costs estimates (which are considerably more than previously estimated with the knowledge held at that stage of assessment). Other high priority projects were started using the budgets of these un-started projects, so the Council could complete these higher-priority works in the near future, with details of this project provided in Appendix 2. The items will be funded by internal debt so it would not have an immediate effect on the stormwater rates set for both Amberley and Hanmer Springs. When the projects are completed, the full extent of the internal debt for each activity can be assessed and the ongoing debt repayment can be addressed as part of the Long Term plan considerations. The additional \$399,295 will have an effect on the total debt and the resulting interest cost, so as a result, there may be a minor change to the general rate component.

The Council approved the recommended stormwater projects as identified in the agenda report.

The Manager Support Services noted a further issue with respect to getting accurate water meter readings in Waiau township due to the effects of the November 2016 earthquake. He said it was recommended by officers that the Council take meter readings using a three-year rolling average and this was agreed by the Council.

#### **THAT THE COUNCIL:**

1. CONSIDERED AND DELIBERATED ON ALL SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN AND PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2017/18.
2. ADOPTS THE OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS AS STATED IN THE REPORT.
3. AMENDS THE ANNUAL PLAN AND FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2017/18 ACCORDING TO THE COUNCIL'S DECISIONS FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AND OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DECISION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF SHARES IN THE HURUNUI WATER PROJECT, WHICH WAS ADDRESSED SEPARATELY.
4. AGREES THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY MINOR ADJUSTMENTS OR NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO THE ANNUAL PLAN PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL ADOPTING THE PLAN IN JUNE.

Harris/Black

CARRIED

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**Potential  
Purchase of  
Share in  
Hurunui  
Water Project**

*Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for the discussion and voting on this matter.*

The Chief Executive Officer gave a summary of the Council discussions to date and identified three key issues that came out of the submissions process as noted in the report. He said there were 62 submitters opposed (not including 17 signatories to one submission) and 40 in support. He said the decision today was whether to approve budget provision for the potential purchase of shares, with a final decision to be made following due diligence. He said if the Council decided not to approve this today, that would be the end of the matter.

Cr Shier commented that the information presented to the community had a lot of focus regarding the risks but perhaps not enough about the potential benefits, therefore many people concentrated on the risks. He said he would like more information derived from other areas that have developed irrigation projects, to get a better understanding of the benefits. The Chief Executive Officer said the reason that the information provided could not be more definitive is that the size of the scheme and level of uptake was not known, so it was hard to be decisive. If the Council overstated the benefits it would face criticism, so would need strong evidence.

Cr McLean said the key issue for her was whether public money should be used to purchase shares in a private company, shares that were non-dividend paying. Cr Shier said there was a high level of concentration by submitters on the matter of return for the shares, but that was looking at the company itself and not at other potential revenue streams, like the increase in rates due to increased capital in the district. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Council sets its rates on the amount that it requires for its operation and programmes each year and that total sum is then proportioned out by the number of properties based on capital value. If a farm derives higher value due to irrigation they pay more rates on that property and others will pay less rates, but it was important to note that it was not a net increase in rates for the Council. Cr Shier acknowledged this and said that the main benefits then would be a general increase in productivity and more people and jobs in the district.

Cr Anderson said she was supportive of the Hurunui Water Project itself, but after hearing submissions she did not think the Council should invest ratepayer money in it, as it may set a precedent if there are other irrigation schemes that want Council financial support. She said the Council had no strategy to guide this sort of investment and set it in an overall strategic context, so she was not in favour at this stage.

Cr Daly said he was concerned about the cost of providing water to individual farmers under the scheme, but said the dynamics and obvious contrast between the economic wellbeing of an irrigated area like Culverden, compared against Hawarden, was striking. Cr Daly asked what the likely cost of due diligence would be and the Chief Executive Officer said it would involve legal and economic advice and could be as much as \$30,000, but the costs are yet to be determined.

Cr McLean said she liked the project concept and that the project was now reduced in scope to have a more manageable impact on the environment while still being viable for farmers, however she said she cannot support public money going to a private scheme. She noted that information from submitters suggested that the Council not investing was not likely to stop the project from proceeding, so she said it should stand on its own as a business venture.

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Cr Shier noted that the submissions for and against were quite localised, with obvious support in the catchment area and less from other areas. He said he was surprised Cheviot submitters were so opposed, given it is a rural area. He said it was a divisive issue and other councils have seen the potential benefits and invested in local irrigation schemes.

Cr Daly said he favoured doing due diligence, then with all the relevant information, if the project is not robust, at least the Council has taken a positive and open approach to it. He said some submitters gave the message that the Council had not looked at the business case, so at least the Council can say it had looked hard at it. Cr Shier also favoured moving in this direction as it would show better leadership if the Council went to the next stage, as he considered it did not know enough about the investment and the potential benefits and cannot make an informed discussion at this point.

In response to a question from Cr Harris about what was being sought through the due diligence, the Chief Executive Officer said it would be a better understanding of the environmental impacts, whether it was proper use of rates under legislation, a thorough examination of the Hurunui Water Project books, where the money would be spent, what contracts were in place, the share structure, the market for shares and the exit points should the Council invest. He said a legal point of view was needed as the share structure would need to change to reflect that the shares did not carry water rights. He said work would also need to be done on measuring the potential benefit of the scheme, now that it was a 22,000ha scheme rather than 60,000ha.

Cr Harris said that she was comforted by the fact that the Council had another round of consultation before making a decision and that final round would be done with full information, so based on that the Council might still say no. Cr Harris said the decision today is whether to take the next step and there were a variety of different issues that councillors needed to consider following the submissions. She said her view was that to be fair to all individuals, businesses and the wider community, the Council should go forward on due diligence so at least it can understand the full picture before making a decision.

Cr Anderson said that although noting her concerns earlier, she was willing to support this going to the due diligence stage, as the Council could still exit at any time and having full information was the fairest approach to all parties. She said the Council would need to be involved in setting the parameters of the due diligence to ensure it has the information it needs, particularly with respect to wider community benefits.

Cr McLean said she sees this as a test case when the Council already has a big debt and core services that need funding. She said the cost of the due diligence was significant and she hoped spending that money was worthwhile if the Council decides to proceed to that stage.

THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES MAKING PROVISION FOR \$500,000 IN THE ANNUAL PLAN BUDGET FOR THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF HURUNUI WATER PROJECT SHARES, WITH ANY PURCHASE BEING SUBJECT TO THE COUNCIL BEING SATISFIED WITH THE ANSWERS IT GETS FROM THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS THAT THE BENEFITS OUTWEIGH THE RISKS AND THAT THERE BE ANOTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER.

Harris/Shier

CARRIED

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With respect to the due diligence process, the Chief Executive Officer said he would seek guidance from councillors and any issues that arise would come back to the Council for discussion before proceeding further.

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## **OTHER DECISION ITEMS**

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### **1.2 Request for an Order in Council**

The Manager Support Services provided a report prepared for the Council to consider requesting an Order in Council in respect to the Rating Valuation Act 1998 and the Rating Valuation Rules 2008. A full revaluation for rating purposes was undertaken last year with an effective date of 1 September 2016. The resulting valuation (after allowing for a small number of objections) will be used to set the rates for the 2017/2018 year. Under the Valuation Rules, changes to the improvements of a property that come to notice of our Valuation Service Provider, QV, by 31 May, must be valued and entered into the District Valuation Roll (DVR) by 30 June and then used for rating from 1 July onwards. Changes include new buildings or significant impairment to the buildings.

The earthquake caused widespread damage to a significant area of the District, particularly to the north-eastern part of the Amuri Ward. If QV are in a position to accurately assess the effect of the damage and reflect those amended values in the Council's DVR by 30 June, it is likely to result in a significant reduction in the values of a large portion of the Amuri Ward. This in turn would result in the rates burden for the various targeted rates in the Amuri Ward (and to a lesser extent, the District) being predominantly charged to those properties that have experienced no damage. This is due to the Council still setting the same amount in rates requirement but having a lower capital value base on which to spread the burden.

The Manager Support Services reiterated that there were two main issues here in that the Council would have a lesser value to strike rates on and the burden will change to other ratepayers, but also the issue of potential loss of significant equity of affected ratepayers, however he noted the second matter was not an issue of importance to the Valuer General when considering a request to do an Order in Council. The Manager Support Services said the Council has to show the potential effect on ratepayers that may create potential instability to the Hurunui rating base to convince the Valuer General and Minister. He said the first point is to request the Order in Council and then address the likely questions and developments.

