

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Craig Bauld (Chair), Deputy Mayor Nona Aston, Bill Burdett, Roger Haisman, Allan Hall, Gary Hope, Pat Seymour, Graeme Thomson, Brian Wilson and His Worship the Mayor (ex officio).

MINUTES of the FINANCE & MONITORING Committee

Held in the Committee Room, 15 Fitzherbert Street on Thursday 16 September 2010 at 9am.

PRESENT:

Councillors Craig Bauld (chair), Bill Burdett, Roger Haisman, Allan Hall, Gary Hope, Pat Seymour, Graeme Thomson and Brian Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie, Corporate Affairs Manager Douglas Birt, Engineering & Works Manager Peter Higgs, Community Planning & Development Manager Nedine Thatcher-Swann, Chief Financial Officer Mike Drummond, Research and Evaluation Advisor Tim Breese, Planning and Performance Team Leader Harley Dibble, Senior Rates Officer Fiona Scragg, Rates Officer Adrian Stewart, Senior Credit Control Officer Lyn Corrin, Credit Control Officer Peter Hakiwai and Committee Secretary Lesley Hillan.

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr Seymour for early departure.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the apology from Councillor Pat Seymour for early departure be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Public forum, petitions, deputations and representation from tangata whenua

Nil

For noting

Report from Council Auditors

The Audit Partner and Audit Manager from Ernst & Young attended the meeting.

The Chairperson explained that the Auditors were not able to be at the Council meeting on 30 September 2010 and that was why the draft 2009/10 Annual Report and Auditors Report were tabled.

Cr Seymour voiced concern and asked why the Auditors would not be at the Council meeting.

Audit Partner Grant Taylor explained that they would be happy to attend the Council meeting but were just as happy not to be there if that was Council's wish.

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie explained that the Finance & Monitoring committee were acting as the Audit committee (which Council did not have) and advised there was another stage to go as the report would go to Council for adoption.

Councillor Bauld said that the Finance & Monitoring Committee had a pretty good representation of Council and he felt that the committee should listen to what the auditors had to say in the meantime.

Audit Partner Grant Taylor advised that the adjustments that had arisen from the audit process were very satisfactory. Information received during the year either at full Council or by the Finance & Monitoring Committee was consistent with the Audit Report.

An unqualified opinion was reported.

MOVED by Cr Hall, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. receives the report

CARRIED

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Hope

That the minutes of 12 August 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

Action Sheet

Noted. Councillors asked for assurance that the Heritage Building Policy would be completed by the end of the year.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Notification of late items, questions and general business

a) 2010 Auditors Report – Report No. 10/649

6. Mayor's and Councillors' Reports

For decision

Nil

For noting

Nil

7. Staff Reports

For decision

7.1 No. 10/334 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07720-024-00B

The report had been left to lie on the table. A verbal report and handout verifying that the B Plate is in Native Bush was tabled.

The report was further left to lie on the table to allow the Rates Officer to provide further information.

(See resolution later in the meeting).

7.2 No. 10/590 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07830-418-02

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. declines the application.

CARRIED

7.3 No. 10/615 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07780-350-00

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. declines the application.

CARRIED

7.4 No. 10/617 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07720-227-00

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 37.0009 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Tihio Manono A19 be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

CARRIED

7.5 No. 10/582 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07710-135-00

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 0.1012 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Wharekahika A44 be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. leaves the matter to lie on the table pending verification of land area.

CARRIED

7.6 No. 10/591 Whenua Rahui Re-application: Valuation No. 07830-652-00

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 13.0511 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Akuaku A3 be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

CARRIED

Councillor Seymour left the meeting at 9.30am.

7.7 No. 10/592 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07830-691-00

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 4.9574 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Akuaku East No. 1 be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

CARRIED

7.8 No. 10/593 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07830-705-00

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 0.4047 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Ohineakai A4C1B be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

CARRIED

7.9 No. 10/594 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07880-210-00

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Haisman

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. declines the application.

CARRIED

7.10 No. 10/595 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07880-308-01

MOVED by Cr Haisman, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Committee

1. leaves the application to lie on the table to allow the Rates Officer to check ownership of adjacent land.

CARRIED

7.11 No. 10/583 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07710-190-00

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 0.4259 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Wharekahika D11 be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

CARRIED

7.12 No. 10/584 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07710-237-00

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 464.5791 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Whangaparaoa No. 2R be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

CARRIED

7.13 No. 10/585 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07720-297-00

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 3.0961 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as Whetumatarau C8 be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2014.

CARRIED

7.14 No. 10/566 Water Meter Charges: Delegation to Write Off

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. **Recommends to Council** that with respect to undetected water leaks, up to half the excess water charges may be remitted in the following case:
 - a) where there has been a substantial excess water charge
 - b) this water was from an undetected leak (the site is to have been viewed by a responsible Council officer)
 - c) a plumber's account is sighted for the repairs of the water leak.
 - d) the Water Asset Engineer and the Group Manager Corporate Services will jointly make the determination on whether or not to remit charges under this policy.

CARRIED

7.15 No. 10/621 Application for Reduction in Uniform Annual General Charges (UAGC) – Contiguity: Valuation No. 07720-067-00

MOVED by Cr Hall, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. grants 50% reduction in Uniform Annual General Charges for Valuation No. 07720-067-00 for the 3 years commencing 01/07/2010 in accordance with Section 20 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and in line with Council's Policy for Uniform Annual General Charges remission.

CARRIED

7.16 No. 10/575 Application for Remission of Rates in Exceptional Circumstances

An application had been received for rates remission for the Waikohu Historic Hall. An application presented to the committee meeting on 12 August 2010 had been declined with the suggestion that reapplication could be considered when there was a plan in place for the restoration of the building.

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. reduces the sewerage and stormwater connection charge to non-connected.

CARRIED

Councillor Haisman declared an interest and abstained from voting on the above matter.

7.17 No. 10/633 Application for Grant in Lieu of Rates

An application had been received for a Grant in Lieu of Rates where the occupiers do not meet the terms of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 Section II as the ratepayer. Council's policy for grants in lieu of rates only allows for a remission of up to 50% of the rates payable by the applicant.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. pursuant to Section 12(2) of the Local Government Act 2002 and in accordance with Council's Policy, Council give a grant in lieu of rates equal to 50% of the annual rates payable for Valuation Reference 08560-614-02D for 3 years from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013.

CARRIED

Councillor Hall declared an interest and abstained from voting on the above matter.

7.18 No. 10/576 Application for Remission of Rates for Community Group

An application for further remission from the Reynolds Hall committee had been received.

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. affirms the total remission be 50% for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012 for Valuation Reference 08170-584-00.

CARRIED

7.19 No. 10/614 Council's Current Position on the Heart of Gisborne

There had been some objections from businesses in the Central Business District to paying the Heart of Gisborne rate. This had led some Councillors to express the belief that Council should get rid of the rate entirely.

Councillor Aston advised that at the Community Development Committee meeting held on 15 September 2010 City Manager Kathy McVey had explained that Heart of Gisborne had been looking at the situation with renewed energy and efficiency.

Councillor Hope thought that Council was going to have a rough objective look at this. Councillor Burdett agreed with Cr Hope and felt that time needed to be given to Heart of Gisborne to get it together.

Councillor Wilson said that it depended on how Council did it and he thought that Council needed some independent investigation as well and would like staff to investigate feedback from retailers in support of this.

Councillor Hall felt that there seemed to be a focus on moving away from main street and the area should be looked at as a whole to see what can be done. He agreed with Cr Wilson and said that it would be helpful if Council did their own assessment.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.05am and reconvened at 10.20am.

7.1 No. 10/334 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07720-024-00B

Following on from earlier in the meeting the Rates Officer provided further information relating to the above property. Chris Nalder from Landmass had provided information confirming that with respect to A Plate apportionment, 58.0 ha is reserve and a further 38.1 ha unplanted. B Plate apportionment was bush and scrub.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves 137.7708 hectares of Maori Freehold Land known as the B Plate of Pt Hauturu A be reaccepted on the Council Whenua Rahui Register which was adopted in the 2006-2016 LTCCP, under Schedule 11 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
3. reviews the position for the Rating Year 2013.

CARRIED

7.19 No. 10/614 Council's Current Position on the Heart of Gisborne (continued)

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. **recommends to Council** that in the interim period up until the 2012 LTCCP it:
 - a) affirms the continued support and commitment to Heart of Gisborne as a major delivery mechanism for keeping a vibrant, prosperous, and safe city centre
 - b) requests staff to complete the exercise of developing a service contract with Heart of Gisborne, along the lines agreed in January 2010 (Report No. 10/026), and which was paused while ratepayer issues were addressed provided that the contract does not continue beyond 30 June 2011
 - c) requests staff to work with the Heart of Gisborne Association in better defining the "Central Business District" as it applies to the role being undertaken by Heart of Gisborne, including definition of the area or the land uses covered by the activity, and the question of whether there should be a tiered rate between "Main Street" and "Surrounding Areas"
 - d) supports the Heart of Gisborne in their revitalisation project until all affected parties are informed of changes
 - e) conducts an independent survey to judge the level of support from CBD affected parties.

