

Minutes of the first meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Catchment Operations Committee held at 9.30am on Wednesday 11 December 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs DB Cotton (Chair), AL Benbow, SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, RJ Keedwell, WM Kirton (to 11.38am), JM Naylor (to 1.00pm), NJ Patrick, WK Te Awe Awe, and GJ Turkington.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr M McCartney
Committee Secretary Mrs KA Tongs

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Mr G Cooper (Manager Land & Partnerships), Ms L Owen (Land Management Coordinator), Mr W Spencer (Area Engineer), Mrs C Hesselin (Senior Communications Advisor), River Management staff, Natural Resources & Partnerships staff, Mr Morrison (Te Uru Rakau), and a member of the Press.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

COP 19-1 **Moved** **Patrick/Naylor**

That an apology be received from Cr Clarke, and an apology be received from Cr Kirton for early departure (11.38am) (attending official Council business).

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

PRESENTATION: WHANGANUI RIVER PALEOFLOOD HISTORY

Report No 19-197

Massey University Professor in Physical Geography Ian Fuller gave a presentation which provided an overview of the work undertaken to improve the understanding of analysing river-deposited sediment to identify flood history over a long period. Mr Fuller answered Members’ questions of clarification.

COP 19-2 Moved Patrick/Cotton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-197.

CARRIED

RIVER AND DRAINAGE ENGINEERING REPORT

Report No 19-198

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) gave a presentation which reported on progress with river and drainage activities for the period September to November 2019. Mr Strong highlighted the significant river management issues for the region and discussed with Members points raised from his presentation, which included the concerns around gravel extraction from the Pohangina River, the upcoming completion of the Rural Upgrade Project, and insurance cover for river management assets.

COP 19-3 Moved Keedwell/Ferguson

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-198.

CARRIED

LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 19-199

Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) introduced to Members his team and Mr Morrison from Te Uru Rakau.

The meeting adjourned at 11.28am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.38am.

Cr Kirton left the meeting at 11.38am.

Dr Roygard presented this report which covered the work carried out by the Natural Resources and Partnerships – Land Management team for the 2019-20 financial year. It included the activity areas of Sustainable Land Management Initiative (SLUI), Regional Land and Coast, and Nursery. Mr Cooper (Manager Land & Partnerships) and Ms Owen (Land Management Coordinator) updated Members on their respective areas and, together with Dr Roygard, answered Member’s questions.

COP 19-4 Moved Turkington/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-199.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.24pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.01pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COP 19-5 Moved B Gordon/Ferguson

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. 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 follows.

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 and section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

CARRIED

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
PX1 Silviculture	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. The reason for this report being heard in public excluded is because of commercial sensitivity.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
PX2 Reid Line Floodway Upgrade Project Update	s7(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). Withholding is necessary to ensure that the information contained in the item does not prejudice or disadvantage current or future property purchase negotiations.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
PX3 Council / Committee to consider whether any item in the Public Excluded minutes can be moved into the public domain and define the extent of the release		

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 1.02pm and resumed at 1.46pm.

The meeting closed at 1.47pm.

Confirmed

CHAIR

GROUP MANAGER RIVER MANAGEMENT

GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESOURCES
AND PARTNERSHIP