



**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Marlborough District Council  
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim  
on THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023 commencing at 9.00 am**

## **Present**

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs S R W Adams, J A Arbuckle, S J Arbuckle, A R Burgess, J D N Croad, D A Dalliessi, B A Fauls, M R K Flight, G A Hope, R J Innes, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman.

## **In Attendance**

Mr M S Wheeler (Chief Executive), Mr M F Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer), Mr D G Heiford (Manager Economic, Community & Support Services), Mr R P Coningham (Manager Assets & Services), Ms G M Ferguson (Consents & Compliance Group Manager), Mr A J Lyall (Property & Community Facilities Manager), Ms H Adams (Kaihautū), Mr H R Versteegh (Environmental Science & Policy Group Manager), Mr R Foitzik (General Counsel), Mr D G Walters (Communications Manager), Ms S L Young (Chief Information Officer), Mr S A Donaldson (Planning & Development Engineer), Mr S W Rooney (Operations & Maintenance Engineer), Ms A L Davidson (Manager Resource Consents), Ms K M Winter (Team Leader Environmental Health), Mr A D Johnson (Manager Environmental Science & Monitoring), Mr B R Paton (Marlborough Emergency Management Group Manager), Mr S J Murrin (Marlborough Roads Manager), Dr A G McNeil (Solid Waste Manager), Ms J A Tito (Parks & Open Spaces Manager), Ms C L Lake (Financial Services Manager), Ms L J Craighead (Planner Parks & Open Spaces), Ms S J Young (Regional Events Advisor), Ms S E Edmonds (Strategic Planner), Ms S P Mavi (Solicitor), Ms N J Chauval (Committee Secretary) and Mr M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

## **Karakia**

The meeting opened with a karakia.

## **Apology**

**Cllrs J Arbuckle/Croad:**

**That the apology for absence from Cllr B G Dawson be received and sustained.**

## **Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-255 Declaration of Interests** -

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-1222-204;
- The interests as declared under Minute No. A&S-0123-215 (Minute Nos. A&S-0123-218 and A&S-0123-221);
- The interest as declared under Minute No. E&P-0223-228 (Minute No. E&P-0223-235);
- The interest as declared under Minute No. EFC-0223-241 (Minute No. EFC-0223-e-48); and
- The interests declared at the meeting by Cllr Fauls under Minute Nos. Cncl-0323-277 and Cncl-0323-285.

## **Cncl-0323-256 Introduction of Additional Items** -

**Cllrs Adams/Dalliessi:**

**That the following additional items be considered for reason of the urgent nature of the business and insufficient time being available to include the items on the original Agenda and Meeting Notice.**

**In Open Meeting:**

- **Waste Fees and Charges**

## **Carried**

The Mayor welcomed everybody and introduced the purpose of the budget side of the meeting as per the Agenda. The Mayor also acknowledged the work of the Finance Team and other staff who had worked on reports.

**Cncl-0323-258 Budget Summary**

Mr Fletcher spoke to his report which provided Council with an overview of the budgets proposed for inclusion in Council's 2023-24 Annual Plan (AP).

In summary Mr Fletcher reported that to maintain current levels of service, the "raw" rates increase for 2023-24 would be 10.87%. However, rates savings of approximately 1.9%, which have yet to be processed through the financial and rating system, have been identified, yielding a net figure of just under 9.0%. This is a 3.3% increase on the 5.7% rates increase forecast in the Long Term Plan (LTP) for 2023-24. It was noted that the 2023-24 rates increase forecast in LTP was determined in a totally different economic environment. When preparing the 2021-31 LTP the forecast CPI increase was 1.2% for 2022, 1.4% for 2023 and 1.8% for 2024. This compares with the current and forecast CPI increases 7.3%, 6.4% and 3.5% for the same periods. The proposed budgets maintain a continuation of existing levels of service and a capital expenditure programme that mainly focuses on core infrastructure. To reduce the impact on rates, fees have been reviewed, expenditure has been reviewed with a view to reduce where possible, new revenue source identified, extensive use has been made of the Infrastructure Upgrade and Depreciation Reserves and a \$4.5M allocation from the COVID-19 Rates Relief Reserve. The majority of the increase is driven by the cost pressures facing local government as reflected in the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI); Council's capital expenditure programme and consequential increased maintenance, management, depreciation and cost of increased debt; increasing Government requirements; and additional personnel costs.

Mr Fletcher further reported that when considering the reasonableness of the proposed rates increase, it must be recognised that Marlborough is a Unitary Council, with the combined functions of both a Regional Council and Territorial Local Authority. The rate increases proposed by the majority of Regional Councils are significantly higher than what has been proposed. Net debt levels are forecast to be within the \$230M net debt cap set by Council between 2027-28 and 2031-32 where the cap is exceeded by a maximum of \$23M (including Flaxbourne Irrigation) in 2029-30 should the Three Waters reforms not proceed. Should the Three Waters reforms proceed, there will be no exceedances. Mr Fletcher advised that indicatively should Council agree with the recommendations as detailed in the agenda, the rates increase for 2023-24 will be less than 8.0%.

