

Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held at Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 December 2020.

PRESENT Crs FJT Gordon (Chair), SD Ferguson (via audio visual link), Mr B Culley (River Warden), Mr I Taylor (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers Club/Honorary Enforcement Officer), Mr B Sprozen (Manawatu Power Boat Club), Mr B Cottrill (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), Mr R Anderson (Jet Boating New Zealand), Mr K Lane (Manawatu Estuary Trust), and Mr C Thomas (Area Engineer Central).

IN ATTENDANCE Manager Emergency Management Mr I Lowe
Engineering Officer Central Ms J Buchanan
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Moved **F Gordon / Anderson**

That the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group receives an apology from Mr D Scott (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers Club).

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved **Anderson / F Gordon**

That the Committee:

confirms *the minutes of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group meeting held on 3 December 2019 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 17 December 2019.*

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No 20-169

Mr Lowe (Manager Emergency Management) took Members through the report which provided an update on matters relating to navigation and safety on the Manawātū River and its tributaries. He summarised the river event activities, highlighted Horizons Regional Council's participation in the Maritime NZ led 'No Excuses' campaign as part of the Safer Boating forum, commented on the 5 knot speed restriction at Foxton Beach, and noted that the process to review the navigation safety bylaw had been delayed due to the Covid-19 response.

Mr Anderson (Jet Boating New Zealand) summarised his report and commented on the various activities undertaken by the Central Districts Jet Boating club, including upcoming anniversary celebrations.

Moved

F Gordon / Sprozen

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-169.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU SCHEME (LMS) - RIVER MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Report No 20-170

Ms Buchanan (Engineering Officer Central) updated Members of the Lower Manawatu Scheme management issues that may have some impact on the recreational use of the river over the period December 2020 to June 2021. She highlighted the work associated with the removal of railway irons from the river, explained why gravel activities in the Manawatū River had ceased, and commented on the continued work to monitor and repair damage to assets caused by 4WD users.

Ms Buchanan commented on the Alligator Weed incursion in the Mangaone Stream and explained how it was spread, what it looked like, and the methods used by Horizons to control it.

Moved

Anderson / Lane

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-170.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Following an invitation from the Chair, Members provided their views around what they considered to be the key benefits of the advisory group meeting, and provided areas of interest they would like to see covered in future meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Confirmed

MANAGER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CHAIR