

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the eleventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council (Live Streamed) held at 10.00am on Tuesday 23 March 2021, in the Tararua Room Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs RJ Keedwell (Chair), AL Benbow (via audio visual link), EM Clarke (via audio visual link), DB Cotton (via audio visual link), SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, WM Kirton, JM Naylor (via audio visual link), 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), Mr A Smith (Chief Financial Officer), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Mr J Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst Iwi), Mr N Portegys (Policy Analyst), Mr E Lloyd (Senior Health & Safety Advisor), Mr S Mancer, Ms E Bethel, Ms C Holdsworth (Management Accountants), Ms P Tucker (Policy Analyst), Ms D Perera (Audit New Zealand), 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

21-181 Moved Keedwell/Patrick

That apologies be received from Cr Clarke in the event that the zoom link was interrupted, and from Cr Naylor for an appointment (if needed).

CARRIED

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

21-182 **Moved** **Ferguson/Te Awe Awe**

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 17 February 2021 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive spoke to his report and highlighted the work around the Long-term Plan and its pending adoption for public consultation.

21-183 **Moved** **Te Awe Awe/Patrick**

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR THE 2021-31 LONG-TERM PLAN AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR ADOPTION

Report No 21-21

This report sought the adoption of the Supporting Information to the Consultation Document (supporting information) and 2021-31 Long-term Plan Consultation Document (consultation document) for consultation with the public under Sections 93A (use of special consultative procedure in relation to the Long-term Plan) and 93B (purpose of consultation document for the Long-term Plan) of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002.

The Chief Executive introduced the report and thanked Members for their input into the Long-term Plan process. Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy and Regulation) and Mr Smith (Chief Financial Officer) explained the minor changes as a result of the hot audit undertaken by Audit New Zealand.

Ms Perera (Audit New Zealand) commented on the LTP process and was pleased to announce that Audit New Zealand was in a position to offer an unmodified audit opinion.

21-184 **Moved** **Patrick/Te Awe Awe**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-21;*
- b. adopts the supporting information to the 2021-2031 Long-term Plan for public consultation and;*
- c. adopts the consultation document for the 2021-2031 Long-term Plan for public consultation.*
- d. directs the Chief Executive to make minor changes as agreed with Audit New Zealand before submissions open on Friday 26 March 2021.*

CARRIED

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2021

Report No 21-22

The Chair introduced the report which determined Members' attendance at the 2021 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference.

21-185 **Moved** **B Gordon/Patrick**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-22;
- b. approves the attendance of the Chair of Council and up to three Councillors (Crs F Gordon, Kirton, Ferguson) with expenses paid, and the Chief Executive, at the 2021 Local Government New Zealand Conference at Blenheim from 15-17 July 2021, and includes any regional pre tour.

CARRIED

DON LINKLATER MEMORIAL BURSARY 2021

Report No 21-23

This item sought Members' confirmation of recommended changes to the Don Linklater Bursary put forward by the Bursary Sub-Committee. Following discussion and comment by Members on the proposed changes, the Chair separated out the recommendations.

21-186 **Moved** **B Gordon/Turkington**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-23.

CARRIED

- b. approves the increase of the Linklater Memorial Bursary to \$8,000 per annum.

CARRIED

- c. approves the increase of annual recipients from two to four;
- d. approves the change that past recipients must reapply and be considered along with all other applicants;
- e. approves the recommendation to include one of the four awards per annum which meets the study requirements and has an Iwi/Hapu connection to the region.

CARRIED

SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT AS AT 9 MARCH 2021

Report No 21-24

Mr Lloyd (Senior Health & Safety Advisor) presented the Safety and Wellbeing report and highlighted the activities associated with managing critical risk across the organisation.

21-187 Moved B Gordon/Turkington

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-24 and Annex.*

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE - 10 FEBRUARY TO 15 MARCH 2021

Report No 21-25

This item presented the Councillors' Workshop Attendance from 10 February to 15 March 2021.

21-188 Moved Ferguson/F Gordon

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-25 and Annex.*

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 16 FEBRUARY 2021

21-189 Moved Ferguson/F Gordon

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 16 February 2021.

CARRIED

REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 10 MARCH 2021

21-190 Moved Patrick/Te Awe Awe

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on 10 March 2021.

CARRIED

REPORT OF STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 9 MARCH 2021

Cr Ferguson explained his reason for proposing an amendment to Resolution SP 21-49 b, plus an additional recommendation c, to the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting minutes held on 9 March 2021. Members provided their views on a way forward. The Chair separated out the recommendations.

21-191

Moved

Ferguson/Te Awe Awe

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 9 March 2021 with an amendment to Resolution SP 21-49 b. to read as follows, with an additional recommendation c.-

- b. directs the Chief Executive to explore the desire from Māori for Māori constituencies to be established for the 2022 council election, with input from iwi and hapū within the time available, and report back to Council at an extraordinary meeting prior to 21 May 2021.*

CARRIED

- c. directs the Chief Executive to explore other options that offer improved governance with mana whenua, with input from iwi and hapū, and report back during the preparation of the 2022-2023 Annual Plan.*

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

21-192

Moved

Keedwell/Patrick

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 17 February 2021	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 Social Housing	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. Kieran McNulty, MP for Wairarapa, has stated that he will control timing of release of information regarding this initiative.	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 Kumeroa Quarry Update	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. The information provided is commercially sensitive.	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 Lake Horowhenua Restoration Update	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. This item includes material that is commercially sensitive.	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 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 11.59am and resumed at 3.25pm.

The meeting closed at 3.26pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR