

Minutes of the fourth meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Environment Committee held at 9.30am on Wednesday 12 August 2020, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships),
Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr R Strong
(Group Manager River Management), Mr R Smillie (Biodiversity,
Biosecurity & Partnerships Manager), Mr G Bevin (Regulatory
Manager), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager),
Mr G Kane and Farm Trustees (Deputation), Mr T Gray and
Mr M McCord (NZ Deer Farmers Association), Mr P McKenzie and
Mr L Fung (Deer Industry NZ).

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

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Mr Geoff Kane had been granted a deputation.

He highlighted the aims of the Arawhata Wetland Project and outlined the effect it had on his farming operation.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Turkington noted a potential conflict of interest in Item 9, Regulatory Management Report.

During discussion of Item 9, Regulatory Management Report, Cr Clarke noted a conflict of interest to the proposed additional recommendation as she had a consent with Horizons which was currently being processed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ENV 20-18 *Moved* **Turkington/Keedwell**

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9 June 2020 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 23 June 2020.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11.36am

The meeting reconvened at 11.40am.

DEER INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IN THE MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGION

Report No 20-99

Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) introduced representatives from Deer Industry New Zealand and the New Zealand Deer Farm Association who presented on the New Zealand Deer Industry presence in the Manawatū-Whanganui region, environmental issues and awareness, and the industry collaboration.

ENV 20-22 Moved B Gordon/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the presentation from Deer Industry New Zealand and the New Zealand Deer Farm Association.*

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.10pm

The meeting reconvened at 12.24pm.

NATURAL RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 20-97

This item updated Members on the progress made in the Natural Resources & Partnership Group's activity over the period 1 April to 30 June 2020. Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) provided an update on progress against the Annual Plan targets and aspects of the Natural Resources & Partnerships Group Operational Plan 2019-20. He also provided some updates on work that would be completed or underway as a part of the new financial year.

ENV 20-23 Moved Naylor/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-97 and Annexes.*

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.48pm.

Confirmed

CHAIR

GROUP MANAGER STRATEGY & REGULATION

GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESOURCES
& PARTNERSHIPS