

HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES



Meeting	Council
Time and Date	9.30am, 21 December 2017
Venue	Council Chambers, 66 Carters Road, Amberley.
Agenda	http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/your-council/meeting-calendar/ (Scroll to the applicable meeting on the calendar.)

Members Present Mayor Winton Dalley (Chairperson), Councillors Nicky Anderson, Marie Black, Vince Daly, Dick Davison, Jason Fletcher, Fiona Harris, Julia McLean, Geoff Shier and Michael Ward.

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), Alex Taylor (Communications Officer), Audrey van der Monde (Manager Public Services) and Graham Sutherland (Council Secretary).

Apologies Nil.

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

Conflict of Interest Declarations Mayor Dalley noted that he and Cr Black had declared conflicts of interest with respect to an item in the previous minutes, which were on this agenda for confirmation.

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

Urgent Business Nil.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2017 ARE CONFIRMED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

- Page 7, 4th paragraph, first sentence – correct to say “...to lose no more than 20-30% volume of water was a rule of thumb ...”
- Page 12, 4th paragraph – correct to say the Council was obliged to consult again whether the Council agrees to purchase shares or not.

Harris/McLean

CARRIED

Matters arising

Nil.

2. Forward Programme

The Forward Programme for 2017 was provided for councillors’ information.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Fletcher/Harris

CARRIED

3. Mayor's Diary

The Mayor's diary arrangements for the preceding period were provided.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Fletcher/Harris

CARRIED

4. Council's Working Groups/ Projects Status Report

The Council considered the table of working groups and projects and noted progress with each.

- Regarding the Unformed Legal Roads Working Group, it was noted that the work was now completed, so the item can be removed from the list.
- Cr Shier noted that the St James Reclassification project had been deferred by the Department of Conservation until May 2018.
- With respect to the Heritage forest item, Cr Fletcher said the Council wants to secure more long-term access for the public and there has been some movement recently in terms of clarifying who to talk to at Ngāi Tahu, so he hoped there would be some progress in the New Year.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Fletcher/Harris

CARRIED

5. DECISION ITEMS

5.1 Key Issues for the Long Term Plan 2018-2028

The Manager Public Services advised that in preparing the Long Term Plan for 2019 – 2028, the Council had participated in several workshops to scope the direction for the next 10 years. At the 30 November and 6 December 2017 workshops, the Council concluded on a number of key issues and other matters for the Plan. The key issues, once confirmed, will form the basis for the Long Term Plan's 'consultation document'. The purpose of the report was to endorse the conclusions reached in the Council workshops and for Council officers to incorporate them into the draft Long Term Plan and Consultation Document. The Consultation Document will be prepared and discussed with the Council before it is finally approved by the Council.

Mayor Dalley said he has some concern about signing off these key issues at this meeting, into the draft Long Term Plan, as the Council does not yet have the big picture regarding overall budget figures. However, he was happy to have a discussion about timelines and dealing with all issues through to the point where the Council approves its draft budget.

The Manager Support Services said the scheduled Council workshop on 1 February 2018 would be focusing on the big picture issues and the key issues discussed in the report were important, as they form the essence of the consultation document, which was what the auditors are interested in. The Council would then approve its draft budget at its meeting on 22 February and then sign-off the consultation document at its 29 March 2018 meeting.

Cr Davison said he was not confident that he had enough information on the big infrastructure costs, the overall picture of the amount of money to spend and the priorities. He said it was a big ask for the Council to do that at a workshop on 1 February. The Chief Executive Officer said that on 1 February, officers can provide the overall debt position, which will be high level guidance on the Council's financial position and whether more debt headroom is needed.

Mayor Dalley suggested that a single day workshop may not be sufficient and it was agreed that a further workshop date would be added for Wednesday 31 January and both days would start at 9.00am.

Discussion of this matter was deferred until after the lunch break, to allow the Manager Support Services to be in attendance.

In response to a question about how much the Council will know in the New Year in terms of earthquake debt, the Manager Support Services said he was confident that he will have those numbers for the 1 February date, but would not have been able by that stage to go back to the ward committees regarding the amenities rates, but with all else being equal, he can make adjustments to those rates if needed and they are dealing with relatively lower numbers anyway. He said he would also need to add the thermal pools activity to the numbers to be presented.

Cr Davison noted that the Council was therefore likely to have a determined amount of money available and a number of wish lists, so it would be helpful to have that provided to councillors before the meeting, as there would be trade-offs to make. The Manager Support Services said he intended to send out information before the meeting to include the rates, debt levels and capital expenditure over the 10-year period.

Cr Black suggested that the Council could adopt the report recommendations today and agree that it may adjust the numbers for the Long Term Plan as it proceeds. The Manager Support Services said that until the Council formally signs off the draft LTP budget, it can make any changes as is its prerogative. The Manager Public Services said the Council could make the recommendations subject to budget information being confirmed and said officers would prefer to have some Council direction on the key issues identified, so some work can be done on these.

Cr Anderson noted a correction to the report on page 24, under the section on the Queen Mary Historic Reserve it should refer to Nurses and "Chisholm" not "Soldiers".

THAT THE COUNCIL AGREES THE ISSUES IN THE AGENDA REPORT ARE INDICATIVE OF THOSE KEY ISSUES FOR INCLUSION INTO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2018 – 2028 BUDGET AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, SUBJECT TO THE OVERALL LONG TERM PLAN BUDGET AND RESULTING DEBT LEVELS BEING ACCEPTABLE TO THE COUNCIL.

Davison/Fletcher

CARRIED

5.2 Maori Contribution to Decision Making

The Manager Public Services advised that the Council's policy on Māori Contribution to Decision Making had been reviewed in line with the development of the Long Term Plan. The Policy has been in place for a number of years and reviewed on a three-yearly cycle to ensure it is still fit for purpose. This year, a change to the Resource Management Act has influenced the outcome of this review, hence an inclusion of Mana Whakahono a Rohe (Iwi participation arrangements). The Council has expressed the importance of having a good, productive relationship with Māori and discussed ways to enhance this. Changes to personnel within Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and Te

Rūnanga Ngāi Tūāhuriri means that new relationships need to be established. The Council is respectful to the circumstances of both Rūnanga and how this may impact on how and when discussions and meetings may occur. The Manager Support Services said the Council can choose to leave the policy as is or review it now, but it seemed appropriate to make reference to changes in the Resource Management Act.

Mayor Dalley noted that the Council was rebuilding its relationship with Ngāi Tahu and the local Rūnanga and there was a Memorandum of Understanding in place as well. Cr Black said she supported the recommended approach as it would give a basis for active discussion, rather than just a tick-box sort of arrangement that can sometimes be meaningless. She said she was happy with the document as it was drafted. Cr Daly commented that it was unfortunate that there had been no representative from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura on the Hurunui-Waiou Zone Committee for some time now, as that was an active means for Maori involvement in local decision making.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that it would be useful to consult both local Rūnanga and ask for them to comment to the policy.

THAT THE COUNCIL ENDORSES THE CHANGES TO THE MĀORI CONTRIBUTION TO DECISION MAKING POLICY AS DETAILED IN THE AGENDA REPORT AND AGREES TO REFER THE AMENDED POLICY TO TE RŪNANGA O KAIKŌURA AND TE RŪNANGA NGĀI TŪĀHURIRI FOR COMMENT PRIOR TO FORMAL ADOPTION.

Black/Fletcher

CARRIED

Staff Long Service Recognition

The Council acknowledged and recognised the long service of the following staff:

- Avril Lockhead, Librarian – 20 years.
- Helga Bennett, Senior Planner – 15 years.

Mayor Dalley expressed thanks on behalf of the Council for the length of service and said it was great to have people at the Council providing continuity and knowledge that is valuable to the community and the Council.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.25am and reconvened at 10.50am.

5.3 Significance and Engagement Policy

The Team Leader Customer and Information Services advised that the Council is required to have a Significance and Engagement Policy as described in Section 76AA of the Local Government Act 2002. The Significance and Engagement Policy guides the Council in deciding whether a particular decision is 'significant' as described in the Act. If the matter is considered significant, and depending on the degree of significance; it also guides how the Council will engage, inform or consult with the community as part of the decision making process.