The Manager Support Services said he sent a copy of the draft order to the Deputy Valuer General, who suggested removing from the original on page 16, bullet point 2.7.4, so this would be deleted. Clause 2.7.6 would also be deleted as part of QV observations of damage. The Manager Support Services said there was further work to do and to be successful the Council needs to clearly demonstrate the impact and what it would mean to the rating base, which he suggested was not a simple exercise.

In response to a question from Cr Shier, the Manager Support Services said if the application for an order is successful, the Council would then control the process through rate remissions and the Council would need to develop a new rates remission policy to deal with this. He said this will look at ratepayers paying an amount on land value and fixed charges associated, which is the same as the capital rating amount minus improvements value. The Manager Support Services said the Council may not have an Order in Council before the end June as there was significant work to do and also an objection process.

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THAT THE COUNCIL FORMALLY REQUESTS AN ORDER IN COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH ROLL MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY UNDER S14 AND S16 OF THE RATING VALUATIONS ACT 1998 AND THE RATING VALUATIONS RULES 2008.

Shier/Anderson

CARRIED

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**1.3 Transfer of Assets to Fire and Emergency New Zealand**

The Chief Executive Officer reported that the Hurunui District Council owns a number of the assets utilised by the Rural Fire Authority. These assets are largely composed of mobile plant and land and buildings. It is proposed to transfer the ownership of mobile plant to Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) for a nominal sum and to lease the land and buildings to FENZ for a nominal sum.

The Chief Executive Officer said the assets were paid for by the Council with ratepayers' money and he noted that FENZ has stated that the assets will remain in those communities. He said he was recommending that the plant be sold at a nominal price as these were short to medium term assets and require considerable maintenance. He said that as FENZ works through these matters, some will be surplus and would come back to the Council and he did not see a lot of value in keeping ownership. With respect to the land and buildings, it was proposed to lease these, as they will appreciate over time and the Council should gain that value. The Chief Executive Officer said he was prepared to sign this agreement on the basis that no other Council gets paid for their assets more than a nominal amount, which would be an out clause in the contract.

In response to a question from Cr Shier, the Chief Executive Officer said the lease term on the assets is for two years, with a right of renewal for two years. The Manager Public Services said it was anticipated that after two years the Council will know more about how FENZ was set up and operating and she noted that FENZ does not have any allocated funding for buying assets. In terms of the accounting treatment for this, the Manager Support Services said it will be recorded on the Council books as a one-off loss of the value of those assets sold, which would be a book loss in effect.

Cr Anderson noted that the Rotherham fire shed was not on the schedule of assets attached and the Chief Executive Officer said he would follow up on that.

THAT THE COUNCIL TRANSFERS ITS RURAL FIRE MOBILE PLANT ASSETS TO FIRE AND EMERGENCY NEW ZEALAND (FENZ) FOR \$1, SUBJECT TO INCLUSION OF A CLAUSE THAT ALL COUNCILS DO THE SAME AND IF NOT, THE COUNCIL WILL EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO REQUIRE PAYMENT FOR THOSE ASSETS.

THAT THE COUNCIL LEASES ITS RURAL FIRE BUILDINGS AND LAND TO FENZ FOR \$1 PER ANNUM, FOR THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE DRAFT CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA REPORT AND SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY OFFICERS THAT THE SCHEDULES CAPTURE ALL RELEVANT ASSETS.

Harris/Shier

CARRIED

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**Urgent  
Business**

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The Council was asked to consider whether or not to accept a late submission to the Annual Plan.

THAT THE LATE SUBMISSION FROM JK HILL, RECEIVED 31 MAY 2017, BE ACCEPTED.

Harris/Anderson

CARRIED

*(Mayor Dalley and Cr Black abstained.)*

- **Winter Warming Project Update**

The Earthquake Recovery Manager said there were delays in the implementation of the winter warming project that was being organised out of Wellington and it looked unlikely to be underway before 1 July. He said it was proposed that the Council put out communications that if earthquake affected residents have winter warming issues then it would be there to help. He said there were ways to help by organising someone to look at what heating people have and give advice about options, as well as help with financing. If the person is insured, the Council can assist with providing advice, but if uninsured, the Council can facilitate access to other avenues of support.

The Earthquake Recovery Manager said the Government was asking councils to look at a voluntary targeted rating process to put costs of winter warming arrangements onto rates, probably with an upper limit of \$5,000, repayable at an interest rate of 1% over the Council's cost of borrowing. This repayment would be proposed to start in 1 July 2018. In response to a question from Cr Black, the Earthquake Recovery Manager said the matter of those living in rental accommodation would be a complicated matter and something to be worked through.

