

Minutes of the third meeting of the eleventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council (Live Streamed) held at 10.30am on Tuesday 26 November 2019, in the Tararua Room Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs RJ Keedwell (Chair), EM Clarke, DB Cotton, SD Ferguson, EB Gordon (to 12.10pm), FJT Gordon, WM Kirton, JM Naylor (from 1.14pm), NJ Patrick, WK Te Awe Awe (to 12.33pm and from 1.12pm), and GJ Turkington.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Acting Group Manager
Corporate and Governance Mr D Neal
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor, Strategy & Policy), Mr G Bevin (Regulatory Manager), Mr J Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst Iwi), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr C McKenzie (Chief Negotiator), Ms K Gordon (Chief Crown Negotiator), and supporters.

WELCOME

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

APOLOGIES

19-25 Moved Keedwell/Patrick

That the Council:

- a. notes that Cr Benbow had been granted Leave of Absence, and receives an apology from Crs Naylor (attending other Council business) and B Gordon (early departure from the meeting).

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

19-26 **Moved** **Turkington/Ferguson**

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 5 November 2019 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive presented his report and referred Members to the information contained in the various attachments.

19-27 **Moved** **Patrick/Te Awe Awe**

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

CARRIED

PROCESS FOR APPOINTING INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO AUDIT, RISK & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Report No 19-178

This item was to confirm the appointment of an independent member to the Audit, Risk & Investment Committee. Mr Neal (Acting Group Manager Corporate & Governance) introduced the report and took Members through each of the recommendations. Members considered the recommendations and provided their views and comments around a way forward. Ultimately it was agreed that the recommendations be left to lie on the table and be revisited at a future date.

19-28 **Moved** **B Gordon/Cotton**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *agrees that Report No. 19-17 Process for Appointing Independent Member to Audit, Risk & Investment Committee be left to lie on the table and be revisited at a future date.*

CARRIED

CLIMATE CHANGE OVERVIEW

Report No 19-179

This paper provided an overview of work underway in response to climate change, when further advice would be available, and the key decision points for Council through the first part of the triennium. Mr Bowen (Principal Advisor, Strategy & Policy) spoke to the report, provided a stocktake of the work already underway, and explained each of the recommendations. Members discussed the item, expressed some concerns around the lack of a regional wide inventory, and questioned the level of resourcing available to undertake a climate change project. Members then discussed the wording of a suggested new recommendation g.

The Chair put recommendations a-f with the new recommendation g. taken separately.

19-29 Moved Ferguson/Patrick

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-179.*
- b. *notes work underway, in collaboration with territorial authorities, to respond to climate change in our region;*
- c. *notes that the region's local authorities have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together on climate change;*
- d. *supports inclusion of climate change in the Triennial Agreement, subject to the agreement of other councils in the region;*
- e. *notes that the forthcoming Annual Plan process will provide an initial opportunity to consider resourcing for this programme of work;*
- f. *agrees to continue to develop a strategy as outlined in this report.*

CARRIED

19-30 Moved Ferguson/Patrick

- g. *acknowledges that climate change is a serious issue that needs significant attention from Horizons Regional Council.*

CARRIED

TE KOROWAI O WAINUIĀRUA AND TE ARAWHITI PRESENTATION

Report No 19-180

Two groups were welcomed to present to Council; they were separate but inter-related. Te Korowai o Wainuiārua presented on their aspirations and progress in their settlement negotiations, and the Treaty Settlements Rōpū from Te Arawhiti, the Office of Māori Crown Relations, provided general information regarding settlements and an update on settlements within the region.

Ms Gordon (Chief Crown Negotiator) introduced the support team who each gave an overview of their respective roles. Ms Gordon then gave an overview of her role and commented on the settlement process.

Cr B Gordon left the meeting at 12.10pm.

Mr McKenzie (Chief Negotiator) spoke to a presentation outlining the history of the settlement, and gave an overview of the treaty settlement package and timeframes.

19-31 Moved Kirton/Patrick

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the presentation from Te Korowai o Wainuiārua*
- b. *receives the presentation from Te Arawhiti.*

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.33pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.03pm.

COUNCILLORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE - 21 OCTOBER 2019 TO 18 NOVEMBER 2019

Report No 19-182

This item noted the Councillors' Workshop Attendance from 21 October 2019 to 18 November 2019

19-32 **Moved** **Patrick/Ferguson**

It is recommended that Council:

a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-182 and Annex.*

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 12 NOVEMBER 2019

19-33 **Moved** **Ferguson/Clarke**

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 12 November 2019.

CARRIED

REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 13 NOVEMBER 2019

19-34 **Moved** **Ferguson/Patrick**

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on 13 November 2019, as amended with the deletion of the last sentence under 'Members Conflicts of Interest'.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

19-35 **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 Contract Award for Contract No. 2018/05: Rural Upgrade Project Oroua River Right bank Stopbank Construction, Feilding	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. Commercially sensitive information has been submitted by tenderers and is referred to in the attached Tender Assessment report. It is important that the confidentiality of that information is maintained through the Council's consideration of the recommendations.	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 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 1.06pm and resumed at 1.16pm.

Cr Te Awe Awe closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 1.17pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR