

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 13 August 2025, commencing at 2.01pm.

Members Present: Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Apologies: Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Vaughan Dennison (early departure).

Councillor Orphee Mickalad entered the meeting at 2.07pm during consideration of clause 127-25. He was not present for clause 126-25.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 3.30pm after consideration of clause 127-25. He was not present for clauses 128-25 to 130-25 inclusive.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 3.31pm after consideration of clause 128-25. He was not present for clauses 129-25 to 130-25 inclusive.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin opened the meeting with karakia.

126-25 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 126-25 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

127-25 Local Water Done Well - Adoption of the Water Service Delivery Plan

Memorandum, presented by Chris Dyhrberg - Deputy Chief Executive, Cameron McKay – General Manager – Corporate Services, Julie Keane - Transition Manager and Scott Mancer - Manager Finance.

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Councillor Orphée Mickalad entered the meeting at 2:07pm

Officer's recommendations 3 and 4 were withdrawn as they were no longer required due to Ruapehu District Council voting to remain in a water entity with Whanganui District Council.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the Water Services Delivery Plan (Attachment 1) to submit to the Department of Internal Affairs.
2. That Council direct the Chief Executive to certify the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, allowing for minor changes to be made, before jointly submitting the Water Services Delivery Plan with the Chief Executives of Horowhenua District Council and Rangitikei District Council to the Secretary for Local Government on or before 3 September 2025.

Clause 127-25 above was carried 11 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

Against:

Councillors Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 3:30pm

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

128-25 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

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:

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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 passing this resolution
1.	All of Government Gas Contract	THIRD PARTY COMMERCIAL Disclosing the information could harm a company's commercial position COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES: This information needs to be kept confidential to allow Council to engage in commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage	s7(2)(b)(ii) and s7(2)(h)
9.	External Funding Opportunity for Community Projects in the Long-Term Plan - Contextual Report	THIRD PARTY COMMERCIAL: Disclosing the information could harm a company's commercial position PREJUDICE THE SUPPLY OF SIMILAR INFORMATION: Releasing this information could negatively affect similar confidential information or discourage people from sharing such information NEGOTIATIONS: This information needs to be kept confidential to ensure that Council can negotiate effectively, especially in business dealings PREVENT IMPROPER GAIN OR ADVANTAGE: This information needs to be kept confidential to prevent its improper use for personal gain or advantage	s7(2)(b)(ii), s7(2)(c)(i), s7(2)(i) and s7(2)(j)

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 as stated in the above table.

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Clause 128-25 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 3:31pm

The public part of the meeting finished at 3.31pm

Confirmed 3 September 2025

Mayor

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