

Minutes of the third meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Catchment Operations Committee held at 9.30am on Wednesday 10 June 2020, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs DB Cotton (Chair), AL Benbow, EM Clarke, SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, RJ Keedwell, WM Kirton, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick (via audio visual link), WK Te Awe Awe, and GJ Turkington.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr M McCartney
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr G Cooper (Manager Land & Partnerships), Mr J Bell (Investigations & Design Manager), Mr K Russell (Operations Manager), Mrs C Hesselin (Senior Communications Manager), Ms J Jung (Design Engineer), Ms E Whale (River Management Analyst), Mr A Cole (New Zealand Landcare Trust), Ms M Poulton, Ms H Long, Mr J Vennell, Ms G Petit (Agricultural Communities Respecting the Environment (ACRE Group)), Mr D Morrison (Ministry of Primary Industries (via audio visual link)), and a member of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Representatives from Agricultural Communities Respecting the Environment (ACRE Group) had been granted a public forum.

Ms Poulton said the ACRE Group was a community driven group and summarised its purpose, achievements and journey to date. Mr Cole outlined the key groups who supported ACRE which included stakeholders in the community.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COP 20-16 *Moved* *Naylor/Clarke*

That the Committee:

***confirms** the minutes of the Catchment Operations Committee meeting held on 11 March 2020 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 7 April 2020.*

CARRIED

LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 20-78

Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) and Mr Cooper (Manager Land & Partnerships) summarised the report which covered work carried out by the Natural Resources and Partnership-Land Management team for the period 1 February to 30 April 2020 and proposed work up until 30 June 2020. The report also covered the activity areas of the Sustainable Land Management Initiative (SLUI), Regional Land and Coast and Nursery.

A video presentation of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards, 2020 Regional Supreme Winner, Woodhaven Gardens was shown to the meeting.

COP 20-17 Moved Turkington/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-78 and Annex.

CARRIED

RIVER AND DRAINAGE ENGINEERING REPORT

Report No 20-73

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) reported on progress with river and drainage activities for the period March to May 2020. A powerpoint presentation was shown which illustrated items covered in the report.

COP 20-18 Moved Turkington/Keedwell

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-73.

CARRIED

MOUTOA FLOODWAY

Report No 20-74

Ms Jung (Design Engineer) took Members through a presentation which gave an analysis of survey data from the Moutoa Floodway which focused on the capacity and future operations of the Floodway.

COP 20-19 Moved Clarke/Turkington

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in the presentation.

CARRIED

RANGITIKEI STOPBANK UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE

Report No 20-75

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) updated Members on progress for the Rangitikei Stopbank Upgrade project.

COP 20-20 Moved Keedwell/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-75 and Annex.*

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATŪ SCHEME RURAL UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE

Report No 20-76

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) illustrated the progress around implementation of the Lower Manawatū Scheme (LMS) Rural Upgrade Project (RUP).

COP 20-21 Moved B Gordon/Benbow

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-76.*

CARRIED

POHANGINA GRAVEL RESOURCE STUDY

Report No 20-77

Ms Whale (River Management Analyst) presented a powerpoint presentation which informed Members of the findings of an updated assessment of the gravel resource of the Pohangina River (from just above the confluence with the Makawakawa Stream to the Manawatū River confluence).

COP 20-22 Moved F Gordon/Kirton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-77.*

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COP 20-23 Moved *Turkington/Te Awe Awe*

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 Infrastructure Industry Reference Group Request For Shovel-Ready Infrastructure Projects	<p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>The Kumeroa Quarry proposal has a degree of confidentiality to it and debate in a public arena might not aid it's development. Improper gain or advantage refers to the land purchase components particularly the Mangaone stopbank rebuild/setback.</p> <p>s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.</p>	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 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 11.39am and resumed at 12.16pm.

The meeting closed at 12.17pm.

Confirmed

CHAIR

GROUP MANAGER RIVER MANAGEMENT

GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESOURCES
AND PARTNERSHIP