

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of The Hutt City Council held in the Council Chambers,
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Thursday 29 June 2017 commencing at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Mayor WR Wallace (Chair)	
Cr G Barratt	Cr C Barry
Deputy Mayor D Bassett	Cr L Bridson
Cr J Briggs	Cr MJ Cousins
Cr S Edwards	Cr T Lewis
Cr M Lulich	Cr G McDonald
Cr L Sutton	

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Cr Milne.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services
Mr B Kibblewhite, Chief Financial Officer (part meeting)
Ms S Simcox, Communications and Marketing Team leader
(part meeting)
Mr A Cumming, Divisional Manager Environmental Policy
(part meeting)
Ms K Stannard, Divisional Manager Secretariat Services

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Mayor Wallace/Deputy Mayor Bassett) **Minute No. C 17301(3)**

"That the apology received from Cr C Milne be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. **SETTING RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2018** (17/904)

Report No. HCC2017/3/148 (2) by the Chief Financial Officer

RESOLVED: (Mayor Wallace/Deputy Mayor Bassett) **Minute No. C 17302(3)**

"That Council resolves to set rates and add penalties to unpaid rates during the 2017/18 rating year by passing the following resolution:

1. **SETTING THE RATES**

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the current Long Term Community Plan and the Funding Impact Statement in the 2016/2017 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 2017 and ending 30 June 2018.

(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>0.30472</i>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>RU</i>	<i>0.22244</i>
<i>Business Accommodation</i>	<i>BA</i>	<i>0.80750</i>
<i>Business Central</i>	<i>BC</i>	<i>0.91415</i>
<i>Business Suburban</i>	<i>BS</i>	<i>0.86844</i>
<i>Utility Networks</i>	<i>UN</i>	<i>0.73132</i>
<i>Community Facilities 1</i>	<i>C1</i>	<i>0.30472</i>
<i>Community Facilities 2</i>	<i>C2</i>	<i>0.15236</i>
<i>Community Facilities 3</i>	<i>C3</i>	<i>0.73132</i>

(b) A Targeted Rate (Water Supply Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$394.00, on every separately used or inhabited portion of a rating unit in the district to which water is supplied, with a charge of \$197.00 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 \$435.00, on the first water closet or urinal connected to the wastewater system from each rating unit, and a charge of \$217.50 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 \$40.50 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.

(e) A Targeted Rate (Jackson Street Programme Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of .079403 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 2018 are all inclusive of GST at the prevailing rate and are payable by six instalments by the following due dates:

<i>Instalment No.</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<i>One</i>	<i>20 August 2017</i>
<i>Two</i>	<i>20 October 2017</i>
<i>Three</i>	<i>20 December 2017</i>
<i>Four</i>	<i>20 February 2018</i>
<i>Five</i>	<i>20 April 2018</i>
<i>Six</i>	<i>20 June 2018</i>

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 2017 to 30 June 2018 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 2017 and which remain unpaid after the 20 August 2017 instalment has been processed. This penalty will be added to the amount of unpaid rates the day after the 20 August 2017 instalment has been processed;

(c) Authorise a further penalty charge of 10% to be added to rates levied prior to 1 July 2017 and which remain unpaid after the 20 February 2018 instalment has been processed. This penalty will be added to the amount of unpaid rates the day after the 20 February 2018 instalment has been processed."

5. **PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 45 - RULE AMENDMENTS AND REZONING OF LAND AT 1N AND 57N MANDEL MEWS FINAL APPROVAL AND OPERATIVE DATE (17/854)**

Report No. HCC2017/3/147 (2) by the Senior Environmental Policy Analyst

The Divisional Manager Environmental Policy elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Mayor Wallace/Cr Cousins)

Minute No. C 17303(3)

"That Council:

- (i) resolves, pursuant to clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, to approve Plan Change 45 to the City of Lower Hutt District Plan, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) approves the affixing of the Common Seal to Plan Change 45 in accordance with Standing Order 8.2, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report; and*
- (iii) notes that a public notice will be included in the Hutt News on 4 July 2017 advising the operative date of Plan Change 45."*

6. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF LOWER HUTT DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE (17/964)**

Report No. HCC2017/3/97 (2) by the Senior Committee Advisor

RESOLVED: (Mayor Wallace/Cr Barratt)

Minute No. C 17304(3)

"That Council:

- (i) approves the appointment of Cr Simon Edwards as Deputy Chair and a list member of the Lower Hutt District Licensing Committee effective from 1 August 2017 for the remainder of his term of office; and*
- (ii) notes that Cr Bridson will be resigning as Deputy Chair and a list member of the Lower Hutt District Licensing Committee on 31 July 2017."*

7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND - REMIT PROPOSALS** (17/912)

Report No. HCC2017/3/51 (2) by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

The Chief Executive elaborated on the memorandum.

Cr Bridson elaborated on the problems facing the City with feral cats. She considered that Councils should be given the power to encourage cat owners to microchip or de-sex their cats. Crs Lewis, Briggs and Barry supported Cr Bridson's comments. They believed it was a good approach especially with the impact cats had on wildlife.

Cr Cousins raised the issue that could occur on the day of the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand where additional information came to light regarding any of the proposed remits. She highlighted that Mayor Wallace did not have the ability to amend Council's decision.

Cr Cousins advised that she did not support the remit suggesting that all Councils should consider the development of a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy.

RESOLVED: (Mayor Wallace/Cr Barratt)

Minute No. C 17305(3)

"That Council notes the following remits being submitted to Local Government New Zealand for consideration at the 2017 Annual General Meeting and:

- (a) supports the remit to amend the Litter Act 1979 to enable Councils to legally issue infringement notices where there is evidence of an offence, attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum;*
- (b) supports the remit to use the appropriate mechanisms to enable a proportion of the 15% Goods and Services Tax (GST) be returned to the regions it was generated in so that Councils can use this money to pay for the servicing of visitor infrastructure, attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum;*
- (c) supports the remit to take legislative action as a matter of urgency to develop national legislation to manage cats with the proviso that legislation includes provision for cost recovery for cat management, attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum; and*
- (d) supports the remit (attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum) suggesting that all Councils should consider the development of a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy for their respective workplaces and facilities noting that Councils have the power to develop and adopt their own policies."*

RESOLVED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Bridson)

Minute No. C 17306(3)

"That Mayor Wallace be given the power to cast his vote appropriately, bearing in mind Council's discussion on the development of national legislation to manage cats, if additional information is raised at the Local Government New Zealand 2017 Annual General Meeting."

Mayor Wallace elaborated on the two nominations received for President of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). He advised that the election for President would be held at the upcoming Annual General Meeting of LGNZ.

Members discussed the nominations and provided feedback on each of the nominations.

In response to a question from a member, Mayor Wallace advised that the Vice President role will be filled by Bay of Plenty Regional Councillor Stuart Crosby who was elected unopposed.

RESOLVED: (Cr Barratt/Deputy Mayor Bassett)

Minute No. C 17307(3)

"That Council nominates Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese for President of Local Government New Zealand."

8. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: (Mayor Wallace/Cr Barratt)

Minute No. C 17308(3)

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

5. *Appointment of Trustees to the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust (17/923)*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

(A)	(B)	(C)
<i>General subject of the matter to be considered.</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</i>
<i>Appointment of Trustees to the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust.</i>	<i>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. (s7(2)(a)).</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exist.</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified in Column (B) above."

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm and the non public portion of the meeting finished at 6.45pm

WR Wallace
MAYOR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 15th day of August 2017