Mr Fletcher, in his background to the report, advised that for each of the two years between Long Term Plans Council is required to prepare an Annual Plan. 2023-24 is the second year since Council adopted its 10 year 2021-31 LTP and the first for this Council. As part of the preparation of the LTP, The previous Council undertook a significant review of its operations and policies. Council's review included the levels of service for all its activities; Rating and Revenue Policies including the method of rating, rating areas and its Revenue and Financing Policy; Treasury, debt and investment policies; and key assumptions including legislative impact, inflation, interest rates, NZTA subsidy level, population growth and the economic lives of Council assets. The interest rates assumption has been further reviewed as part of the preparation of this AP and Council has decided to increase the interest rate assumption to 5%, which is consistent with NZ wide increase in interest rates. This year's AP has been prepared in an environment that is similar to that which existed when the LTP was prepared, i.e. the Council and the community are facing:

- the continuing impacts of COVID-19 both on Marlborough and the rest of the world. Much of Marlborough's economy is trade and tourism related and therefore reliant on how the rest of the world deals with the impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic. Much of the Marlborough economy has withstood the economic impacts of COVID-19 well, certainly much better than some of the pessimistic forecasts being made by many commentators 24 months ago. The exception has been tourism. However, there are signs of a recovery in this sector with the opening of NZ's borders and the return of passenger numbers at Marlborough Airport to pre-COVID levels;
- increasing impacts of Government Regulation and National Policy Statements (NPSs). The Taumata Arowai – Water Services Regulator Act was passed in July 2020 and the National Policy Statement (NPS) on Freshwater Management 2020 was also issued in the same year;
- further NPSs being in the pipeline, there is also the review of the Resource Management Act 1991 and how the Three Waters will be delivered in the future. As a result of the uncertainty surrounding these developments and reviews, it has been assumed that the status quo will remain for the purposes of

preparing this AP. They will be better addressed in the 2024-34 LTP when greater certainty exists. In the interim, Council must keep abreast of any developments and be prepared to provide input/comment;

- higher levels of population growth are currently being experienced compared to the position of 5-10 years ago. Higher levels of growth increase the demand for additional Council infrastructure. While much of the growth component is paid for via Development Contributions in the long term, Council must fund the costs upfront; and
- increasing requests from the community for either increased levels of service or increased financial support.

In addition:

- higher than normal levels of inflation are currently experienced, with forecast CPI increases expected to peak at just over 7%, before returning to more normal levels, noting that recovery from Cyclone Gabriel could delay this; and
- supply chain, i.e. the availability of certain materials and the availability of skilled personnel remains a real issue.

Mr Fletcher spoke on the budget approach which was detailed in the report.

The prime drivers for rates increases are the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI), capital expenditure and personnel costs. The LGCI is forecast each year by BERL and used by the majority of Local Authorities to forecast likely inflation movements. The forecast for 2023-24 is 2.4. Over the past five years actual Capital Expenditure has ranged from \$36.2M in 2020 (COVID) to \$76.1M before flood damage expenditure in 2022 with an average of \$58.2M. The projection for 2022-23 is just over \$75M. A total budget of \$76.3M (including \$1.0M for the Flaxbourne Irrigation Scheme) was recommended. Detail on how this figure was recommended and the effect on depreciation was included in Mr Fletcher's report. Mr Fletcher advised that with the LGCI forecast to increase by 5.9% and the indicative impact on rates from Capex and revaluations (funded depreciation and interest) being 8.7% and Personnel being 1.5%, that these three factors explain a significant portion of the total rates increase.

There is also a fourth significant driver, Government requirements. The exact dollar values of the additional costs resulting from increasing Government requirements are difficult to quantify as collectively they impact the whole of Council, including for example, the NZ Drinking Water Standards, Traffic Management requirements, National Environmental and Policy Statements, even down to specifying the level of training required by Building Control Officers. There is no indication that the pace of Government reforms and resulting additional costs will slow. Two attachments to the agenda showed the impact and the number of initiatives out for consultation.

The report covered in detail how the proposed budget impacts upon projected debt, along with proposed operating and capital expenditure.

The table below identifies the activities that have the greatest impact on the proposed increase in rates and charges and in summary the reasons why. It should also be noted that some of the increase results from the flow on effects of previous years' decisions, particularly if last year expenditure was funded from reserves for one year and this year are fully rate funded and investment in infrastructure intensive activities such as Sewerage, Water and Community Facilities. These projects are now incurring a full year's charge for depreciation, interest on loans and, for some, increased operating costs. Conversely, if budgeted Capital Expenditure has been deferred or delayed, then the corresponding depreciation and interest will not come to charge:

General Rooding and Footpaths	1,519,771	The main increase is in depreciation costs due to an increase in revaluation of the assets.
Library	1,284,182	Increased operating and depreciation costs due to a larger library building.
Community Facilities	1,023,457	The main increase is due to additional costs for the District's reserves and public conveniences. This includes an increase in operating costs for the Lansdowne sports hub.
Water Supply	806,123	The main increase is in depreciation costs due to an increase in assets and their values in prior years.
Building control	699,062	The budget for Fees & charges has decreased by 5%, while the personnel & operating costs have increased due to inflation. A separate paper proposing increased fee levels is contained in this agenda and will largely offset this increase.
Sewerage	655,388	The main increase is in depreciation costs due to increase in assets in prior years.
Flood protection	449,256	Increased operating cost in insurance, electricity and minor works.

Environmental Management	426,400	Additional resources are required for environmental review to keep pace with government (National policy and environmental statements) and the community demand for quality environmental data and monitoring to position Council well for the future.
Solid Waste Management	389,452	Waste disposal levy increasing from \$30 per tonne to \$50 per tonne. It is expected that this will increase to \$60 per tonne next year.
Resource Consents	371,523	Increased costs in personnel and corporate expenses, but no increases in fees shown in this budget. A separate paper proposing increased fee levels is contained in this agenda and will largely offset this increase.
Democratic Process	367,937	As there is an LTP next year the audit fees costs are budgeted, offsetting the reduced election costs that featured in the 2022-23 budget. The increase in councillor fees are also in this category.
Storm water	360,453	The main increase is in depreciation costs due to increase in asset values in prior years.
Culture Heritage	205,023	Increase in depreciation costs for the art gallery portion of the new library/art gallery building.
Harbours	200,724	Major expense being depreciation for the 3 tide stations computer project. An indicated increase in Navigation levies will largely offset this increase.
<b>Targeted Rates and Charges:</b>		
Riverlands Water Supply	181,818	Additional costs due to the Riverlands new water treatment plant including treatment costs.
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,359,515</b>	

Mr Fletcher reported that managers have identified a number of new initiatives with supporting papers which were reported in the Agenda. The table below showed the indicative impact on Rates should Council proceed with the proposed initiatives. NB: the indicative rates movement at the time will include the financial impact of any related staff positions, depreciation and debt servicing costs:

Levels of Service Increases	Total \$	Indicative Rates Impact 2023-24	Comments
People and Capability initiatives	70,000	\$70,000	As this expenditure is on-going it should be Rates funded.
Travel-Time allowance	8,000	\$8,000	As this expenditure is on-going it should be Rates funded.
CDEM Group Plan Review	39,500	-	As this is only for one year, it is suggested that this be funded from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve.
River Rating Review	200,000	-	As this is only for a two-year period, it is suggested that this be funded from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve.
Bus Service Review	29,400	\$29,400	As the continuation of the Picton bus would be permanent, this should be rates funded.
Community Facilities: Playgrounds and Sports Parks Funding	1,705,160	\$21,440	Majority of items from Landsub with the balance being debt funded via rates.
Funding of New Art Gallery	1,000,000	(\$80,000)	Rates saving
Essential Fresh Water Building Capability and Capacity for Catchment Management	975,000	-	For future rates from 2025-2026
Fixed Term Increase in Building Control Staff	500,000	-	As this is only for a two-year period, it is suggested that this be funded from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve.
<b>Fee Reviews – Rates Savings</b>			
Resource Consent Fees		(\$276,690)	
Health Fees		(\$19,100)	
Building Control Fees		(\$438,860)	
Resource Consent & Permitted Activity Monitoring Fees & Charges		(\$222,270)	
LIMS Fees		(\$24,800)	
Service Connection Fee Review		(\$30,680)	
<b>Net Impact on Rates</b>		<b>(\$963,560)</b>	<b>Rates Saving</b>

The forecast balances (\$M) of Council's discretionary Reserves were highlighted in the report. Further detail on the allocations already approved from these Reserves is shown under Minute Nos. Cncl-0323-262 and Cncl-0323-263.

Members discussed the COVID-19 Rates Relief Reserve and the Emergency Events Reserve. It was suggested that the COVID-19 Rates Relief Reserve be unwound next year, and that the Emergency Events Reserve would be looked at during the 2024-34 Long Term Plan process.

**The Mayor/Clr J Arbuckle:**

**That Council receive the information contained in this Budget Summary Paper and adopt it as supporting information to the 2023-24 Annual Plan.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-259 Water and Sewerage Capital Budgets F230-A23-03**

Mr Donaldson provided an overview of Water and Sewerage projects and capital budgets over the 2023-33 period.

The report included specific detail on the projects proposed and their capital costs.

Members expressed their appreciation of the quality of Council's work in this area, and the quality of information contained in the report.

**The Mayor/Clr Croad:**

**That the water and sewerage budget and programme for the 2023-33 period be received and the information be adopted as supporting information.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-260 Road and Footpaths Budget F230-A23-03, R800-006-002-02**

Mr Murrin provided an overview of major roading expenditure, broken down into three categories: Maintenance; Renewals; and Capital Improvements. It was noted that expenditure is split into subsidised and unsubsidised. Subsidised expenditure attracts a subsidy from Waka Kotahi. The current subsidy for Council's standard roading programme is set at 51%.

It was further reported that the Waka Kotahi subsidised Roothing Programme is funded in a 3-year block and is known as the 2021-24 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP). The 2023-24 year is the last year of the current NLTP.

Mr Murrin further reported that the only major capital improvements proposed in the long term plan are bridge replacements. There is a total of \$7.64m budgeted over 2 years 2025-27 for the High Street Bridge and a further \$7.4m is budgeted in 2027-28 for the Wither Road West Bridge, across the Taylor River.

The report included specific detail on the risks not currently budgeted for, and the current budget situation.

**Clrs Croad/Innes:**

**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-261 Capital Expenditure Schedule F230-A23-03**

Members noted the summary of the proposed capital expenditure programme for the 2023-24 Annual Plan. Mr Fletcher reported that the majority of the larger items are either commented on in the previous two items. It was noted that the figures in this schedule differ from those contained in the above items, due to the budget adjustments made to broadly align with the funding envelope agreed in the Long Term Plan.

**The Mayor/Clr J Arbuckle:**

**That the information be received and adopted as supporting information.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-262 Reserve Balances**

**F230-A23-03**

Mr Fletcher outlined the forecast balances for Council's significant Reserves.

Members agreed to surrender the allocation of \$293,533 from the Forest and Land Development Reserve for the Marlborough Heritage Trust fire protection plan.

**Cirs Hope/J Arbuckle:**

1. **That Council receive and adopt this paper as supporting information.**
2. **That Council surrender the allocation of \$293,533 from the Forest and Land Development Reserve for the Marlborough Heritage Trust fire protection plan.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-263 Infrastructure Upgrade Reserve**

**F230-A23-03**

Mr Fletcher provided a specific update on the Infrastructure Upgrade Reserve.

**The Mayor/Cir Croad:**

**That Council receive and adopt this paper as supporting information.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-264 Forecast Financial Statements**

**F230-A23-03**

Mr Fletcher explained the forecast Financial Statements reflecting the income, expenditure and funding decisions in the 2023-24 Draft Annual Plan.

The report included the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense; Statement of Changes in Net Assets / Equity; Statement of Financial Position; Statement of Cash Flows; and the accompanying Financial Statement Notes.

Following a question on 3 Waters assets and debts, Mr Fletcher undertook to provide a response following the meeting.

**Cirs J Arbuckle/Dalliessi:**

**That the information presented be received as supporting documentation.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-265 Council Activities**

**F230-A23-03**

Mr Fletcher advised that the purpose of this paper was to present for Council's information each of Council's Activities and provide a guide to the structure of each the Activity Statements. The intention was that this information would be made available to the public during the consultation process as supporting information. The papers were separately attached to the Agenda (filed in CM – Record No. 2341360).

The following issues were raised at the meeting:

- Page 16 – Cir Dalliessi noted that the reference to “Marlborough Migrant Centre” should be “Marlborough Multicultural Centre”.
- Page 17 – Cir J Arbuckle questioned the level of funding for Building Consent, Resource Consent and Transfer Station grants and that these grants should increase by more than CPI. It was agreed that staff would prepare a staff submission to the Annual Plan.
- Page 75 – Cir J Arbuckle raised the funding level of the Environmental Grants. It was further suggested that a yearly CPI increase should be added to these Grants.

**Cirs J Arbuckle/Hope:**

**That “Environmental Grants” be CPI adjusted on the base rate from the 2024/25 year and annually thereafter.**

**Carried on a show of hands 9 to 3 (with 2 abstentions)**

- Page 91 – Cllr Dalliessi questioned the current level of split between user contribution and community contribution to the funding of the Animal Control function. This is to be discussed further by the Animal Control Sub-Committee.

**Cllrs J Arbuckle/Dalliessi:**

1. That Council note the availability of the information contained in the separate Activity Attachment.
2. That Council receive and adopt the information as supporting information.

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: The meeting adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

## **Cncl-0323-266      Levels of Service Increases: E-Recruitment System      C500-005-019-H02**

Mr Heiford advised that the purpose of the report was to request approval to procure an e-recruitment system to support and streamline Council's recruitment processes.

In summary it was reported that Council's current recruiting process is labour-intensive, manual, and at times can be unstructured. These inefficiencies can lead to an increase in time to hire and result in administrative errors being made. The People & Capability (P&C) Strategy 2022-2024 has recognized streamlining Council's recruitment processes as a top priority to better support the organisations goals and improve Council's "new employee" experience. The P&C team have identified an e-recruitment system, to build on the efficiencies and effectiveness that such a system brings, in order to improve on how recruitment is managed at Council.

The report covered in detail information under the headings of Overview, Background, Current Recruitment Challenges and Risks, Advantages of an E-Recruitment System, Cost Benefits, Budget Requirements and Next steps.

**Cllrs J Arbuckle/Innes:**

**That Council procures an e-recruitment system and supporting technology for recruitment and vacancy management at a cost of up to \$30,000 per annum (initial purchase and on-going support), with funding to come from general rates.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-267      Levels of Service Increases: Digital Health and Safety Management System (HSMS)      C500-005-019-H02**

Mr Heiford advised that the purpose of the report was to introduce a Digital Health and Safety Management System (HSMS) to support Council by digitising our Health and Safety Management processes.

In summary it was reported that the system was requested as part of a programme of work that will support Council's Health, Safety and Wellbeing Strategy (2022–2024). A review to understand the current health and safety challenges and risks faced by Council including the advantages and cost benefits of a digital HSMS has been undertaken. The financial impacts outlined are proposed to take effect from the first quarter of the 2023/2024 financial year.

The report covered in detail information under the headings of Overview, Background, Current Health and Safety Challenges and Risks, Advantages of a Digital HSMS, Cost Benefits, Statistics, Claims and Offences, Direct and Indirect Costs, Budget Requirements and Next steps.

**Cllrs Croad/Minehan:**

1. That Council approve the request to implement a digital HSMS.
2. That Council approve the budget increases for the 2023/24 budget (and future years) to implement and maintain the digital HSMS at a cost of up to \$40,000 per annum (initial purchase and on-going support), with funding to come from general rates.

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-268 Levels of Service Increases: Travel-Time Allowance**

**D050-003-05**

Mr Heiford advised that the purpose of the report was to report back to Council on the cost of the implementation of the Travel-Time Allowance for Councillors.

In summary it was reported that any reimbursement of the Travel-Time Allowance would be outside of current budget levels and would require an increase in rates. It was estimated that a budget in the vicinity of \$8,000 would be required for this allowance.

Following discussion, Clr Adams moved (with Clr Croad seconding) the following motion.

### **Clrs Adams/Croad:**

- 1. That Council decline to increase rates for the provision of a Travel-Time Allowance.**
- 2. That Council not adopt the Travel-Time Policy as part of the Elected Members' Allowances and Reimbursement Policy, therefore the Elected Members' Allowances and Reimbursement Policy as adopted under Minute No. Cncl-1222-212 remains the Policy for the 2022-25 Triennium.**

### **Carried**

NB: Clrs Burgess, Fauls and Minehan abstained from voting on the above issue

## **Cncl-0323-269 Levels of Service Increases: CDEM Group Plan**

**E210-001-04**

Mr Paton advised that the purpose of the report was to gain funding from Council to review and rewrite the Marlborough Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan (Group Plan).

In summary it was reported that the current Group Plan was written in 2016 and had minor changes made to it in 2018 to reflect the changes to the CDEM Act regarding the way recovery was managed. Group Plans have a 5 year operational period. Under Section 56 of the CDEM Act Groups 'must review' their Group Plan if it is more than 5 years old. A full review is a significant amount of work, including extensive community consultation and hazard identification. This is currently beyond the Group Office's capacity. A quote has been received to carry out a full review by a contractor (Toa Consulting) specialising in CDEM planning.

The report gave Council three options for the proposal (fund a contractor to carry out a full review and rewrite, CDEM Group Office carries out the reviewing and rewriting or delay the review). Members agreed to approve funding a contractor to carry out a full review and rewrite of the Marlborough CDEM Group Plan to the value of \$39,500 (GST exclusive).

Mr Paton is to arrange a briefing with elected members.

### **Clrs Hope/Innes:**

**That Council fund a contractor to carry out a full review and rewrite of the Marlborough CDEM Group Plan to the value of \$39,500 (GST exclusive) for the 2023/24 financial year only, with funding from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve.**

### **Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-270 Levels of Service Increases: Wairau River Rating Review**

**R700-002-01**

Mr Coningham advised that the purpose of the report was to request approval to complete a technical review of the Wairau River Rating Scheme and conduct public consultation on potential changes to the Scheme.

