

Minutes of the twenty-fourth meeting of the tenth triennium of the Strategy and Policy Committee held at 9.00am on Wednesday 12 June 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), JJ Barrow, DB Cotton, RJ Keedwell, GM McKellar, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick (from 9.07am), PW Rieger QSO JP, BE Rollinson, CI Sheldon, WK Te Awe Awe.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney  
Group Manager  
Corporate and Governance Mr C Grant  
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

**ALSO PRESENT** At various times during the meeting:

Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr B Gilliland (Senior Policy Analyst), Ms R Tayler (Manager Policy & Strategy), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Ms S Boyte (Environmental Scientist), Ms A Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr J Clarke (Woodhaven Gardens), Ms M Sands (Horticulture New Zealand), Mr Templer (Chief Executive Manawatu District Council), Mr P Callander, Mr N Thomas (Pattle Delamore Partners Limited), Mr P Wood (MidCentral Public Health Services).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

## **APOLOGIES**

**SP 19-149 Moved Cotton/Keedwell**

*That the Committee receives an apology from Cr Burnell, and an apology from Cr Patrick for lateness.*

**CARRIED**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

A paper in support of a public forum from Woodhouse Gardens was tabled for Members' information.

Item 8, Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses Plan Change (Plan Change 2) had been withdrawn by the Chief Executive and would be presented at the Council Meeting to be held on 25 June 2019.

*Cr Patrick joined the meeting at 9.07am.*

## **PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS**

The Chair welcomed Mr J Clarke (Woodhaven Gardens) and Ms M Sands (Horticulture New Zealand) who had been granted a public forum.

Mr Clarke outlined the nature of the Woodhaven Gardens business, noted the business was committed to improving farming systems, and summarised a list of activities undertaken to reduce its environmental footprint. He outlined the consequences of Plan Change 2 and explained that growers could not meet the nitrogen loss table. He asked that Council did not support the Plan Change 2 recommendations until it had worked with growers and Horticulture New Zealand to understand their business and understand what the consequences of Plan Change 2 would have on the industry. He also asked that Council considered alternatives to create a consenting pathway. Mr Clarke and Ms Sands clarified Members' questions.

## MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**SP 19-150**          *Moved*                                  *McKellar/Rieger*

*That the Committee:*

***confirms** the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on 14 May 2019 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were received by the Council on 28 May 2019.*

**CARRIED**

## COUNCILLOR REPORTS

### Chair's Report

The Chair presented his report and commented on his attendance at the National Sustainability Showcase 2019 in Hamilton.

### Councillors' Reports

**Cr Te Awe Awe** commented on his attendance at the opening of the He Ara Kotahi cycle and pedestrian bridge.

**Cr Sheldon** had been invited to talk at the Horowhenua Freshwater Anglers Club.

**Cr Rollinson** attended a Climate Change Public Meeting in Taumaranui and commented on his attendance at the Sustainable Land Use Initiative Advisory Committee meeting.

**Cr Patrick** attended a Nga Puna Rau Rangitikei meeting and she attend the first meeting of Te Kopuka.

**Cr McKellar** attended a Public Transport Service Advisory Group meeting on 22 May, attended a Manawatu District Council Meeting where Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) gave an update on flood improvements, and he attended the opening of He Ara Kotahi.

**Cr Keedwell** highlighted her visit to Woodhaven Gardens, and outlined the activities of a Scout Group to trap pests in the Manawatu Gorge, enabled by a Community Grant. She commented on the Public Transport Service Advisory Group Meetings where community feedback could be provided around service improvements.

## RECORDING OF COUNCILLORS' MEETING ATTENDANCE IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

### *Report No 19-85*

This item gained Council's approval to provide more detail in the Annual Report with regard to the reporting of Councillors' attendance at both Council meetings, and the committees that individual Councillors were a member of. Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) introduced the item and noted the recommendations did not impact the requirements of Standing Orders. Members discussed the recommendations and provided their views. The recommendations were moved by Cr Keedwell with an amendment to recommendation c. A new recommendation was proposed for recording purposes in the Annual Report, regarding Councillor attendance at meetings in instances where they were absent on approved Council business. Approved Council business would be at the discretion of the Chair. In the event that recommendation c. was lost, Cr McKellar foreshadowed a return to the original recommendation c.

The Chair separated out each recommendation.

**SP 19-151**      **Moved**      **Keedwell/Naylor**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

*a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-85.*

**CARRIED**

*b. agrees to approve that a Councillor attending 75% of the duration of a meeting will count as full attendance of the meeting for the sole purpose of Annual Report reporting.*

**CARRIED**

*c. agrees to record full attendance of meetings in the Annual Report for each Councillor based on b. above.*

*Against: Cr McKellar, Sheldon*

**CARRIED**

*d. notes that if Councillors are absent while attending approved Council business it is still counted as attendance within the Annual Report.*

**CARRIED**

*e. notes that no change to Standing Orders is proposed.*

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 10.14am.*

*The meeting reconvened at 10.30am.*

## DRINKING WATER RESEARCH ANNUAL REPORT

### *Report No 19-84*

This item provided Council with an annual report on drinking water research completed during the 2018-19 reporting year (with a focus on council-operated drinking water supplies), as required by Horizons' Long-term Plan 2018-28 (LTP). Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) introduced the item and acknowledged Mr Thomas and Mr Callander (Pattle Delamore Partners Ltd), Mr Templer (Chief Executive Manawatu District Council), and Mr P Wood (MidCentral Public Health Services).

Mr Templer summarised the background to the formation of the regional drinking water work programme which was a collaborative programme including MidCentral DHB, Horizons and City and District Councils, and outlined its aim.

Ms Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager) took Members through the detail of the item which included a presentation update on the Regional Drinking Water Project. Clarification to Members questions was provided by Pattle Delamore Partners Limited, Mr Templer, Dr Roygard and Ms Matthews.

**SP 19-152**                      **Moved**                                      **McKellar/Cotton**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-84.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 11.14am.

Confirmed

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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CHAIR