

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Marlborough District Council
held in the Council Chambers and via Teams, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

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

In Attendance

Mr D G Heiford (Acting Chief Executive), Ms G M Ferguson (Consents & Compliance Group Manager), Mr M F Fletcher (Manager Strategic Finance) and M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Cncl-0424-354 Iwi Committee Representatives -

The new Iwi Committee Representatives (Dawn McConnell – Assets & Services Committee; Ruihana Smith – Environment & Planning Committee; and RaNae Niven – Economic, Finance & Community Committee) were welcomed to Council by the Mayor and Councillors.

ATTENDANCE: The meeting adjourned at 9.35 am and reconvened at 10.00 am.

Apologies

Cllrs Faulls/Minehan:

That the apologies for absence from Cllrs J A Arbuckle, M R K Flight and R J Innes be received and sustained and the apology for non-attendance from Mr M S Wheeler be noted.

Carried

Cncl-0424-355 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-0224-258;
- The interest as declared under Minute No. EFC-0324-336 (Minute No. EFC-0324-338).

Cncl-0424-356 Confirmation of Minutes -

The Mayor/Cllr Croad:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0224-258 to Cncl-0224-312) be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Cncl-0424-357 Confirmation of Minutes -

The Mayor/Clr Sowman:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 21 March 2024 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0324-349 to Cncl-0324-350) be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Committee Reports

Cncl-0424-358 Environment & Planning Committee -

Clrs Hope/Fauls:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. E&P-0324-317 to E&P-0324-335 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0424-359 Economic, Finance & Community Committee -

Clrs Croad/S Arbuckle:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. EFC-0324-336 to EFC-0324-348 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0424-360 Regional Transport Committee -

Clrs Adams/Dawson:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. RTC-0324-313 to RTC-0324-316 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0424-361 Regional Transport Committee -

Clrs Adams/Dawson:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. RTC-0324-351 to RTC-0324-353 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0424-362 Fast-Track Approvals Bill L150-019-R01

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to approve a Council submission on the Fast-Track Approvals Bill. The proposed submission was circulated separately to the agenda (filed in CM – Record No. 2495296).

Ms Ferguson reported that the Fast-Track Approvals Bill was introduced to Parliament on 14 March 2024. The purpose of the proposed Act is to provide a fast-track decision-making process that facilitates the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits. The closing date for submissions on the bill is 19 April 2024. No changes to the submission were made at the meeting.

Clrs Croad/Dalliessi:

That Council approve the proposed submission on the Fast-Track Approvals Bill.

Carried

Cncl-0424-363 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document

F230-L24-03

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to adopt Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document. The Consultation Document was circulated separately to the agenda (filed in CM – Record No. 2495540).

Members commended those involved in a clear concise and professional document. It was noted that some minor edits may need to be made to the Document prior to publishing.

Clrs Croad/Minehan:

That Council adopt its 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document, noting that minor edits may be made.

Carried

Cncl-0424-364 2024-34 Long Term Plan Supporting Information

F230-L24-03

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to agree that the documents listed (in the resolution below) form the supporting documentation for Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document. Some the documents were circulated separately to the agenda (filed in CM – Record No. 2493121).

The Mayor/Clr Croad:

That Council agree that the following form the supporting documentation for Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

- **Council's 26 February Budget Meeting Agenda including attachments;**
- **The minutes of Council's 26 February Budget Meeting;**
- **Draft Statement of Contributions to Decision Making Processes by Māori;**
- **Draft Assumptions;**
- **The Draft 2024-2054 Infrastructure Strategy (when all graphs included);**
- **The Draft Financial Strategy;**
- **Draft unaudited Financial Statements for the 2024-34 period; and**
- **Draft Financial Impact Statements for Council as a whole and for each Activity Group.**

Carried

Cncl-0424-365 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

The Mayor/Clr Adams:

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)**
- **Property Purchase**
- **Land Purchase**

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.
Property Purchase Land Purchase	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 with a karakia at 11.10 am.

Confirmed this 16th day of May 2024

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

Record No. 24111802