In summary Mr Coningham reported that the Wairau River Rating Scheme in general has been in place since 1960. The first review of the rating for this scheme was carried out in 1994, and it is now time to review the rating scheme again to look at including other areas in the rating scheme and the level of service provided currently for those areas. With Climate Change, Marlborough is expected to experience more frequent intense rain events meaning a wider focus on the rivers and drainage network for the Wairau River Rating Scheme is required. A number of areas within the Wairau Plains post the July 2021 and August 2022 flood events have



approached Council wanting to see a higher level of service on flood protection and drainage work carried out in their area.

The report gave Council two options for the proposal (allocate \$200,000 from Reserves for a technical review and consultation or the status quo). Members agreed to allocate \$200,000 from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve to complete the technical review of the Wairau River Rating Scheme and conduct public consultation on potential changes to the Wairau River Rating Scheme.

**Cllrs Adams/Hope:**

**That Council approves the allocation of \$200,000 from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve to complete the technical review of the Wairau River Rating Scheme and conduct public consultation on potential changes to the Wairau River Rating Scheme.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-271      Levels of Service Increases: Picton and Renwick Trial Bus Service Review      R800-003-003-01**

Mr Coningham advised that the purpose of the report was to provide Council with an update on the Renwick and Picton trial bus services and to consider whether to extend, expand or discontinue the contracted trial bus services.

In summary it was reported that during the 2018-28 LTP decision process Council allocated additional gross funding of \$150,000/yr to enable additional bus services to be trialled in the 2018-21 period. Once fare revenue and Waka Kotahi financial assistance of 51% is considered, the net impact on rates is approximately \$66,000 per annum. The trial period for the Renwick and Picton bus services was originally proposed to terminate in June 2021 but was reviewed and extended to 30 June 2023.

Further detail on each trial service was included in the report.

The report gave Council three options for the proposal (cease the Renwick bus service and to formalise the Picton bus service from a trial to a permanent service, continue the existing trial bus services for Renwick and Picton for a further 12 months to June 2024, or discontinue both Renwick and Picton bus services at the end of their trial period of June 2023). Members agreed to cease the Renwick bus service and to formalise the Picton bus service from a trial to a permanent service.

**Cllrs Croad/Fauls:**

- 1. That Council cease the Renwick bus service on 30 June 2023.**
- 2. That Council move the Picton bus service from a trial to a permanent service with effect from 1 July 2023, at a cost of \$29,000 per annum, with funding from general rates.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-272      Levels of Service Increases: Community Facilities: Playgrounds and Sports Parks Funding      R510-021-01**

Ms Tito advised that the purposes of the report were to request funding for new development on Council playgrounds, and to request funding for improvements and upgrades to assets on Council playgrounds, parks and sports parks.

In summary it was reported that the proposed projects for funding have been identified either through an Annual Plan submission, as a result of new subdivision development or have been identified by staff. A total of 10 projects totalling \$1,705,160 are proposed that include new developments, asset replacement and improvements. A number of these projects meet the criteria for funding from the Land Subdivision Reserve with some projects to be rates funded, depending on the size of growth component for each project. This leaves a balance of \$3,455,558 in the Land Subdivision Reserve. There will be an additional paper seeking Land Subdivision Reserve funding for projects to the Assets and Services Committee in June 2023.

The report covered in detail Background – Playgrounds, Parks and Sports Parks, Funding, and Next steps.

Clrs Croad/Hope:

1. That Council approve funding for proposed projects totalling \$1,705,160, with an allocation of funding from the Land Subdivision Reserve totalling \$1,437,160 and the balance, \$268,000, to be rates funded as per the following:

Name of park and description of proposed project	Cost	Growth Driven (Percent)	Landsub Reserve	Debt funding
Rose Manor Reserve <i>A new playground in a new subdivision.</i>	\$550,000	100	\$550,000	\$0
Wairau Valley Hall Playground <i>A new playground to meet growth in numbers of children.</i>	\$150,000	100	\$150,000	\$0
Flaxbourne Domain <i>Upgrade to playground with an increased use of playground identified and a growth in number of children.</i>	\$150,000	60	\$90,000	\$60,000
Wither Hills Farms Park <i>Replacement bridge at Sutherland Stream car park entrance. A noted growth in track user numbers.</i>	104,000	50	\$52,000	\$52,000
Lansdowne Park <i>New seal on carpark at Lansdowne Hub with increased user numbers. Improved finish to hub development.</i>	\$181,160	100	\$181,160	\$0
Seddon Domain <i>Resurface for rugby field, with noted increase in number of players.</i>	\$45,000	70	\$31,500	\$13,500
Seddon Domain <i>Resurface to netball courts following damage, netball continues to be a growth sport in Seddon.</i>	\$100,000	50	\$50,000	\$50,000
Renwick Domain <i>Modular pump track to meet growth in users at Domain.</i>	\$75,000	100	\$75,000	\$0
Pollard Park Playground <i>Replace aging equipment to meet growth and changing needs of playground users.</i>	\$150,000	65	\$97,500	\$52,500
Havelock Domain Playground <i>Redevelopment of playground to meet growth in users of area and address health and safety concerns at the Domain.</i>	\$200,000	80	\$160,000	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,437,160</b>	<b>\$268,000</b>

2. That Council approve the use of \$268,000 of rate funded debt to fund the non-growth component of the works required to upgrade parks and open spaces assets to meet levels of service, safety and demand requirements.
3. That Council note the rating impact will be \$21,440.

Carried

## Cncl-0323-273 Levels of Service Increases: Art Gallery Funding R510-021-01

Mr Fletcher advised that the purpose of the report was to request Council's agreement to change the method of funding Council's \$2.0M grant towards the funding of the new Art Gallery.

In summary it was reported that currently Council's \$2.0M grant towards the construction of the Art Gallery is by means of "Rate Funded Debt". As the need for this project is partially driven by growth, it was proposed by staff that \$1M of this project is funded by the Land Subdivision Account (LSA). This will generate a rate saving of approximately \$80,000, while still leaving a balance of \$2,455,558 in the Land Subdivision Account.

Members discussed the recommendation of staff to fund up to \$1M of the Art Gallery construction cost from the Land Subdivision Account and also the other options detailed in the agenda item. It was agreed that up to \$1.2M (with rates savings of approximately \$96,000) would be funded. This leaves a balance of \$2,255,558 in the Land Subdivision Account.

**Cllrs J Arbuckle/Adams:**

**That Council agree to fund up to \$1.2M of the Art Gallery construction cost grant from the Land Subdivision Account.**

**Carried**

**Cncl-0323-274      Levels of Service Increases: Essential Fresh Water Building Capability and Capacity for Catchment Management      E360-002-002-02**

Mr Johnson advised that the purpose of the report was to seek budget approval to provide ongoing funding of Catchment Care Services from 2025/26 to meet the Council obligations under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater 2020 (NPSFM) and the Marlborough Environment Plan (PMEP).

In summary it was reported that the Essential Freshwater package National Policy Statement for Freshwater (NPSFM), introduced by central government in 2020, and the Marlborough Environment Plan (PMEP) create additional requirements for the Council in respect of freshwater management and protecting ecosystem health. The NPSFM framework makes it mandatory to develop catchment action plans for degraded catchments and their implementation through a proposed farm planning regime. Council has already invested in a catchment care programme, however the majority of the funding for this programme is currently provided by government. The funding impacts for a continuation of a service if solely funded by Council would require additional Council funding from 2025/26. Council staff will continue to advocate for government assistance for catchment management to help supplement rate funding.

Further detail was included in the report.

**Cllrs Faulls/Hope:**

**That Council agree to include in future years' budgets, funding of \$225,000 for 2025/26, \$300,000 for 2026/27 year and \$450,000 from 2027/28 and subsequent years to implement the statutory requirements under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater (NPSFM) and Marlborough Environment Plan (PMEP) for catchment care services.**

**Carried**

**Cncl-0323-275      Levels of Service Increases: Fixed Term Increase in Building Control Staff      R450-002-B01**

Ms Ferguson advised that the purpose of the report was to provide Council an update on existing and future Building Control service demand as a result of emergency response activity and commencement of the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022 in 2024.

In summary it was reported that increased and ongoing demand on Building Control emergency recovery activities from the 2021 & 2022 flood events required additional resource. The commencement of the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022 will place additional demand on Building Control to implement these regulations. Two fixed term positions were proposed to fill these resource areas for a period of two years. It was proposed to fund these positions from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve, as they are fixed term positions.

The report covered the background in detail along with detail under headings of Emergency Response, Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022, Assessment/Analysis and Options.

The report gave Council two options for the proposal (approve two fixed term Building Control Officers funding from the Forestry and Land Development Reserves or the status quo). Members agreed to fund two 2-year fixed term positions from Forestry and Land Development Reserve to a value of up to \$250,000 per annum to support Building Control emergency response and regulatory delivery.

**The Mayor/Cllr Innes:**

**That Council approve the funding of two 2-year fixed term positions from Forestry and Land Development Reserve to a value of up to \$250,000 per annum to support Building Control emergency response and regulatory delivery.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-276      Annual Review of Resource Consent Fees – Resource Management Act 1991                      R450-002-R02**

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to provide Council with the review of fees and charges under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) and consider a proposed increase to the existing fee schedule for charges.

Ms Ferguson advised that the current fees were last increased in July 2022. The current fees have been reviewed and it is recommended that there is a 13.5% increase to the Resource Consent charges for the 2023/2024 financial year. The Marlborough District Council Resource Management Act 1991 - Charging Policy was changed in 2020 to allow for CPI adjustments to Resource Consent Fees and Charges on an annual basis from 1 July each year, increases greater than CPI are required to be consulted on using the special consultative procedure as provided in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Cirs Croad/Dalliessi:**

**That Council approve consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 on the Option A increase (as noted in the agenda as being a 13.5% increase in Resource Consent fees and charges) to the existing fee schedule for charges associated with consent processing activities under Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) effective from 1 July 2023.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-277      Proposed Environmental Health Fees 2023/2024 E350-004-009-02**

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to provide Council with the review of fees and charges under the Food Act 2014 and Health Act 1956 and a proposed schedule of fees and charges for consideration.

Ms Winter reported that Council can set fees under the Food Act 2014 through the special consultative procedure and for Health Act 1956 function by resolution. A review of the current fees and the costs of undertaking the required activities has been undertaken. It was proposed that the fees should increase for the 2023/24 financial year to ensure that the fees recovered for the group's activities align with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy. These fees were last increased in 2022.

**Cirs Adams/Minehan:**

**That Council approve consultation on the proposed schedule of fees and charges, as noted in the agenda report, using the special consultative procedures under s83 of the Local Government Act 2002.**

**Carried**

Clr Faulls declared an interest in the above and did not discuss nor vote on the issue.

## **Cncl-0323-278      Revision of Building Control Fees 2023-2024 R450-002-B01**

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to provide Council with the review of fees and charges for Building Control functions and consider an increase and change to the existing "Flat" fees schedule for the 2023/24 year.

Ms Ferguson advised that the current fees were last increased in July 2022. The current fees have been reviewed and it is recommended that there is a 14.1% increase to the Building Control group fees and charges for the 2023/24 financial year. In addition, there is a proposed fee increase for marquee building consent applications (Band D Marquees), fees for minor works are proposed to decrease from \$605 to \$200 (Schedule 1 Exemptions) and fees relating to compliance schedule fees are proposed to increase. The Marlborough District Council Building Control - Charging Policy was changed in 2020 to allow for CPI adjustments to fees and charges on an annual basis from 1 July each year, increases greater than CPI are required to be consulted on using the special consultative procedure as provided in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Cirs Adams/S Arbuckle:**

**That Council approve consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 on the Option A increase (as noted in the agenda as being a 14.1% increase in Building Control fees and charges) to**



## Cncl-0323-281 Service Connection Fee Review

W400-007-01

Mr Rooney reported that the purpose of the report was to complete a review of service connection fees.

Mr Rooney advised that a standard Service Connection Fee increase based on the Primary Producer (construction) Index was proposed, with these fees to be charged from 1 July 2023 for the 12 months. A comparison of fees charged, and Council expenditure will be completed for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. The Proposed Schedule of Service Connection Fees was attached to the Agenda as Attachment 4.24.1.

**Cirs J Arbuckle/Hope:**

- 1. That Council agree to increase all services connection fees from 1 July 2023 to meet the actual costs of installation as per Attachment 4.24.1 (as attached to the Agenda).**
- 2. That Council request a comprehensive analysis of the costs to install the services be completed to reset the base line charges for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.**

**Carried**

## Cncl-0323-282 Waste Fees and Charges

W300-006-008-14

Dr McNeil advised that the purpose of the report was to gain approval to implement the proposed waste fees and charges from 1 July 2023.

In summary it was reported that the annual review of waste fees and charges has been completed. This year will see another significant increase in landfill gate fees predominantly attributable to the changes in the waste disposal levy and aftercare/reserve provisions at the regional landfill site. Contract cost escalations for the transfer stations and the kerbside collections are also contributing factors. Cost recovery for these increases is by increased gate fees, and amendment to the kerbside refuse collection targeted rate.

The report covered the background in detail along with detail under headings of Background/Context, Assessment/Analysis (Waste Sorting Centre (WSC), Other Transfer Stations, Kerbside Refuse Collection, Kerbside Recycling Collection, Grass and Coin Skips), Option and Next Steps.

**Cirs Croad/Dalliessi:**

- 1. That Council implements the updated waste fees and charges (as attached to the agenda) with effect from 1 July 2023.**
- 2. That Council recovers all costs associated with an increase in the waste disposal levy, landfill aftercare/reserve provisions, and contract escalations from user pays (gate fee) contributions and an amendment to the kerbside refuse collection targeted rate.**

**Carried**

At the conclusion of this item, Mr Fletcher advised that following the decisions made at the meeting the provisional rates increase was approximately 7.8%.

## Cncl-0323-283 Confirmation of Minutes

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**The Mayor/Cir Croad:**

**That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2022 (Minute Nos. Cncl-1222-204 to Cncl-1222-214) be taken as read and confirmed.**

**Carried**

## Committee Reports

### Cncl-0323-284 Assets & Services Committee -

Clrs Croad/Rosene:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. A&S-0123-215 to A&S-0123-227 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

### Cncl-0323-285 Adoption of the Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2022

R510-005-17-09

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to seek Council adoption of the Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2022.

Ms Craighead reported in summary that a report containing recommendations on the final decisions and form of bylaw from the Hearing Panel considering submissions to the Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2022, was considered by the Assets and Services Committee on 31 January 2023. However, adoption of a bylaw was required as a formal resolution of the Council, hence the need for this report.

Clrs Croad/Rosene:

1. That Council adopts the Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2022 (as attached to the Agenda) effective 1 May 2023.
2. That Council acting under a delegation from the Minister of Conservation and pursuant to section 44(1) of the Reserves Act, authorises camping on that part of the following reserves where a bylaw made under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 is in place:
  - Lot 1 DP 366864 – classified as Local Purpose (Picnic Area) Reserve [Alfred Stream Reserve];
  - Section 5 Block XVII Taylor Pass Survey District – classified as Recreation Reserve by Gazette Notice 105187 (Gaz 1981 p2585) [Blairich Recreation Reserve]; and
  - Section 1 Block XV Patriarch Survey District – classified as Recreation Reserve by Gazette Notice 1981 p3732 [Wash Bridge Recreation Reserve].
3. That Council applies for resource consent for the freedom camping sites to be located at Alfred Stream Reserve, Opouri Road [Carluke Domain] and Renwick Dog Park.

Carried

Clr Faulls declared an interest in the above and did not discuss nor vote on the issue.

### Cncl-0323-286 Environment & Planning Committee -

Clrs Hope/Sowman:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. E&P-0223-228 to E&P-0223-240 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

### Cncl-0323-287 Economic, Finance & Community Committee -

Clrs J Arbuckle/Croad:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. EFC-0223-241 to EFC-0223-254 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

# Cncl-0323-288 **Bylaw Decision: Draft East Coast Beach Vehicle Bylaw**

L150-019-16

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to release the report 'Recommendations of Commissioners to Marlborough District Council and Submitters in respect of Draft East Coast Beach Vehicle Bylaw 2022' dated 18 July 2022 (filed in CM: Record No. 2341361); to receive feedback letters from; Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu; Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau and Te Rūnanga Ngāti Kuia; and to consider the feedback letters and recommendations by the Commissioners as detailed in their Report.

Mr Johnson and Ms Edmonds reported in summary that following the 7.8 magnitude Kaikōura earthquake in November 2016 and the associated coastal uplift of up to 5.5 metres, the public became aware of the increased accessibility of Marlborough's east coast for vehicles. Council subsequently prepared a technical report which identified significant indigenous flora, fauna and other public values which were at risk of being permanently damaged, destroyed or impacted by vehicles. Council decided that a Bylaw was the most appropriate option to address those risks. A Statement of Proposal, including a draft Bylaw, was notified in parallel with a technical report in July 2021. The draft Bylaw was notified for public consultation using the special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002.

