



**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Marlborough District Council
held in the Council Chambers and via Zoom, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

The Mayor J C Leggett (in the Chair), Cllrs J L Andrews, J A Arbuckle, C J Brooks, J D N Croad, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, M J Fitzpatrick, G A Hope, F D Maher, M A Peters, T P Sowman and N P Taylor.

Present via Zoom

Cllr D D Oddie.

In Attendance

Messrs M S Wheeler (Chief Executive), M F Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) and M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting, whether present in the Council Chambers or via Audio Visual link (Zoom) as per Standing Orders and the *COVID-19 Response (Urgent Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020*. The Mayor also advised the meeting was being recorded and that a link to the recording would be loaded to Council's website as soon as practicable following the meeting in accordance with the *COVID-19 Response (Urgent Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020*.

Cncl-0422-304 Declaration of Interests

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Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

A number of declarations were noted in the agenda:

- The various interests as declared under Minute Nos. Cncl-0222-234;
- The interest as declared under Minute No. A&S-0322-262 (Minute No. A&S-0322-269);
- The interest as declared under Minute No. PF&C-0322-e-50 (Minute Nos. PF&C-0222-e-51 and PF&C-0222-e-55); and
- The interest declared at the meeting by Cllr Maher in relation to item 90 under Minute No. Env-0322-281.

Cncl-0422-305 Confirmation of Minutes

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Members discussed the resolution under Minute No. Cncl-0222-252 (Wellbeing Funding) and agreed a third resolution should be added to the original two resolutions to make the thinking behind the motion clearer. The full motion therefore is:

Cllrs Peters/Taylor:

1. That Council agree to funding of up to \$1.26M from the Government Three Waters Better Off package; and
2. That Council agree to undertaking a strategic review of how the balance of Three Waters Better funding be spent.
3. This resolution is subject to receiving clear information from Government before proceeding.

Carried

An error in the commentary under Minute No. Cncl-0222-256 is to be corrected by staff.

The Mayor/Clr Brooks:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2022 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0222-234 to Cncl-0222-259), as amended above, be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Cncl-0422-306 Confirmation of Minutes

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The Mayor/Clr Taylor:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 March 2022 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0322-260 to Cncl-0322-261) be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Cncl-0422-307 Confirmation of Minutes

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The Mayor/Clr Taylor:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 24 March 2022 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0322-286 to Cncl-0322-287) be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Committee Reports

Cncl-0422-308 Assets & Services Committee

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Members discussed the recommendation under Minute No. A&S-0322-269 and agreed that the Resource Consent process needs to be followed.

Clrs Taylor/Fitzpatrick:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. A&S-0322-262 to A&S-0322-273 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

NB: Clr Arbuckle requested that his vote against Minute No. A&S-0322-269 be recorded.

NB: Clr Brooks reiterated her interest in Minute No. A&S-0322-269 and did not take part in discussion nor vote on the issue.

Cncl-0422-309 Environment Committee

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Clrs Hope/Croad:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. Env-0322-274 to Env-0322-281 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

NB: Clr Maher declared an interest relation to item 90 under Minute No. Env-0322-281 and did not take part in discussion nor vote on the issue.

Cncl-0422-310 Planning, Finance & Community Committee

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Staff are to add in the commentary that Ethan Patrick, Youth Council representative, spoke to the Committee.

Clrs Peters/Croad:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. PF&C-0322-288 to PF&C-0322-303 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0422-311 Grants Sub-Committee

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Cllrs Andrews/Sowman:

That the Sub-Committee report contained within Minute Nos. Grnt-0322-282 to Grnt-0322-285 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0422-312 2022-23 Annual Plan Update - Have Your Say Document

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Mr Fletcher reported that the purpose of the report was to adopt 2022-23 Annual Plan, consultation document, called the *2022-23 Annual Plan Update - Have Your Say*. The document was attached to the agenda and an paper copy was circulated prior the meeting.

It was reported that aside from the impacts of COVID-19, there is no significant variation from the Council's 2021-31 Long Term Plan (LTP). The *2022-23 Annual Plan Update - Have Your Say* is a high-level summary which identifies Council's signalled intention to have a rates increase of 5.37%, the impact that has on levels of service and major capital budgets/projects proposed for the 2022-23 year, and the subsequent three years. It also includes a message from the Mayor and how to make a submission. The *2022-23 Annual Plan Update - Have Your Say* will be published on Council's website and can be printed off from there. It will also be made available via local newspapers.

In addition, a number of articles and media releases on this year's Annual Plan projects and programmes will continue to be published on our website, Facebook and Twitter during April. A small number of printed copies of the *2022-23 Annual Plan Update - Have Your Say* will be made available from Council offices and libraries. Council's website will contain supporting information about the Annual Plan, including the agenda from the 24 February Council meeting, which included all the new projects, the budget summary, LTP activity statements, capital expenditure and general financial content at that time.

Members commended those involved in a clear concise document.

The Mayor/Cllr Brooks:

That Council adopt the *2022-23 Annual Plan Update – Have Your Say*.

Carried

Cncl-0422-313 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

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The Mayor/Cllr Taylor:

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

- Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes
- Committee Reports (Public Excluded Sections)

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:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Minutes and Committee Reports	As set out in the Minutes	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 exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Carried

The meeting closed at 9.40 am.

Confirmed this 19th day of May 2022

J C LEGGETT
MAYOR

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