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## **OPEN MINUTES**

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## **COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: **Thursday, 19 March 2015**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on  
19 March 2015 at 2.00pm**

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## HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2015 AT 2.00PM

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Yule (Chair)  
Councillors Bowers (Deputy Mayor), Bradshaw, Dixon,  
Hazlehurst, Heaps, Kerr, Lester, Lyons, Nixon, Pierce,  
Roil and Watkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Chief Executive (Mr J O'Shaughnessy)  
Group Manager: Asset Management (Mr C Thew)  
Group Manager: Community Facilities & Programmes (Ms  
A Heather)  
Acting Group Manager: Corporate and Customer Services  
(Mr G Brittin)  
Acting Group Manager: Human Resources (Mrs A  
Damen)  
Acting Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory  
Services (Mr B Chapman)  
Group Manager: Strategy and Development (Mr D  
Morgan)  
Acting Chief Financial Officer (Mr B Allan)  
Democratic Support Manager (Mr R Palmer)

#### 1. PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Major Bruce Aldersley – Salvation Army.

#### 2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Kerr

**That apologies for absence from Councillor O'Keefe, and Councillor Poulain be received and accepted.**

**CARRIED 15/2**

Mayor Yule/Councillor Dixon

**That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Kerr for the periods 14-16 May, 26 March, 13-17 April, and 28-29 May; to Councillor Bowers for the period 6-11 April and 26 March; to Councillor Watkins for the period 20-22 March; to Councillor Heaps for 26 March, to Councillor Pierce for the period 16-17 April; and to Councillor Lester for the period 14-16 May.**

**CARRIED 15/3**

#### 3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bowers declared a conflict of interest in respect of item 14.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Document number CG-13-1-702 and 703*

Councillor Lester/Councillor Kerr

**That the minutes of the Council Meeting held Thursday 12 February 2015, including the minutes of the Public Excluded part of the meeting, be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.**

**CARRIED 15/4**

**5. HASTINGS DISTRICT PLAN HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

*Document number 15/169*

Mayor Yule/Councillor Kerr

**A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled "Hastings District Plan Hearings Committee" dated 19/03/2015 be received.**

**B) That the Quorum of the Hastings District Plan Hearings Committee be reduced from 4 to 3.**

**CARRIED 15/5**

**6. ADOPTION OF DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2015/25**

It was noted that this report, and the adoption of the Draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan, would be considered at an Extraordinary meeting of the Council scheduled for 2.30pm on Thursday 26 March 2015.

**7. OPERA HOUSE UPDATE**

*Document number 15/247*

The Group Manager Asset Management, Craig Thew, presented the report explaining that the preliminary design stage was intended to refine the options which would include geotechnical investigations, and review some of the issues which had not been addressed in the initial assessments.

He explained that the work was budgeted to cost \$60,000 and it would provide a greater level of information to support the public consultation which would take place once that phase had been completed.

It was noted that the draft Long Term Plan would indicate that the Council had set aside a budget of \$20M to deal with the Opera House, Civic Square and the proposed Hotel, but it would not be until after the separate consultation on the Opera House had taken place that the Council would be able to make a decision as to how that \$20M would be used.

It was agreed that there needed to be some constraints put on the next phases of the process to ensure that Council could make a final considered decision on the future of the complex before the end of the year.

Councillor Bowers/Councillor Hazlehurst

**A) That the report of the Group Manager: Asset Management titled "Opera**

House Update” dated 19/03/2015 be received.

- B) That the preliminary design stage for the Theatre and Municipal buildings of the Hawke’s Bay Opera House complex be progressed as recommended in the attached Holmes Consulting concept design report**
- C) That the Council target 30 November 2015 for completion of the consultation process.**

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure in a way that is most cost-effective for households and business by:

- i) Ensuring the proposed public consultation is based on appropriate information, and**
- ii) Ensure any future decision made in regards to the facilities has access to the most appropriate information and understanding of remaining risks.**

**CARRIED 15/6**

## **8. HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL SPORT FACILITIES PLAN**

*Document number 15/268*

The Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes, Alice Heather, presented the report, explaining that the first stage of the process in developing the Plan had been the capture of the participation data, and that this valuable resource would be maintained and updated for the benefit of future planning.

She explained that it was intended that the Plan should be adopted by the local authorities within Hawke’s Bay through a memorandum of understanding, and that the authorities would use the decision making process outlined within the Plan to determine the need for any new facility and the most appropriate location in the Region.

The Plan was aimed at ensuring a coordinated approach to planning for regional facilities and while the local authorities would be expected to apply the provisions to their planning there was nothing to stop any particular authority from establishing a district facility if they thought that was appropriate and were prepared to pay for it.

She advised that one of the advantages of a regional plan such as this was that it provided a good basis for seeking external funds as funding agencies were more inclined to support projects which were based on good business cases and supported by a sound strategy.

Councillor Roil/Councillor Watkins

- A) That the report of the Group Manager: Community Facilities and Programmes titled “Hawke's Bay Regional Sport Facilities Plan” dated 19/03/2015 be received.**
- B) That Council adopt the Hawke’s Bay Regional Sport Facilities Plan. (CFM-17-37-1-15-20)**

- C) That Council approve the expenditure of up to \$10K per annum for the next four years as a contribution to the development of better business cases for regional facilities for gymnsport, cricket, indoor court sports and softball.
- D) That Council only approve expenditure for the development of business cases of other regional sports facilities based on need and supported by evidence and reliable data.
- E) That Council continue to work with partners on the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Council to seek to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between all Hawke's Bay local authorities.
- F) That this decision be reviewed prior to the adoption of the 2019/2020 budgets.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure in a way that is most cost-effective for households and business by:

CARRIED 15/7

## 9. DOG POUND UPGRADE

*Document number 15/277*

The Change Manager – Animal Control, John Payne, provided a presentation which outlined what had been achieved towards implementing the decision of the Council from its meeting of 18 December 2014 regarding the animal control activity.

It was raised that the Council should be putting more effort into negotiating with Napier City Council for a joint animal control activity. It was pointed out that this was included within the December decision of the Council, but there would be no harm in reiterating the intention.

Councillor Lyons/Councillor Kerr

- A) That the report of the Acting Chief Financial Officer titled "Dog Pound Upgrade" dated 19/03/2015 be received.
- B) That Council approve \$500,000 of unbudgeted loan funding to enable immediate upgrades to the Dog Pound facility.
- C) That Council approve the awarding of the contract to upgrade the Dog Pound facility to Gemco Construction Limited at the quoted price of \$287,181.56 plus a contingency value of up to \$43,000.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities for the provision local public services and enable Council to perform its regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and business by:

- i) By enabling the Dog Pound to be upgraded in order to meet the requirements of the (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010 and in a way that is most cost effective and at the earliest opportunity.

**CARRIED 15/8**

Mayor Yule/Councillor Nixon

**That the Council enter into negotiations with the Napier City Council with a view to bringing animal control under a single management structure.**

**CARRIED 15/9****10. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

There were no additional business items.

**11. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ITEMS**

There were no extraordinary business items.

Attendance: Councillor Lyons left the meeting at 3.15pm

**12. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEMS 13 AND 14**

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Councillor Lester/Councillor Roil

**THAT the public now be excluded from the following parts of the meeting, namely;**

**13 CBD Linkage Notice of Intention****14 Creative Hastings Proposal**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the 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 is as follows:

<b>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</b>	<b>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED</b>	<b>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION</b>

**13 CBD Linkage Notice of Intention****Section 7 (2) (h)**

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

**Section 7 (2) (i)**

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

To enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations..

**Section 48(1)(a)(i)**

Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

**14 Creative Hastings Proposal****Section 7 (2) (h)**

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

To protect the privacy of the commercial financials.

**Section 48(1)(a)(i)**

Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

**CARRIED 15/10**

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**The meeting closed at 3.30pm**

**Confirmed:**

**Chairman:**

**Date:**