

Minutes of the tenth meeting of the eleventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council (Live Streamed) held at 10.00am on Tuesday 22 September 2020, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

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

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:

Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr R Smillie (Biodiversity, Biosecurity & Partnerships Manager), Mr C Davey (Coordinator-Pest Plants), Mr L Brown (Freshwater & Partnerships Manager), Mr D Neal (Business Services Manager), Mrs R Hewitt (Manager Transport Services), Ms K McDowell (Senior Communications Advisor), Mr R Gibb (All Saints Green Taskforce), and a member of the press.

WELCOME

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

APOLOGIES

20-130 *Moved* **Keedwell/Turkington**
That the Council receives an apology from Cr Cotton.
CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Mr Gibb representing All Saints Green Taskforce had been granted a deputation to speak to Item 8.2, Climate Change Organisational Emissions.

Mr Gibb commended Horizons Regional Council on its response to the climate crisis and for taking action to propose a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with Horizons' activities. He provided his thoughts around how that could be achieved.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The Chair referred to Supplementary Item 8.3, Employment Relations Amendment Act Compliance-Bus Timetable Adjustments which had been distributed to Members.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A Conflict of Interest was noted from Crs Benbow and Turkington in regard to PX Item 5, Tōtara Reserve Poplar Removal Procurement.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

20-131 **Moved** **Naylor/F Gordon**

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 25 August 2020 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive presented his report and highlighted areas of interest.

20-132 **Moved** **Ferguson/F Gordon**

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

CARRIED

NATIONAL WILDING CONIFER CONTROL PROGRAMME

Report No 20-131

Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) and Mr Davey (Coordinator-Pest Plants) spoke to the item which informed Council of Horizons' current involvement with the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme (NWCCP) and sought approval to sign a second contract for the programme as the first four-year term expired on 30 June 2020.

20-133 **Moved** **F Gordon/Te Awe Awe**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-131;*
- b. *approves delegation of the Chief Executive and Group Manager of Natural Resources and Partnerships to enter into the contractual arrangement for the wilding conifer project over four years including annual variation and the delegation to manage the project, including financial delegations.*

CARRIED

CLIMATE CHANGE: ORGANISATIONAL EMISSIONS

Report No 20-132

Dr Peet introduced the item which provided advice on organisational greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and on the work required to quantify associated costs. It provided advice on timing and costs of an organisational emissions inventory and plan, and identified costs and options around progressing the work in the current financial year (currently unbudgeted), or progressing the work as part of its upcoming Long-term Plan, subject to public consultation. .

Following consideration by Members, recommendations a. – e., plus f.i. were moved and seconded with a division called for recommendations e. and f.i. Recommendation f.ii. was deleted.

20-134

Moved

Patrick/F Gordon

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-132.*
- b. *notes that a reduction in emissions of 30 percent by 2030 broadly aligns with the national target of carbon neutrality by 2050.*
- c. *notes that further information is required on our current emissions, and options to reduce emissions, in order to quantify costs associated with any target adopted.*
- d. *notes that action to reduce organisational greenhouse gas emissions would benefit from a strategy and investment through the Long-term Plan.*

CARRIED

- e. *adopts a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with Horizons' activities of 30 percent by 2030 as an interim target.*

Against: Cr B Gordon

For: Crs Keedwell, Naylor, Benbow, Clarke, Ferguson, F Gordon, Kirton, Patrick Te Awe Awe, Turkington

CARRIED

f. *agrees to:*

- i. *commit up to \$80,000 of unbudgeted expenditure this financial year to better inform long-term planning.*

Against: Crs Benbow, B Gordon, Kirton, Naylor, Turkington

For: Crs Clarke, Ferguson, F Gordon, Keedwell, Patrick, Te Awe Awe

CARRIED

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS AMENDMENT ACT COMPLIANCE - BUS TIMETABLE ADJUSTMENTS

Report No 20-139

Mr Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information) summarised the item which advised Council of the recommended service changes which arose from the Employment Relations Amendment Act 2018 (ERAA) rest and meal break requirements, and recommended approval for increased funding to implement proposed changes. Mrs Hewitt (Manager Transport Services) commented on the discussions undertaken with Tranzit which formed the options presented for Members' consideration.

20-135 Moved Ferguson/Kirton

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-139 and Annex.*
- b. *approves Option 2 alternative timetable (45 minute frequency) as the recommended service change option to ensure bus services in Palmerston North are compliant with the requirements of the Employment Relations Amendment Act 2018.*
- c. *approves \$31,920.00 of Transport reserve be used to cover the local share component of costs for implementation and operation of Option 2 alternative timetable (45 minute frequency) in the Financial Year 2020-21.*
- d. *approves the ongoing allocation of \$36,045.00 (plus inflation) per year in the Long Term Plan for the local share of Option 2 alternative timetable (45 minute frequency) until the expiration of the Palmerston North and Massey contract in November 2023.*

CARRIED

**COUNCILLORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE - 19 AUGUST TO
14 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Report No 20-133

This item noted the Councillors' Workshop Attendance from 19 August to 14 September 2020. It was noted that Cr Cotton was only in attendance for the morning part of the 26 August 2020 Long-term Plan workshop.

20-136 Moved B Gordon/Clarke

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-133 and Annex.*

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF AUDIT, RISK & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 25 AUGUST 2020

20-137 Moved Benbow/Turkington

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Audit, Risk & Investment Committee meeting held on 25 August 2020.

CARRIED

REPORT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

20-138 *Moved* **Keedwell/Ferguson**
That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 1 September 2020.
CARRIED

REPORT OF STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

20-139 *Moved* **Naylor/Kirton**
That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 8 September 2020.
CARRIED

REPORT OF CATCHMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

20-140 *Moved* **Benbow/Naylor**
That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Catchment Operations Committee meeting held on 9 September 2020.
CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

20-141 *Moved* **Keedwell/Turkington**
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 25 August 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	Report of Audit, Risk & Investment Committee Meeting - Receive and Adopt Resolutions and Recommendations - 25 August 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.
PX3	Lake Rakau Hamama	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.
PX4	Wilding Conifer Control Procurement	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.
PX5	Tōtara Reserve Poplar Removal Procurement	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.
PX6	Chief Executive Interim Performance Review	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person. This report should remain confidential because it includes information about the performance and employment terms of an identifiable individual.	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.
PX7	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 11.27am and resumed at 2.05am.

The meeting closed at 2.06pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR