

Minutes of the thirty-second meeting of the tenth triennium of Horizons Regional Council (live streamed) held at 1.27pm on Tuesday 24 September 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), LR Burnell QSM, DB Cotton, RJ Keedwell, GM McKellar, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick, PW Rieger QSO JP, BE Rollinson, and WK Te Awe Awe.

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:
Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information), Mr A Smith (Acting Chief Financial Officer), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr S Mancer, Ms E Bethel (Management Accountants), Mr P Hindrup (Manager Transport Services), and members of the public.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the final Council meeting for the triennium.

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

19-490 **Moved** **Te Awe Awe/Rollinson**

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 27 August 2019 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive presented his final report for the triennium, took Members through the various activities, and responded to questions. He extended his thanks to Council for their support and guidance, wished those standing down the best of luck, and thanked them for their contribution to the organisation and the constituencies they had served.

19-491 **Moved** **Gordon/Rieger**
That the Chief Executive's report be received.
CARRIED

MR BERT JUDD – REQUEST TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

19-492 **Moved** **Rieger/Burnell**
That the Council allows Mr Bert Judd five minutes to speak to Council.
CARRIED

Mr Judd thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and took the time to reflect on his thoughts about the environment. He believed the state of the environment in the region was poor and he encouraged the community and councils to work together to make improvements.

COUNCILLOR INDUCTION TRAINING PROGRAMME

Report No 19-144

This item informed Council of the proposed induction training programme for newly elected members following the upcoming Local Body Elections. Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate and Governance) introduced the item.

19-493 **Moved** **Gordon/Keedwell**
It is recommended that Council:
a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-144 and Annex;
b. approves the proposed programme for the new Council at Annex A.
CARRIED

FRESHWATER FUTURES – DRAFT IN PRINCIPLE APPROACH TO GOVERNANCE PROCESS FOR THE MANAWATŪ CATCHMENT

Report No 19-145

The purpose of this item was for Members to consider support for a set of draft 'In Principle' governance arrangements for Te ia o Manawatū. The Chief Executive (CE) spoke to the item. He thanked Council for their participation in the process to date and noted that in the new triennium Council and iwi would meet to firm up arrangements and consider the implications of Government's Essential Freshwater package for catchment planning. Members considered the 'In Principle Draft' at Annex A and provided their comments and suggestions. In responding to Members' questions, the CE clarified the purpose of the governance group.

19-494 **Moved** **Keedwell/Patrick**
It is recommended that Council:
a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-145 and Annex.

- b. notes that there are further discussions to be held between iwi and council;
- c. notes the progress of discussions to date as outlined in this report;
- d. supports the approach in the attached governance document noting that it is a draft in principle and not a final set of arrangements.

CARRIED

MW LASS LIMITED - EXEMPTED ORGANISATION

Report No 19-146

This report sought Council's endorsement to review the Manawatū-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services Ltd (MW LASS) status as an 'Exempted Organisation' under the provisions of section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate and Governance) introduced the item and responded to Members' questions.

19-495 Moved Rieger/Cotton

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-146.
- b. approves that, subject to confirmation by all LASS member councils, Manawatū-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services Ltd be exempt for the purposes of section 6(4)(i) of the Local Government Act 2002 and thus not be a council-controlled organisation under that Act; and
- c. approves that this exemption applies for the period ending 30 June 2022 or until member councils determine an earlier date when this exemption should no longer apply.

CARRIED

HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCILS' COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS' 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORTS

Report No 19-147

This report presented four Annual Reports for Horizons Regional Council's Council-Controlled Organisations to the shareholders of the Company as required by the Local Government Act 2002: Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL); Manawatū-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services (MW LASS); MWRC Holdings Ltd (MWRCH); and The Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust (MWRDRF Trust). Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate and Governance) introduced the item.

19-496 Moved Rollinson/Te Awe Awe

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-147 and Annexes.

CARRIED

**COUNCILLORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE - 19 JUNE 2019 TO
18 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Report No 19-148

This item noted the Councillors' Workshop attendance from 19 June 2019 to 18 September 2019.

19-497 Moved Naylor/Rieger

It is recommended that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-148 and Annex.

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**REPORT OF AUDIT, RISK & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT
RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 27 AUGUST 2019**

19-498 Moved Rollinson/Rieger

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of
the Audit, Risk & Investment Committee meeting held on 27 August 2019.*

CARRIED

**REPORT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT
RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 3 SEPTEMBER 2019**

19-499 Moved Gordon/Keedwell

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of
the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 3 September 2019.*

CARRIED

**REPORT OF STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT
RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

19-500 Moved Patrick/Burnell

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of
the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 10 September 2019.*

CARRIED

**REPORT OF CATCHMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - ENDORSE AND ADOPT
RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 11 SEPTEMBER 2019**

19-501 Moved Cotton/Burnell

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of
the Catchment Operations Committee meeting held on 11 September 2019.*

CARRIED

VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Crs Bruce Rollinson and Paul Rieger would be standing down from Council following the 2019 Local Body Elections. They each gave a valedictory speech.

Cr Rollinson had been a representative on Council for the Ruapehu Constituency for six years. Cr Rieger had been a representative on Council in the Palmerston North Constituency for 21 years.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

19-502

Moved

Naylor/Te Awe Awe

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 27 August 2019	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	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 Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019	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 draft Annual Report is subject to Council approval and Audit review before being released to the public.	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 Lower North Island Passenger Rail Rolling Stock Business Case	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. Commercial sensitivity around costs and procurement process.	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	Contract Award for Contract No. 2018/89: Rural Upgrade Project, Tokomaru River Stopbank Upgrade (PRD 07 18 89)	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	Report of Audit, Risk & Investment Committee Meeting - Endorse and Adopt Resolutions and Recommendations – 27 August 2019	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	Report of Strategy & Policy Committee Meeting - Receive and Adopt Resolutions and Recommendations – 10 September 2019	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.
PX7	Report of Catchment Operations Committee Meeting - Receive and Adopt Resolutions and Recommendations – 11 September 2019	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.
PX8	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		
PX9	Members' Questions		

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 2.45pm and resumed at 3.20pm.

In the public excluded part of the meeting, Council determined the following:

- Report No. PX19-137, Whanganui Update, details about Horizons application to the Provincial Growth Fund for the Lower Whanganui river engineering works could be made available in the public domain.
- Communications staff to prepare a press release about the proposal for the Lower North Island Passenger Rail Rolling Stock Business Case.
- The names of the successful tenderers for Contract No. 2019/16 and Contract No. 2018/89 to be made available in the public domain:
 - Contract No. 2019/16 Land Mapping and Whole Farm Plans – LandVision Ltd.
 - Contract No. 2018/89: Rural Upgrade Project, Tokomaru River Stopbank Upgrade – Pratt Quarries Limited

The meeting closed at 3.21pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR