

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an additional meeting of The Hutt City Council held in the
Wainuiomata Chambers, Wainuiomata Library, Queen Street, Wainuiomata on
Thursday 25 June 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 G McDonald
Cr C Milne	Cr M Shierlaw
Cr M Willard	

APOLOGIES: Cr B Branch.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Mr P Blacker, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs JE Stevens, Corporate Planner
Ms S Moore, Assistant Corporate Planner
Mr P Maaka, Urban Design Manager
Ms K Stannard, Manager Secretariat Services

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. **APOLOGIES****RESOLVED:****Minute No. C 15301(8)**

"That the apology received from Cr B Branch be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. PRESENTATION

Presentation of Copy of Heritage Study to Hutt City Council

Mr Ian Hutchings and Mr Marcus Coomer representing the Orongorongo Club ('the club') gave a brief history of the private huts in the Orongorongo Valley and the establishment of the club. They advised that the club had commissioned a study, on behalf of hut owners, which identified that there was a piece of nationally significant heritage in the valley. They thanked Council for its funding assistance towards the study.

In response to questions from a member, Mr Hutchings advised that private hut licences expired in 2050 and that he would like to see the huts retained and made available for public use rather than being demolished. He noted that central government believed that there should not be private huts on public land. He advised that the relevant information was on the club's website www.orongorongoclub.org.nz.

The meeting adjourned at 6.08pm to allow Mr Hutchings and Mr Coomer to formally present Council with a copy of the book "Built Heritage of the Orongorongo Valley."

The meeting resumed at 6.11pm.

Mayor Wallace advised that the book would be held in his Mayoral Office at the Hutt City Council Administration Building.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **ADOPTION OF LONG TERM PLAN 2015-2025** (15/952)

Report No. HCC2015/3/178 (2) by the Assistant Corporate Planner

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Mike Grigg** advised that he believed the word 'empathy' should be included in Council's future Long Term Plans. He believed that people did not have sympathy for low income families.

The Assistant Corporate Planner elaborated on the report. She highlighted minor amendments to the financials for the Long Term Plan. These amendments were as follows: changes to the introductory non-financial chapters, removal of the 2014/15 column from the Fees and Charges section, the Financial Impact Statement and rates text had been replaced with one chapter, the introduction of the Forecasting Financial Statements had been updated to include a table for forecasting assumptions and Appendix 2 of the Revenue and Financing Policy had been updated.

Mr Andy Burns, Audit Director and Mr Andrew Clarke representing Audit New Zealand were in attendance for this item. Mr Burns thanked Council's Corporate Planners and Finance officers for their assistance. He advised that Council's Long Term Plan fitted the purpose of the Act and gave an unqualified audit opinion.

Cr Shierlaw, speaking as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, advised that Council had done a very good job to increase project expenditure accommodated in an average rates increase. He highlighted that 1.8% rates increase was the best result across the Wellington region while Council still investing in the growth and revitalisation of the City.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15302(8)

"That Council:

- (i) notes that the changes identified at the Community Plan Committee meeting held on 4 June 2015 have been made to the Long Term Plan;*
- (ii) notes that all submitters will be provided with feedback on the outcome of their submission in July;*
- (iii) adopts the Long Term Plan 2015-2025;*
- (iv) authorises the Long Term Plan Subcommittee comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Cousins and Cr Shierlaw, to approve the final typeset version of the Long Term Plan; and*
- (v) notes that Audit New Zealand will issue their audit opinion following adoption of the Long Term Plan."*

6. **SETTING RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2016** (15/924)

Report No. HCC2015/3/179 (2) by the Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer elaborated on the report. He advised that there was an amendment to the Average Business Central proposed rates on 2015 values table contained in the report. The figure for the proposed rates on 2015 values should read 14,123 (not 13,638), the dollar change was 263 (not 485) and the percentage change was -1.86% (not -3.43%).

In response to questions from members, the Chief Financial Officer confirmed that the process undertaken by officers for setting the rates in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 was correct. He advised that both internal and external legal advisors had reviewed the recommendation to Council.

Cr Milne advised that he would not be supporting any rates increase for the City.

Mayor Wallace congratulated the officers for their hard work. He thanked members for putting in the extra time and effort to listen to the concerns of the community and making difficult decisions on behalf of the community.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15303(8)

“That Council resolves to set rates and add penalties to unpaid rates during the 2015/16 rating year by passing the resolution set out in Appendix 1:

1. **SETTING THE RATES**

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the current Long Term Community Plan and the Funding Impact Statement in the 2015/2016 Annual Plan, the Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to set and assess the following rates for the year commencing 1 July 2015 and ending 30 June 2016.

(a) a General Rate set and assessed under sections 13 and 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit in the district, differentially on those categories of rateable land as defined in the Hutt City Council Funding Impact Statement as follows:

The General rates in the dollar calculated on the capital value of each rating unit shall be:

<i>Differential Category</i>		<i>Cents in the \$</i>
<i>Residential</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>0.33514</i>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>RU</i>	<i>0.23795</i>
<i>Business Accommodation</i>	<i>BA</i>	<i>0.91159</i>
<i>Business Central</i>	<i>BC</i>	<i>1.05235</i>
<i>Business Suburban</i>	<i>BS</i>	<i>0.99202</i>
<i>Utility Networks</i>	<i>UN</i>	<i>0.81105</i>
<i>Community Facilities 1</i>	<i>C1</i>	<i>0.33514</i>
<i>Community Facilities 2</i>	<i>C2</i>	<i>0.16757</i>
<i>Community Facilities 3</i>	<i>C3</i>	<i>0.81105</i>

- (b) a Targeted Rate (Water Supply Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$367.00, on every separately used or inhabited portion of a rating unit in the district to which water is supplied, with a charge of \$183.50 on every separately used or inhabited portion of a rating unit to which water can be, but is not supplied, (being a property situated within 100 metres from any part of the water works);
- (c) a Targeted Rate (Wastewater Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$444.00, on the first water closet or urinal connected to the wastewater system from each rating unit, and a charge of \$222.00 for the second and each subsequent water closet or urinal from each rating unit so connected, provided that each household is charged for no more than one water closet;
- (d) a Targeted Rate (Recycling Charge) set and assessed under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$40.00 on every separately used or inhabited portion of a rating unit in the Residential differential category to which the recycling collection service is provided, or is available to be provided; and
- (e) a Targeted Rate (Jackson Street Programme Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.10074 cents in the dollar on the capital value of every rating unit in a Business differential category which is situated within that area of the former Petone Borough with a frontage on Jackson Street between the Hutt Road and Cuba Street;

The above rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2016 are all inclusive of GST at the prevailing rate and are payable by six instalments by the following due dates:

Instalment No.	Due Date
One	20 August 2015
Two	20 October 2015
Three	20 December 2015
Four	20 February 2016
Five	20 April 2016
Six	20 June 2016

Where a due date falls on a weekend or public holiday the next business day rule applies.

2. AUTHORISING PENALTY CHARGES

AND pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the Council further resolves for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 to:

- (a) authorise a penalty charge of 10% to be added to the amount of rates remaining unpaid for each instalment after the due date. The dates upon which the 10% penalty charge will be added to any rates remaining unpaid for each instalment will be the day after the date each instalment is due;
- (b) authorise a further penalty charge of 10% to be added to rates levied prior to 1 July 2015 and which remain unpaid after the 20 August 2015 instalment has been processed. This penalty will be added to the amount of unpaid rates the day after the 20 August 2015 instalment has been processed; and

(c) authorise a further penalty charge of 10% to be added to rates levied prior to 1 July 2015 and which remain unpaid after the 20 February 2016 instalment has been processed. This penalty will be added to the amount of unpaid rates the day after the 20 February 2016 instalment has been processed."

Cr Milne requested that his dissenting vote be recorded against the above matter.

7. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.25pm.

WR Wallace
MAYOR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 28th day of July 2015**