The current Significance and Engagement Policy was adopted by the Council on 30 October 2014 and is now due for review as part of the Long Term Plan process for 2018-28. The attached policy had been reviewed by the management team and the working group consisting of councillors Harris, Fletcher, McLean and Daly and aside from the inclusion of the Engagement Spectrum and some minor wording changes to aid clarification (Appendix One), no changes of any substance were recommended. The working group did

however concur that the policy should provide some additional assistance to help decision makers and report writers with the process of ascertaining the level of significance, as well as whether or not engagement was required, and if so, to what degree.

The Team Leader Customer and Information Services said the addition of the recommended matrix is to provide officer support, as the first recommendation regarding significance comes from officers, so they need a clear process to guide them. She said it would no longer be a simple yes/no matter but a clear decision as to whether it should be high, medium or low significance and the Council report templates had already been changed for that. She said this would also be carried through to the agenda order papers, where it will be noted if items are high, medium or low significance and the engagement spectrum would also be added to the agenda coversheets.

A minor correction was noted in the table on page 47. The Team Leader Customer and Information Services also noted that the list of Council strategic assets was the same as first reported, but had been set out easier to read.

Mayor Dalley said it was still a little unclear how an officer would be assessing the level of engagement required specifically with respect to the matter. The Team Leader Customer and Information Services said the policy became unwieldy when lots of examples were added so it was better to provide more general guidance. Mayor Dalley said that if an officer was trying to determine the level of significance and they consider it to be high, how do they know what level to go to. The Team Leader Customer and Information Services said the spectrum was a way of laying out from the starting point of to inform, right through to the stages of engage and empower.

Mayor Dalley commented that the improvements to the process in terms of the preparation and presentation of reports, does not take away Council responsibility for the final decision regarding significance and all councillors should consciously consider this for each matter that comes before them.

Cr Fletcher said he considered the recommendations would provide better tools to keep the matter of significance front of mind and would be better for staff. He said when reading a report he wants to see determination from the Council officer that they have taken time to think about significance and how they have come to the decision. Cr Black noted that when an officer determines the level of significance, the report does not give any narrative as to why they determined this. The Team Leader Customer and Information Services said there would be a section in the report template to elaborate and the Manager Support Services commented that an officer was unlikely to know in detail the level of significance and as soon as councillors overlay that information with their own knowledge, it may come to a different decision after discussion with councillors. Mayor Dalley said there would be another discussion at meetings about the level of significance and he did not want a whole lot of extra work for report writers, when this can be further defined in discussion at the meeting.

Cr Anderson suggested that when doing the agendas, the high significance matters could be taken earlier in the meetings and the lower significance matters later.

THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE REVIEWED SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY, AS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA REPORT.

Fletcher/McLean

CARRIED

5.4 Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Building Policy

The Policy Planner reported that the draft Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Building Policy will replace the Earthquake-prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy 2011. The review takes into account changes to the Building Act that came into force on 1 July 2017 via the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act 2016. The key change is the removal of the requirement for the Council to have a policy for earthquake prone buildings. The requirement for the Council to have a policy covering dangerous and insanitary buildings remains. The draft policy was attached as Appendix 1. The Act requires any review of the policy to be adopted in accordance with the special consultative procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Statement of Proposal was attached as Appendix 2. The Committee was asked to discuss the draft policy and statement of proposal and agree to recommend to Council the adoption of both documents.

The Policy Planner noted that this report was first considered by the Regulatory Committee and provided a summary of the Committee discussion. She said the Building Act was prescriptive and sets out the powers held by councils and stipulates that they must adopt a policy regarding the use of those powers. The Policy Planner said it also requires the Council to use the Special Consultative Procedure under the Local Government Act, with submissions open from 1 February to 1 March 2018 with hearings on a date to be determined.

Cr Daly expressed concern about the power this may give to Council officers as if taken to the letter of the law, many places in a state of disrepair may be subject to an unnecessarily hard line, like for example, what is meant by moisture penetration on page 62. The Chief Executive Officer said this was stated in the Act and the Council cannot change that. Cr Black noted that these were in the policy anyway and the only thing changing is the removal of the earthquake reference.

Mayor Dalley said it was still a judgement in each situation and the Policy Planner agreed it comes down to what a Council officer sees on site and their assessment of risk. The Policy Planner said officers would usually take a cautious approach and the Act and Policy outlines a reasonable way to manage these situations appropriately. In response to a question from Cr Harris, it was noted that the Council's powers had not changed in this respect.

Cr Fletcher suggested that the alternative for the Council to not have those powers would be worse, as it needs that authority to act and he said he was happy that in general, common sense prevails. The Chief Executive Officer said that in the last year the Council issued section 124 notices on 80 buildings, to keep people out of those buildings for their safety, as this was about protecting people and protecting life. Mayor Dalley said he knew of at least two buildings in the district being actively managed for the benefit of residents, but the Council may need to use its powers at some stage.

THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE DRAFT DANGEROUS, INSANITARY AND AFFECTED BUILDING POLICY AND ADOPTS THE STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNDER SECTION 83 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002.

Fletcher/Black

CARRIED

5.5 Public Toilet Policy

The Manager Regulatory Services advised that the Public Services Committee agreed to a review of the 1998 Public Toilet Strategy and provided input into the various policy options to assist in the drafting of the new Public Toilet Policy. The Draft Public Toilet Policy, as circulated, reflected the input of the Committee, of which the content was considered at three committee meetings, and it had subsequently recommended it for adoption. The Manager Regulatory Services advised that the Public Services Committee made a further change at its 7 December 2017 meeting, agreeing to the addition to Policy 6 of “including the submission process”.

In response to a question from Cr Daly about why the Council needed a public toilet policy, Mayor Dalley said the provision of public toilets was a significant part of Council operations and finances and this gives some direction to that activity. Cr Harris said the Council was trying to look holistically at public toilets around the district, to clarify its approach and provide guidance for when new toilets are requested and built. Mayor Dalley said the policy has incorporated much of the current practice and updated the old policy in this area.

THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPTS THE PUBLIC TOILET POLICY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Ward/Harris

CARRIED

5.6 Making Good Decisions Programme

The Manager Regulatory Services reported that it is the role of consent authorities (Council) to appoint decision-makers to Resource Management hearing panels. Under section 39B the Resource Management Act (RMA), appointees on hearing panels must have accreditation to make decisions on: applications for resource consent; notice of requirements given under section 168 or 189; requests under clause 21(1) of Schedule 1 for a change to be made to a plan; reviews of resource consents; applications to change or cancel resource consent conditions; proposed policy statements and plans that have been notified; and any hearing of an objection under section 357C of the RMA. The requirement is for all members of RMA hearing panels given authority by a local authority under sections 33, 34, or 34A to be accredited, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Opus Environmental Training Centre now delivers the “Making Good Decisions (MGD) Programme” on behalf of the Ministry for the Environment. The purpose of MGD is to help councillors, community board members, and independent commissioners make better decisions under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). It provides RMA decision-makers with the skills needed to run fair and effective hearings, and to make informed decisions.

The programme covers three courses:

- Foundation – this course is intended for Councillors, Council officials, industry professionals and iwi groups to obtain certification to sit as an accredited member of a Hearings Panel.
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- Recertification for Panel members – this course is intended for existing certified panel members who wish to recertify before the expiration of their certificate.
 - Recertification for Panel Chairs – this course is intended for commissioners who are already experienced Chairs or who would like to develop skills as Chairs.

The Manager Regulatory Services advised that currently Cr Black and Cr Davison had done their certificates and Cr Black now needs to recertify. She said the second part of the report is whether other councillors were interested in attending a foundation course. In terms of financial considerations, the report set out the costs and the available conference and training budgets for elected members. Mayor Dalley noted that the Council had committed about \$11,000 of its budget to date, so would be over committed in the training fund and have surplus in the conference one. He asked if there were any likely costs coming up in the conference budget. Cr Black noted that new funding would be available in the budget from 1 July 2018 and Mayor Dalley noted that the Council could spread the costs over the two budgets or over two years.

Cr Davison said it was important for Cr Black to recertify, so he was happy to move the first recommendation. He also noted that when a councillor gains certification, there was not a lot of opportunity to be on a panel, but having better knowledge of Resource Management Act processes was not wasted for members as they sit around the Council table as it has a significant impact on other matters.

Cr Black commented that neither she nor Cr Davison have done the chairs training and this is something to consider in future. She said she was keen to do the recertification course and was happy to wait for a course in Christchurch to minimise costs.

Mayor Dalley asked if any other councillors were interested in the good decision making course and noted that councillors Harris, Fletcher and Shier had indicated interest at an earlier stage, if it was manageable around other commitments. Mayor Dalley suggested that the Council accommodate three councillors within the two year budget, as there was value for the Council in having more councillors trained. Councillors Anderson and Ward also expressed some interest if timing was suitable, however Cr Ward said he was happy to step aside at this stage to allow other interested councillors to participate.

The Manager Regulatory Services said the making good decisions programme was quite specific, had lengthy assignments and it can be quite onerous, so councillors needed to be aware of the commitment required in time and effort.

In response to a question from Cr Black, the Manager Regulatory Services said she would look into whether there could be any potential in combining a specific training with ECan and hosting it at the Hurunui District Council.

THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR MARIE BLACK'S ATTENDANCE AT THE RECERTIFICATION COURSE OF THE MAKING GOOD DECISIONS PROGRAMME IN 2018.

THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLORS FLETCHER, HARRIS AND SHIER TO ATTEND THE FOUNDATION COURSE OF THE MAKING GOOD DECISIONS PROGRAMME IN APRIL 2018.

Dalley/Daly

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Nil.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Hanmer Springs Community Board By-election

The Libraries Manager reported that Chris Preston's resignation from the Hanmer Springs Community Board (HSCB), effective 18 October 2017, requires the Hurunui District Council to hold a by-election under s120 of the Local Electoral Act 2001. As the resignation was received more than 12 months in advance of the next local government election date, a by-election must be held.

Under Section 138A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, if the notice of resignation is received between 28 September and 20 November then the notification date is 20 November and the election date is no earlier than 17 February 2018.

The Manager Support Services introduced the report and said there were no nominations received at this stage and officers were investigating the process to be followed if none is received.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Daly/Harris

CARRIED

7.2 Representation Review Working Group Update

The Manager Public Services reported that the Council approved a Working Group to undertake an initial review of the District's representation and to bring its recommendations to the Council. The report was to update the Council on the Group's review. The Group comprises of Deputy Mayor Marie Black, Councillors Geoff Shier and Fiona Harris; and Council Officers Hamish Dobbie (CEO) and Audrey van der Monde. The Working Group had met four times by the time the Council considered the report and a brief description of the Group's progress at each meeting was set out. The Manager Support Services said the working group decided it would come up with proposals to consider in a councillors workshop, as there was a lot of material to process.

Cr Black commented that it is a complex decision process and trying to identify communities of interest is difficult. She said it was not going to be an easy decision for the Council to make and the status quo was not an option. Cr Shier noted that three of the district's wards were currently not compliant with the population ratio requirements.

Mayor Dalley said that representation reviews were always challenging and previous reviews have resulted in situations like having Amuri and Hurunui as one ward, but separate in how they function due to different communities of interest, for example. He said his experience of the reviews was that they were fraught with difficult issues to resolve.

Cr Harris commented that the Council can develop its preferred option but it would still be dependent in the end on public consultation and then a final Local Government Commission decision.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Harris/Daly

CARRIED

7.3 Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee Update

The Council considered the update from the Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee meeting on 11 December 2017. Cr Daly spoke to the report and summarised the items.

Cr Davison noted that a working group was appointed to consider the Amuri Irrigation Company (AIC) consent with respect to minimum flows in the Waiiau River. He asked what it was hoped to achieve with this working group. Mayor Dalley said there was one consent on the Waiiau that was not due for review until 2033 and that was considered too long as it has major impacts on river flows. He said that ECan can call in and review consents to minimum flow levels, but AIC would likely need to move to storage if consented takes were reduced. Mayor Dalley noted that there are already restrictions on AIC with the minimum flow regime, but if the limits are moved lower, there would be greater impacts and this working group was about having a discussion about the way forward and how the minimum flows can be managed.

Cr Davison said there seems to be increasing pressure to limit consent conditions on AIC and farmers. Cr Daly said there was a very low flow at the river mouth, currently about 15 cumecs, and local people were getting concerned at the bottom end of the river. Cr Fletcher asked if the pressure was coming from lower end farmers or was this more about parity and fairness. Mayor Dalley said the allocation approach has been first-in, first-served, which does not address fairness issues, but if there are unforeseen environmental effects that need to be addressed, including minimum flow regimes, ECan can call in consents to consider significant concerns.

Cr Fletcher sought information regarding the wilding conifer programme item on the Committee agenda and Mayor Dalley said this is not just conifers but is a management issue across the district and the Zone Committee was working on this. He said there were lots of programmes addressing wildings, with government funding as well as regional councils and volunteer control programmes. Cr Fletcher said volunteers were running a programme through the St James area but it has since fallen over. It was noted that this might be question to raise with ECan Councillor McKay for her next visit, regarding what can be done to restore that programme.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Fletcher/Ward

CARRIED

7.4 Update from the Youth Council

The Council considered the update from the Youth Council meeting on 13 November 2017.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Black/Harris

CARRIED

**7.5 Update
from the
Regulatory
Committee**

The Council considered the update from the Regulatory Committee meeting on 7 December 2017. Cr Black spoke to the report and summarised the items and discussion. In particular she noted there were the policy matters dealt with earlier by the Council and the Committee adopted the recommendations of the Unformed Legal Roads working group. She also noted that the Freedom Camping Bylaw was delayed but needs to be sorted out by September 2018, so progress is needed on this in the new year.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Black/Fletcher

CARRIED

**7.6 Update
from the Public
Services
Committee**

The Council considered the update from the Public Services Committee meeting on 7 December 2017. Cr Harris spoke to the report and summarised the items. In particular she noted there was a proposed playground strategy, which it was decided to initiate across the district to rationalise and ensure the Council had the right things in the right places and including consistency in design. The Committee also received updates on the Winter Warmer project and also on the earthquake recovery process.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Harris/Black

CARRIED

Presentations

Hurunui Youth Council

The Council received a presentation from the Hurunui Youth Council. Mayor Dalley welcome the Youth Council members to the Council meeting. Yonni and Omri Kepes, 2017 Youth Council members, gave a presentation on the Youth Council's activities over the year. The new Youth Council facilitator Krystal Jennings was introduced to the Council and it was noted that the Council also has the Hurunui Youth Programme Co-ordinator and a part time youth worker for earthquake recovery projects working with youth in the district, as well as a youth worker employed for earthquake recovery work with children.

Cr McLean noted the Festival of the Future 2018 where Local Government New Zealand was looking to increase the connectedness of young people with like-minded people. She said the Hurunui Youth Council may want to look for funding opportunities in this respect.

Cr Davison noted that there was more ethnic mix in local communities now, which presented a great chance to learn about different cultures for youth in the Hurunui. It was noted that this is identified as something to work on by the Youth Council. The Social Recovery Managers said there was a high participation of youth from migrant communities in the youth programme, but none were represented on the Youth Council, however she said the Youth Council does its best to be inclusive.

Hurunui Youth Programme

Jess Kerr, Hurunui Youth Programme Coordinator, gave a presentation on the recent activities of the Youth Programme.

Cr McLean asked about events for the year ahead and whether it would be more of the same. The Hurunui Youth Programme Co-ordinator said there would be more time for smaller localised events next year as the earthquake recovery moves on and the Council has funding available. She said there would

be a training camp in February and the participants will decide where attention was needed and any improvements required for the programme.

Cr McLean said she would like to see school holiday programmes for younger people in the district and asked if there were any gaps identified regarding school holiday programmes in the area. It was noted that this was more of a matter for younger children, not covered by the youth programme, but which may fall under the children's earthquake recovery programme.

Earthquake Recovery Programme for Children

Tayla Reece, Earthquake Recovery Children's Coordinator, gave a presentation on recent earthquake recovery activities organised for children in the district.

Mayor Dalley thanked all the presenters and thanked the temporary Youth Council Facilitator Scott Rose who provided temporary cover for the role during the year.

Urgent Business Nil.

Forward Communications Councillors were asked to raise any issues for the forward communications programme. The Chief Executive Officer said this item was about looking for things that councillors were aware of for inclusion in the programme.