The notification period closed on 8 September 2021 and a total of 193 submissions were received. Council delegated recommendatory powers to three Commissioners; Rob Enright (Chair), Ma-rea Clayton and Councillor David Croad who sat as a panel. The first hearing took place from 23 to 25 November 2021. A wide spectrum of outcomes was sought by submitters, ranging from full support to total rejection. Some submitters were open to limits on access, such as spatial, seasonal, or vehicle restrictions. There was a large measure of agreement on the values, but not how to protect those values. At a subsequent hearing held on 3-4 May 2022, the Panel listened to submitters and asked questions of agencies that provided additional information after the first hearing. The Panel finalised their report of recommendations on 18 July 2022 and grouped their recommendations into two stages. Recommendations grouped under Stage One are those that the Panel considers to be within scope of the as-notified draft Bylaw. Recommendations grouped under Stage Two go beyond the scope of the as-notified Bylaw and would require additional formal consultation to be undertaken before being implemented.

Council received the Panel's Report in the public excluded part of a Council meeting in August 2022. At that meeting the Council resolved to accept the as-notified Bylaw with the Stage One recommendations, subject to input from Tangata Whenua and accepted that the Stage Two recommendations would be considered in the first review of the Bylaw. Council has received feedback from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau, and Te Rūnanga Ngāti Kuia. There were four options presented in the report for Council to consider based on the Panel's recommendations and feedback from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau, and Te Rūnanga Ngāti Kuia.

Those four options were Option One – approve the as-notified Bylaw and the Panel's Stage One and Stage Two recommendations; Option Two – approve the as-notified Bylaw and the Panel's Stage One recommendations and defer the Stage Two recommendations to a review; Option Three – approve the as-notified Bylaw; and Option Four – do nothing and not make a Bylaw. The report covered those options in depth. Members discussed the options available, as well as posing various questions to staff.

## **Cllrs J Arbuckle/Hope:**

- 1. That Council adopts the Marlborough District Council East Coast Beach Vehicle Bylaw 2022 (as attached to the agenda as Attachment 7.6 – named "Bylaw as Notified with Stage One Recommendations") effective from 1 July 2023 and that a review of the "Yellow Zone", including hours of operation, be undertaken in 2026.**
- 2. That Council releases the report 'Recommendations of Commissioners to Marlborough District Council and Submitters in respect of Draft East Coast Beach Vehicle Bylaw 2022' dated 18 July 2022.**
- 3. That Council receives feedback letters from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau and Te Rūnanga Ngāti Kuia.**
- 4. That Council considers the Stage 1 recommendations in the Panel's Report and feedback from Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu; Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau, and Te Rūnanga Ngāti Kuia.**

## **Carried**

NB: Cllrs Burgess, Minehan and Rosene requested that their vote against the above motion be recorded.



## **Cncl-0323-289 Approval of Delegations Register from Chief Executive & Council to Council Officers**

**L150-016-38-01**

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to approve the sub-delegations from the Chief Executive and direct delegations from Council to Officers as contained in the Marlborough District Council's Delegations Register.

Ms Mavi and Mr Foitzik reported that the Delegations Register combines and lists all delegations from the Chief Executive to staff in one document, including adopted Terms of Reference (ToRs) for all of Council committees and sub-committees and all statutory delegations from Council directly to Council staff/ officers. The respective delegations in the Delegations Register have been reviewed and confirmed by each Council business unit. The Delegations Register is intended to be a living document and form part of the legal compliance program. Legal Services will regularly review and update as and when required, for instance in the event of legislative changes. After each triennial election, the new Council will also be asked to approve the Delegations Register. The Delegations Register was separately attached to the agenda (filed in CM: Record No. 2341684).

**Cllrs Croad/Dalliessi:**

**That Council approve the sub-delegations from the Chief Executive and direct delegations from Council to Officers as contained in the Marlborough District Council's Delegations Register.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-290 Iwi Representation on Council's Standing Committees**

**D050-006-05**

Ms Adams advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Council's approval to proceed with recruitment for the Iwi Representative positions for the Council's three Standing Committees.

In summary Ms Adams reported that iwi representation on Council Committees has long been offered at Marlborough District Council (33 years), however, the positions on committees have not been filled consistently. Council was informed at a briefing in December 2022 of the intention to fill the current vacant seats for iwi representation on its Standing Committees and the recruitment process that is favourable to do so. Investigation into remuneration and job descriptions has occurred, taking into consideration the request for consistency from Te Tauihu iwi Chairs collective. Ngāti Kuri (as not included in Te Tauihu collective) have also been notified of our intention to fill the positions on Council standing committees.

**The Mayor/Cllr Croad:**

- 1. That the report be received.**
- 2. That the Council receives the iwi representatives for Council Standing Committees and:**
  - a. Approves the draft position descriptions as per Attachment 9.1 (as attached to the agenda); and**
  - b. Approves the proposed remuneration of \$12,840 per annum per appointment (for iwi and rural representatives on Standing Committees); and**
  - c. Requests staff to proceed with recruitment for the Iwi Representatives roles; and**
  - d. Notes the Mayor will appoint individuals to the position based on recommendation from the iwi Trusts.**

**Carried**

## **Cncl-0323-291 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded**

**Cllrs J Arbuckle/Burgess:**

**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)
- Trade Waste Charges Review 2022
- Grants Sub-committee Community Representation
- Community Events Fund

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.
Trade Waste Charges Review 2022	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, as provided for under Section 7(2)(b)(ii).	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.
Grants Sub-committee Community Representation	In order to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provided for under Section 7(2)(a).	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.
Community Events Fund	To enable the Council, as holder of the information, to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations provided for under Section 7(2)(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 exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

**Carried**

The meeting closed with a karakia at 3.57 pm.

Confirmed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

N P TAYLOR  
MAYOR

Record No. 2359896