CARRIED

7.20 No. 10/550 Review of Application of Fixed Rates

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. **recommends that Council** determines as a rating principle, that only those revenue streams which are to be included as components of the UAGC (which are charged to each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit) are those for which Council experiences an increase in costs as a result of there being multiple parts. On principle therefore, if there is no increase in Council costs for a specific funding stream component, that item should be charged as a single fixed Targeted rate per rating unit.

LOST

MOVED by Cr Haisman, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. represents the matter to the first Finance & Monitoring Committee in 2011.

CARRIED

7.21 No. 10/636 August Treasury Report

The report was tabled.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.22 No. 10/649 Report from Council Auditors

(See earlier report)

For noting

7.23 No. 10/570 Rates and Water Debtors as at 31 July 2010

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.24 No. 10/568 Outstanding Sundry Debtors as at 30 July 2010

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.25 No. 10/602 2009/10 2009/10 Annual Report Summary

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. provides feedback to the Community Planning & Development Manager.

CARRIED

7.26 No. 10/604 Communitrak® Survey Report (May/June 2010)

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.27 No. 10/644 Capital Expenditure Report for the year ending June 2010

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

8. Late Items

There were no late items.

9. Questions

There were no questions.

10. General Business

There was no general business.

11. Public Excluded Business

Resolution to exclude the public Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Aston

That

- (1) The public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely
- i) Item 11.1 10/623 Special Credit Arrangement – Columbine Industries Ltd
 - ii) Item 11.2 10/626 Write Off Statutory Water Charges
 - iii) Item 11.3 10/574 Application for Remission of Rates for Multiple Residential Properties
 - iv) Item 11.4 10/628 Application for Remission of Uniform Annual General Charges and Certain Targeted Rates – Contiguity: Valuation No. 08060-027-00
 - v) Item 11.5 10/586 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07720-355-01
 - vi) Item 11.6 10/587 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07820-046-00
 - vii) Item 11.7 10/588 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07830-013-00
 - viii) Item 11.8 10/616 Whenua Rahui Application: Valuation No. 07710-122-00
 - ix) Item 11.9 10/581 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07880-327-00
 - x) Item 11.10 10/596 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07880-005-00
 - xi) Item 11.11 10/589 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07830-015-00
 - xii) Item 11.12 10/618 Remission of Rates and Penalties on Maori Land in Special Circumstances: Valuation No. 07820-174-00

xiii) Item 11.13 10/619 Remission of Rates and Penalties on Maori Land in Special Circumstances: Valuation No. 07820-169-00

xiv) Item 11.14 10/620 Remission of Rates and Penalties on Maori Land in Special Circumstances: Valuation No. 07820-170-00

(2) 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:

ITEM No.	MINUTES/ REPORT OF:	GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
11.1	Chief Financial Officer	Special Credit Arrangement	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.2	Credit Control Officer	Write Off Statutory Water Charges	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.3	Senior Rates Officer	Application for Remission of Rates for Multiple Residential Properties	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.4	Rates Officer	Application for Remission of Uniform Annual General Charges and Certain Targeted Rates – Contiguity	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.5	Rates Officer	Whenua Rahui Application	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.6	Rates Officer	Whenua Rahui Application	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.7	Rates Officer	Whenua Rahui Application	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.8	Rates Officer	Whenua Rahui Application	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.9	Rates Officer	Whenua Rahui Re-Application	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.10	Rates Officer	Whenua Rahui Re-Application	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)

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11.11	Rates Officer	Whenua Rahui Re-Application	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.12	Rates Officer	Remission of Rates and Penalties on Maori Land in Special Circumstances	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.13	Rates Officer	Remission of Rates and Penalties on Maori Land in Special Circumstances	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)
11.14	Rates Officer	Remission of Rates and Penalties on Maori Land in Special Circumstances	Section 7(2)(a)	48(1)(a)

- (3) This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:-

Item 11.1 – 11.14:

Section 7(2)(a): To protect the privacy of natural persons.

CARRIED

Re-Admittance of the Public

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. re-admits the public.

CARRIED

7.5 No. 10/582 Whenua Rahui Re-Application: Valuation No. 07710-135-00

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

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| 1. considers the matter at the next Finance & Monitoring committee meeting. |
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CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.28am.

Craig Bauld
Chairperson