- Cr Davison sought clarification of why old comments were appearing at the top of the list on the Council's Facebook page and the Communications Officer said they are listed chronologically so when any reviews or related comments are made, they go back to the top of the list.
- Cr Ward noted that the district was drying out rapidly with the arrival of summer and he was concerned about the tyre stockpile in Amberley that had been discussed in previous meetings. The Chief Executive Officer said there were no further updates regarding enforcement action. Cr Ward said he was not happy with just letting it drift, even though there is not much this Council can do. Mayor Dalley said the only pre-emptive thing the Council can do, is to say the Council has its hands tied and cannot take action as it was an ECan matter. He said the local councillors may wish to write something for the next edition of the local newspaper to this effect. Cr Ward said he preferred the Council to put out a media release saying it is aware of the problem, the Council has done all it can do and ECan is doing what it can. Officers were asked to put out a brief factual statement. The Chief Executive Officer said the Council can put out such a media release but it may not be picked up by media outlets and he said councillors' comment in the Hotline community newsletter may be a better option. Mayor Dalley suggested that the Council also put an informative statement online about how the Council was disappointed on lack of progress on the tyre pile. The Council agreed to this approach.
- Cr Fletcher asked for an update on water restrictions and how officers were managing the changes between levels of restrictions. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery said there was a meeting last week to establish criteria over the Christmas period and another meeting planned to get it up and running. In response to a question from Cr Fletcher about the shift from level 2 to level 3, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery said it was sometimes based on consents, sometimes on comments about inconsistency, like on the Waiau River for example,

officers were looking at other water takes and thinking about how to achieve a level playing field for other towns and users on that river. Cr Fletcher said he was being asked questions about how the Council was managing this and asked if something can come from officers regarding what standards were being applied, as there appeared to be a public hunger for information regarding where we are at, why we are there, how long for and what is the Council doing about it all. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery said the situation was better in some places than others but agreed it would be useful to get more information out in the public domain. He said it was not just about river levels as when the Council went through a recent hot weekend in Amberley, the network could not keep up so there was a consumption issue, similarly with the Waitohi scheme.

Cr Harris commented that people were used to restrictions but blanket restrictions is seen as an issue. She said there were matters of firefighting capacity as well and on level 3 restrictions people cannot refill pools but if they do not, then they are not available for local fire fighting and the Council needs to get that sort of communication out.

Cr Daly asked why the Cheviot scheme was on restrictions as he was told it was just because other areas are, but there was no problem with flow and there was a big irrigator still operating next door to the Council intake. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery said the Council was being urged by ECan to be more considerate of river flows and Waiau Rural Water Scheme had restrictions on flow, so it was prudent to conserve water for river health. The Chief Executive Officer commented that if the Council had a patchwork of restrictions across the district, it would have issues of consistency to deal with and it was better to have an across-the-district process.

Mayor Dalley said there was an issue of credibility both ways, in that people know and understand water issues and if the Council takes a blanket approach when there is no issue in some places, then it creates frustration. He said this was not about river flows per se, but the minimum flow regime. The Chief Executive Officer said the Council recently imposed restrictions on the Ashley Rural scheme but the consent says the Council should apply level 4 restrictions when needed to, but if the Council went from no restrictions to level 4, there would likely be a backlash as people want to be forewarned and a graduating process seemed fairer.

Cr Harris said she would like the Council to put more information out so people understand the differences as if people do not have to be on restrictions, they should be able to have water for gardens rather than blanket restrictions and people may be happier to go from nothing to level 4 if they understand the process. Mayor Dalley said it would be useful to provide information about the benchmarks moving from level to level, so that people understand the rationale for movement between levels.

9. PUBLIC EXCLUDED

PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

THAT THE MEETING MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION AND THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF THE MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WHILE THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED, THE REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO THE MATTERS 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 s48 (1) for passing this resolution
Item 9.1 Minutes of the 23 November 2017 Meeting	The minutes contain information withheld to protect the privacy of individuals.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) & Section 7(2)(a).
Item 9.2 Sale of 77 Carters Road	The report contains information withheld to protect the privacy of individuals.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) & Section 7(2)(a).
Item 9.3 Appointment of Enterprise North Canterbury Trustees	The report contains information withheld to protect the privacy of individuals.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) & Section 7(2)(a).
Item 9.4 Request for Rate Remissions	The report contains information withheld to protect the privacy of individuals.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) & Section 7(2)(a).

Davison/Black

CARRIED

THAT THE MEETING RESUME IN OPEN SESSION AND THAT THE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, EXCEPT FOR THOSE MATTERS APPROVED FOR RELEASE.

Ward/Black

CARRIED

Meeting Ended

The meeting ended at 2.25pm.

The next ordinary meeting will be on 22 February 2018.