In terms of criteria, the Earthquake Recovery Manager said this would be only for earthquake damaged properties and the Council will establish an appropriate process, where advice is provided by building inspectors and then referrals to appropriate suppliers.

Mayor Dalley said he supports this approach and expressed disappointment that the Government scheme was taken so long to be established.

- The Manager Regulatory Services provided the Council with an update on two parties that had served notice under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 for recognition orders and claiming title over foreshore. The Council received legal advice that it can and should join as a legal party so it can remain part of the process. The Council had subsequently served such notice to join as an interested person and can withdraw later if needed. Further information would be provided to the Council at a later date.

**Meeting  
Ended**

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The meeting ended at 5.42pm.

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**Oral Submitters**

Time	Speaker (Page No.)	Comments
9.45am	Federated Farmers (Submissions Page 51)	<p><b>Oral Submission:</b> Dan Hodgen spoke on behalf of Federated Farmers and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spending on emergency services – Federated Farmers contend that given there is a review of rural fire services with the new structure, it would be prudent to wait until any final decisions are made about funding for emergency services. Concern was expressed about a possible reallocation of the previous rates funding while individual insurance rates increase for ratepayers. Mayor Dalley reassured the submitter that the Council was fully aware of this matter.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for the next part of the submission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federated Farmers support the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project. It was well documented regarding the wide economic benefits of irrigation for the district.</li> <li>• The speaker noted his direct involvement in the irrigation project and expressed concern about the dwindling community and significant impacts of the recent drought. He was heartened by new ideas like the Hurunui Heartland cycle trail but said agriculture was still the single biggest contributor to the district economy.</li> <li>• It was noted that as well as the financial commitment from the Council, it would be a strong message of support from the Council for the irrigation project.</li> <li>• Soils in the proposed catchment area are excellent and the loss of potential production during droughts is significant. It was noted that the Hurunui Water Project would be a world leading irrigation system to achieve great outcomes, including rigorous controls on impacts on the environment.</li> </ul>
10.00am	North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support (Submissions page 128)	<p><b>Oral Submission:</b> Wendy Doody, Chairperson, Tracy Doe, Co-ordinator and Kat Hannah, were in attendance to speak to the Council. The submission highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Support wants to be part of strategic emergency planning roles by helping councils to assist communities to create their own resilience in case of emergency events. They promoted the “Gets Ready” software initiative that ensures that message postings are getting where they need to in an emergency. It is a system developed to get messages directly to people, targeted by geographic areas and where specific information is required.</li> <li>• The system can be only used to send out information with strict criteria, so messages can be controlled and managed appropriately. They were working with Civil Defence and councils to ensure good and accurate messages are sent with integrity from a trusted source.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was promoted as a significant benefit to Hurunui, as it was a large geographical area and getting messages to key people in a timely and reliable way could be critical.</li> <li>• The information contained in the system had appropriate security to protect private information and it had the endorsement of police and civil defence.</li> <li>• The system is already working well in the Selwyn District Council area and councillors were invited to visit to investigate its operation. It was also being used in other Canterbury councils.</li> <li>• The Council was not being asked for a commitment at this stage, but was encouraged to look at providing for this in the 2019-20 year to incorporate this valuable asset and service to provide for its community. The amount of funding that would be requested would be a proportional breakdown based on total cost of operation divided by the population of the areas being serviced.</li> </ul>
10.30am	Mark Zino <i>(Submissions page 168)</i>	<p><b>Oral Submission</b> <i>(Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for this submission.)</i></p> <p>Mark Zino said he was a long time Hawarden farmer and a recently appointed director of Hurunui Water Project. His submission highlighted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drought has had significant impacts on farmers and the community and Hurunui Water Project was trying to find a solution to give farmers more options and resilience. He said the land is good but the lack water on livestock and crops was very significant.</li> <li>• A lot has changed in the Hurunui Water Project and applications in the past for funding from the Council were probably not realistic, but the request now to purchase shares for \$500,000 was more appropriate and gave the Council an opportunity to support the long term benefits of more development and capital value increases in the district.</li> <li>• Hurunui Water Project would provide economic impact and more certainty for farmers, as well as generating a lot more labour requirement. He said irrigation would allow farmers to move to the next level of business security and find ways to add value to production, as well as providing resilience from the weather.</li> <li>• Hurunui Water Project was mindful of the potential environmental impact and consents would limit what can be done and will protect the environment.</li> <li>• Hurunui Water Project was trying to create a scheme to give farmers options, not just dairy conversion but things like crops and anything that farmers can imagine for a brighter future.</li> <li>• There are acknowledged risks with the project but the potential long term benefits were massive and the Council has a role in assisting the social, economic and cultural dynamics in the community.</li> </ul>

10.45am	Jane Demeter (Submissions page 41)	<p><b>Oral Submission:</b> The submitter highlighted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerbside waste collection – this raises issues of equity and the Council was proposing a “Rolls Royce” service when the objectives could be achieved by a basic service, maybe with a reduced frequency of collection and with the ability to adjust the contract and service if circumstances change. The Council should do more research and reduce costs, as doubling the rate seems unfair.</li> <li>• In places like Gore Bay the matter of waste could be addressed by use of a skip service and adjustments for seasonal differences in demand.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for the next part of this submission.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The submitter did not support the Council potentially purchasing shares in Hurunui Water Project. She asked where the economic development strategy is that outlines criteria for this proposal and said there was nothing in terms of strategy around this matter. She said it would create a precedent for any number of other proposals coming to the Council for funding if they can show an economic benefit to the district.</li> <li>• The Council should stick to its core business of local government and on meeting the needs of the community for local infrastructure, as specified in the Local Government Act.</li> <li>• There is no need to spend more money on due diligence and then more consultation if it goes further, as there is no cost efficiency in this approach. She said this would increase Council debt and there was no indication of any real return, so the Council should relabel this as a gift to Hurunui Water Project, as a for-profit private company, rather than an investment.</li> <li>• The submitter is not opposed to irrigation per se, but this is a proposal for public funding for a private company with no apparent return on investment.</li> </ul>
11.00am	Roy Myers (Submissions page 123)	<p><b>Oral Submission</b> <i>(Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for the first part of this submission.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The submitter was opposed to the Council potentially purchasing shares in Hurunui Water Project. He said the Council needed to consult widely with its constituency rather than focus on local interests. He did not oppose the project as it was a worthy initiative, but questioned whether the Council was in such a good financial position to allow a non-core investment. He said it was a dubious investment with no direct dividend or wider benefits other than the key area impacted. He said the information available was sketchy in terms of getting a good assessment of the risks of the project.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mayor Dalley and Cr Black returned to the meeting for the next part of the submission.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The submitter was concerned about Council investments in forestry and the expected return. He noted the wind event that affected</li> </ul>

		<p>some forests and the value that was lost and he was concerned about replanting in the same species and the same site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The submitter expressed concern about the proposal to double the kerbside collection rate from \$45 to \$90 and said the decision to award the contract was taken in 2013 by elected members not representing Amberley interests. He asked why the rate was now doubled and if there was sufficient investigation done at the time the contract was awarded.</li> </ul>
11.15am	Marco Welders (Submissions page 165)	<p><b>Oral Submission</b> (Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for this submission.)</p> <p>The submitter runs a local transport company and highlighted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He was in favour of the Council purchasing shares in the Hurunui Water Project for reasons of driving business growth and job opportunities in the district and said someone needs to get behind these things. He said the project would see production increased maybe 4 to 5 times in the area, so there would be more money to spend in the district and it would be encouraging more rural investment that would benefit the area in terms more economic resilience and security.</li> </ul>
11.30am	ECan (Submissions page 45)	<p><b>Oral Submission</b></p> <p>Cr Claire McKay spoke on behalf of ECan and thanked the Council for the opportunity. She said the submission was supportive of the direction of the Council with no specific issues raised. She acknowledged the work of the Council as the district recovers from the November earthquake and it continues to support its communities through this time.</p> <p>Cr McKay highlighted the positive role played by the Council in regional groups and forums like the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy and working for the good of the regional community.</p> <p>Cr McKay said the new office sharing arrangement was working well and as the local ECan councillor she was always available to discuss any issues with the Council.</p>
11.45am	Jorge Ltd/ Mhor & Rohm (Submissions page 123)	<i>The submitter was not in attendance.</i>
12.00pm	Community Wellbeing North Canterbury (Submissions page 30)	<p><b>Oral Submission</b></p> <p>Mary Sparrow, Deirdre Ryan, Celine Donovan and other staff of Wellbeing North Canterbury were in attendance to speak to the Council. The submitters thanked Cr Black for her contribution to the Board in a governance role as representative of the Council. The following issues were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wellbeing North Canterbury wants to contribute to the Hurunui as a desirable and safe place to live and to provide quality services to support this. The Trust Board is proactive about identifying resources</li> </ul>

		<p>and working alongside people in the district and to deliver passion and connection to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellbeing North Canterbury has a professional and dedicated team to work in communities and hold dearly to connecting in families and whanau and working closely with people needing a hand up.</li> <li>• They have a wide reach in the Hurunui and Waimakariri districts and have a staff of 30, with 114 passionate and motivated volunteers providing support.</li> <li>• The range of services provided was noted and a pamphlet tabled that outlines the services available.</li> <li>• The total cost of the operations team was explained and where the funding for services generally comes from. It was noted that there was a shortfall in funding for the Trust's overheads, so any consideration by the Council for a financial contribution would be welcomed. They acknowledged the existing local supporters and thanked the Council, Mayor Dalley, Cr Black, staff and the Thermal Pools for the way they work alongside the Trust in its work in the community.</li> </ul> <p>The submitters were asked to provide further information, including an assessment of what funding would be needed to ensure its long term viability for the provision of services into the Hurunui.</p>
2.00pm	Bill Demeter (Submissions page 40)	<p><b>Oral Submission</b> (Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for this submission.)</p> <p>The submitter said he was speaking on behalf of the 17 signatories to his written submission and highlighted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They were opposed to the potential purchase of shares in the Hurunui Water Project as it was a private for-profit company and was a high risk investment. The previous application from Hurunui Water Project was for a loan and at least that would have able to be retrieved, whereas this was an investment and was unsecured. Hurunui Water Project has accumulated losses of about \$9M and from financial statements it shows its continued future is related to the ability to find further funding sources, with no revenue for at least five years, which makes buying shares risky. He said no brokerage firm would recommend purchasing these shares.</li> <li>• The Council would need to provide this same consideration to other companies wanting investment for ventures in the district.</li> <li>• This is not good use of ratepayer money, as there are many other things to spend this money on. He said if the Council invested the same amount in a term deposit over a five year term its return would be close to \$750,000 in five years.</li> <li>• Investments need judicious and cautious use of ratepayers money and the interests of all ratepayers should be paramount.</li> <li>• Spending money and time on due diligence was not justified and the proposal should be declined.</li> </ul>

2.15pm	Wendy Knight ( <i>Submissions page 80</i> )	<p><b>Oral Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The submitter supported the funding for the Amberley Pool and advocated for a new 25 metre pool rather than an upgrade of the existing pool. A new pool is great for the children of the district as they can learn to swim and every child should be taught to swim, given the constant proximity to water in New Zealand.</li> <li>• A new pool would allow swimming competitions to be hosted and swim programmes to be available to people in the district. A new pool could bring more development and encourage more residents and businesses into the district.</li> <li>• The submitter requested moving the 100km/h speed limit from outside the new preschool on Amberley Beach Road, reduce the speed to 50km/h and move the 100km/h sign to 100m past Rosewood Drive, as this would allow traffic to turn in and out safely.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Dalley informed the submitter that this section of road is already on the schedule to be included in the speed limits review later in the year.</p>
2.30pm	Sam Mahon ( <i>Submissions page 86</i> )	<p><b>Oral Submission</b> (<i>Mayor Dalley and Cr Black left the meeting for this submission.</i>)</p> <p>The submitter highlighted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was difficult for the public to know the value of shares in Hurunui Water Project.</li> <li>• Farmers pay the true cost of the irrigation project and there would be no value elsewhere, other than to dam builders and contractors.</li> <li>• The scheme would impose costs on communities through externalities. A Treasury report on 12 major irrigation schemes and farm gate analysis showed they are a loss making investment.</li> <li>• The Council buying shares gives a false impression that it is a public company, but it was not and many shareholders were not local people, even though the illusion is that they are local.</li> <li>• The submitter was also concerned about adding to nitrate levels in a catchment that is already overburdened and swimming at rivers was negatively affected by nitrate levels.</li> <li>• He did not support going to the due diligence process to see if it stands up, as the project was only limping along with an uncertain future.</li> </ul>