

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of The Hutt City Council held in the Wainuiomata
Chambers, Wainuiomata Library, Queen Street, Wainuiomata on
Thursday 19 March 2015 commencing at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Mayor WR Wallace (Chair)	
Deputy Mayor D Bassett	Cr C Barry
Cr L Bridson	Cr MJ Cousins
Cr A Finlayson	Cr T Lewis
Cr M Lulich	Cr M Shierlaw

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cr B Branch, Cr G McDonald, Cr C Milne and Cr M Willard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
- Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services
- Mr P Blacker, Chief Financial Officer
- Mrs J Stevens, Corporate Planner
- Ms S Moore, Assistant Corporate Planner
- Mr G Stuart, Divisional Manager Regulatory Services
- Mr R Govinda, Manager Environmental Inspections
- Ms K Stannard, Divisional Manager Secretariat Services

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15101(3)

"That the apologies received from Crs Branch, McDonald, Milne and Willard be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

Cr Shierlaw abstained from voting on the above matter.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Cr Shierlaw declared a conflict of interest regarding discussions relating to the Community Facilities Trust and took no part in the discussion.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT WITH RECOMMENDED ITEM

Policy and Regulatory Committee 9 March 2015 (Recommendation Only)

Recommended Item

- Item 4) Draft Development Contributions Policy 2015-2018 - changes being made before consultation (15/253)**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15102(3)

"That Council approves the draft Development Contributions Policy 2015-2018, with minor changes, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, for consultation alongside the Long Term Plan from 30 March – 30 April 2015."

5. LONG TERM PLAN 2015-2025 (15/403)

Report No. HCC2015/1/70 by the Assistant Corporate Planner

Mr Andy Burns and Mr Andrew Clarke from Audit New Zealand advised that they had finished their audit of the Consultation Document. They considered that it was an appropriate document for consulting with the public. Mr Burns noted that they had reviewed the Asset Management Plans. This review included holding discussions with the General Manager of City Infrastructure. Audit New Zealand was mindful of the issue of renewals and had determined that Council's spending was appropriate. They highlighted that there was no evidence of reduction of spending on renewals.

Mr Burns advised that Audit New Zealand would release its Audit Opinion following adoption of the Consultation Document in June 2015.

In response to questions from members, Mr Burns advised that the Corporate Planner had been very professional to work with and that it had been a smooth process working with other officers and elected members.

The Corporate Planner elaborated on the report.

Members discussed some minor amendments to the Consultation Document to ensure that the document was clear with its statements and easily understood by the public.

Cr Barry expressed concern with the change of approach with the topping up of funding to the Community Facilities Trust ("CFT") in particular reference to the proposed Naenae Bowls facility.

Cr Shierlaw declared a conflict of interest regarding the CFT and took no part in the discussion.

Deputy Mayor Bassett advised that, as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee in the 2010-2013 triennium, Council had made provision of \$2M. He highlighted that there had been no change in approach. He raised concern with the recent incorrect reporting in the media regarding the CFT. He noted that the article had upset the older people of the City and Trustees of the CFT. He advised that it was very important that Councillors wishing to make statements in the media needed to confirm the accuracy of the information before discussing it with the media.

Mayor Wallace highlighted that a briefing on the CFT would be arranged to allow members to refresh their memories on what information had been provided in the past including more detailed information on the financials.

Mayor Wallace congratulated officers for their hard work on the Long Term Plan.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 151033(3)

"That Council:

- (i) *notes that the underlying information for the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 was adopted by Council following the 17 February 2015 Community Plan Committee meeting;*
- (ii) *adopts the Consultation Document attached as Appendix 1 to the report for public consultation between 30 March and 30 April 2015 subject to the following amendments:-*
 - (a) *remove the sentence in column 2 (page 3 of the Consultation Document) that reads: We've topped up the funding for the Regional Bowls Centre in Naenae by \$2M and replace with "We propose putting an additional \$2M towards the Regional Bowls Centre in Naenae funded through asset sales";*
 - (b) *add a paragraph in column 4 (page 3 of the Consultation Document) that reads: "Go to Question 10 at the end of this document to give us your feedback";*
 - (c) *page 12 of the Consultation Document, Line 2 to read " Section 93C of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) requires ...";*
 - (d) *Question 11: Text to read: Do you agree or disagree ...; and*
- (iii) *notes that Audit New Zealand will release their Audit Opinion following adoption of the Consultation Document."*

6. **FEEDBACK ON SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION ON DISCUSSION DOCUMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - PROPOSED INCREASE TO FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR (15/255)**

Report No. HCC2015/1/72 by the Manager Environmental Inspections

The Manager Environmental Inspections elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Divisional Manager Regulatory Services advised that the consultation period met the requirements under the Local Government Act.

In response to questions from members, the Manager Environmental Inspections advised that he was satisfied that those persons who would or might be affected had all been notified. He also advised that organisations would be advised in advance of any increase in fees for 2016.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15104(3)

"That Council:

- (i) notes the content of the summary of submission;*
- (ii) notes the steps Council has taken in line with the submission; and*
- (iii) approves the proposal to increase the Environmental Health Fees and Charges by 8% for the 2015/16 financial year."*

7. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7 pm.

WR Wallace
MAYOR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 12th day of May 2015**