

Minutes of the fourth meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Catchment Operations Committee held at 9.30am on Wednesday 9 September 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 (via audio visual link), 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 KE Booth

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), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Information & Regulatory), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor), Ms S Carswell (Coordinator District Advice), Mr W Spencer (Area Engineer),

Via audio visual link:

Ms J Jung (Design Engineer-Investigations & Design), Mr J McCarten (Senior Design Engineer), Prof Bruce Glavovic (EQC Chair in Natural Hazards Planning), Dr Martin Garcia (Massey University), Mr H Smith (Tonkin & Taylor Ltd).

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

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COP 20-24 **Moved** **Turkington/Te Awe Awe**

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Catchment Operations Committee meeting held on 10 June 2020 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 23 June 2020.

CARRIED

RIVER AND DRAINAGE ENGINEERING REPORT

Report No 20-124

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

COP 20-25 Moved B Gordon/Kirton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-124.*
- b. *approves the cost share change for the Pohangina-Oroua as it relates to bank protection work from 60:40 landowner-scheme to 50:50.*

CARRIED

PRESENTATION: DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANZAC PARADE FLOOD RESILIENCE STRATEGY

Report No 20-126

Massey University Professor and EQC Chair in Natural Hazards Planning Bruce Glavovic and post-doctoral fellow Dr Martin Garcia, guided Members through a presentation on the development of a resilience strategy for the part of Anzac Parade in Whanganui exposed to Whanganui River flooding.

COP 20-26 Moved Patrick/Cotton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information presented in the Development of an Anzac Parade Flood Resilience Strategy.*

CARRIED

PRESENTATION: MANAWATU DRAINAGE NETWORK INVESTIGATIONS

Report No 20-125

Mr Bell (Investigations & Design Manager, Horizons Regional Council) introduced Mr Hamish Smith, Water Resources Engineer with Tonkin & Taylor Ltd who took Members through a presentation on a Flood Hazard Model for the Manawatu Drainage Scheme, which would become a useful tool for Horizons.

COP 20-27 Moved B Gordon/Ferguson

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information in the Manawatu Drainage Network Investigations presentation.*

CARRIED

IHURAU SCHEME RESERVES

Report No 20-127

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) sought approval of the Committee to transfer the Ihuraua Scheme reserve balance to the Ihuraua / Tiraumea Catchment Group.

COP 20-28 Moved Benbow/Cotton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-127 and Annex.*
- b. approves the transfer of the Ihuraua Scheme reserves balance of \$3,522 to the Ihuraua / Tiraumea Catchment Group;*
- c. approves the transfer of the outstanding Eastern Manawatu Scheme reserve balance of \$2,845 to the Tararua district-wide Scheme.*

CARRIED

TE PUWAHA PROJECT UPDATE

Report No 20-128

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) summarised the report, and explained the request for funding to provide for a Project Director, and the application of the principles of Tupua Te Kawa.

COP 20-29 Moved Patrick/Cotton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-128.*
- b. delegates to the Chief Executive the authorisation to enter into a funding agreement between Horizons, Ngā Tāngata Tiaki and Whanganui District Council that provides for both a Project Director and that allows Ngā Tāngata Tiaki to fulfil its statutory function as defined by the 2017 Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act.*

CARRIED

MATARAWA STREAM FLOODWATER DIVERSION

Report No 20-129

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) updated Members on the technical work that had been undertaken which concluded a complete rebuild of the structure was warranted. Members agreed this should be considered for Council's 2021 Long-term Plan update. It was noted that no engagement had yet been undertaken with Te Awa Tupua and the recommendation was amended to include this engagement.

COP 20-30 Moved Patrick/Keedwell

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-129 and Annexes.*
- b. endorses the replacement of the Matarawa Stream diversion structure for consideration as part of Council's 2021 Long-term Plan (LTP) update, subject to engagement with Te Awa Tupua.*

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11.26am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.42am.

LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 20-130

Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) and Mr Cooper (Manager Land & Partnerships) summarised the report which was in two parts. It covered work carried out by the Natural Resources and Partnership-Land team for the 2019-20 financial year. It also provided an update on progress for the period 1 July to 15 August 2020 including the 2021 targets for annual plan and contracts, SLUI grant works, and Regional Land and Coast and WCS grant works.

COP 20-31 Moved Te Awe Awe/Turkington

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-130 and Annex.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COP 20-32 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 Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting held on 10 June 2020	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	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 12.23pm.

PX COP 20-8 Moved Te Awe Awe/Benbow

CARRIED

PX COP 20-9 Moved Keedwell/Benbow/

CARRIED

Confirmed

GROUP MANAGER RIVER MANAGEMENT

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