



**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Marlborough District Council
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on THURSDAY 6 APRIL 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 G Dawson, B A Faulls, 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 Finance Officer) and M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Cncl-0423-327 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-0323-255, Cncl-0323-277 and Cncl-0323-285;
- The interest as declared under Minute No. EFC-0323-304 (Minute No. EFC-0323-306, EFC-0323-307, EFC-0323-308, EFC-0323-311 and EFC-0323-e-57); and
- The interests as declared under Minute No. Grnt-0323-326 (Marlborough Repertory Society and Navarro, Andrea).

Claudia Mark, Council's new Solicitor, was introduced to the meeting.

Cncl-0423-328 Confirmation of Minutes -

The Mayor/Cllr Croad:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2 March 2023 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0323-255 to Cncl-0323-291) be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Committee Reports

Cncl-0423-329 Environment & Planning Committee -

Cllrs Hope/Faulls:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. E&P-0323-292 to E&P-0323-303 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0423-330 Economic, Finance & Community Committee -

Cirs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. EFC-0323-304 to EFC-0323-320 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0423-331 Grants Sub-Committee -

Clr Croad questioned the recommendation under Minute No. Grnt-0323-323 (Community Grant Criteria and Amendment), Recommendation 2, in that the Environment Sub-Committee does not exist in this Triennium's Committee Structure. It was agreed that the reference should be amended to read "Environment & Planning Committee". Staff have made this change.

Cirs Sowman/Burgess:

That the Sub-Committee report contained within Minute Nos. Grnt-0323-321 to Grnt-0323-326 be received and the recommendations, as amended above, adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0423-332 2023-24 He Uiuinga Mahere ā-Tau Annual Plan Consultation F230-A23-03

Mr Fletcher reported that the purpose of the report was to adopt Council's 2023-24 Annual Plan consultation document, called the *He Uiuinga Mahere ā-Tau Annual Plan Consultation*. The document was attached to the agenda and an updated paper copy was circulated prior the meeting.

It was reported that the *2023-24 Annual Plan* is a high-level summary which identifies Council's signalled intention to have a rates increase of 7.8%, the impact that has on levels of service and major capital budgets/projects proposed for the 2023-24 year, and the subsequent three years. It also includes a message from the Mayor and how to make a submission. The *2023-24 Annual Plan* 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 Council's website, Facebook and Twitter feeds during April. A small number of printed copies of the 2023-24 Annual Plan will be made available from Council offices and libraries. Council's website will contain supporting information about the Annual Plan, including agenda items from the 2 March Council meeting, which include all the new projects, the budget summary, LTP activity statements, capital expenditure and general financial content at that time.

Members discussed the document and some suggestions were made to wording that staff will incorporate. The distribution/comms were also discussed.

Members commended those involved in a clear concise document.

The Mayor/Clr Croad:

That Council adopt the *2023-24 He Uiuinga Mahere ā-Tau Annual Plan Consultation Document*

Carried

Cncl-0423-333 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded -

Cirs J Arbuckle/Innes:

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)**
- **Capital Funding Allocation**

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.
Capital Funding Allocation	To enable the Council, as holder of the information, to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial 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 at 9.44 am.

Confirmed this 18th day of May 2023

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

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