

Minutes of the thirty-first meeting of the tenth triennium of Horizons Regional Council (live streamed) held at 10.00am on Tuesday 27 August 2019, in the Tararua Room Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), JJ Barrow, 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
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information), Dr R Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr A Smith (Acting Chief Financial Officer), Ms K Booth (Acting Electoral Officer), Mrs K Tongs (Governance Co-ordinator), Mr C Morris (People & Capability Manager), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr S Ferguson (Deputation), Mr R Gibb and supporters (Deputation).

WELCOME

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

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Mr Sam Ferguson and Mr Robert Gibb had been granted a Deputation.

Mr Ferguson outlined his support for the proposed Climate Change Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) attached to Report No. 19-121, acknowledged the great work Horizons had undertaken to reduce carbon emissions, provided his comments on the proposed MoU, and explained his proposal for the addition of a further bullet point to be included.

Mr Gibb, representing **Green Taskforce** applauded Horizons for taking action on climate change and facilitating joint action through a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). He outlined his concerns in regard to the proposed MoU and advocated for clear strategies and specific action on how to lower carbon emissions.

PROPOSED CLIMATE CHANGE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE HORIZONS REGION

Report No 19-121

This item sought Council's endorsement of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on climate change. It was proposed to be agreed across councils in the Horizons region. Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) provided a brief commentary on Horizons ongoing work with preparing its own climate change strategy. He then explained the importance of the proposed draft MoU to provide a unified approach and relationship around climate change across the region. Discussion ensued with Members having the opportunity to express their views around the content of the MoU, and suggestions to strengthen its intent. To incorporate a suggestion put forward by Mr Ferguson during his deputation, a new bullet point was proposed for inclusion in the MoU, plus an additional bullet point was put forward by Cr Keedwell.

19-481

Moved

Keedwell/Rieger

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-121 and Annex.*
- b. *endorses the draft Memorandum of Understanding as at Annex A, with the following bullet point additions:*

“Collaborate and communicate within our organisations and our communities, openly sharing how our community can transition to a sustainable future and a significantly lower contribution to the causes of climate change”.

“Place priority on developing strategies to address climate change”.

- c. *endorses the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, to make minor amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding following feedback from councils across the region.*

CARRIED (unanimous)

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS’ CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

19-482

Moved

Gordon/McKellar

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 25 June 2019 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

The Chief Executive (CE) took Members through his report, highlighted areas of interest, and responded to Members’ questions.

19-483

Moved

Gordon/Rieger

That the Chief Executive’s report be received.

CARRIED

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS - OCTOBER 2019*Report No 19-120*

This report informed Members of the full list of candidates standing for election to Horizons Regional Council, the process up to and including the day of election, and asked Members to consider the need of Council to undertake urgent business between the day after the day when the official results of the election were declared, and the date of the Inaugural meeting of Council. Ms Booth (Acting Electoral Officer) introduced the item.

19-484 **Moved** **Naylor/Barrow**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-120 and Annex.*
- b. *approves delegated authority to the Chief Executive to make urgent business decisions on Council's behalf and be the Council's spokesperson, only on decisions within the delegated authority of the Chief Executive of \$400,000. This delegated authority applies for the period between the day after the day when the official results of the election are declared, and the date of the Inaugural meeting.*
- c. *approves delegated authority to Chair of Council Bruce Gordon to continue to act in the capacity of Director for MWRC Holdings Limited for the period between the day after the day when the official results of the election are declared, and the date of the Inaugural meeting.*

CARRIED

REGIONAL SOFTWARE HOLDINGS LIMITED 2020-22 STATEMENT OF INTENT*Report No 19-122*

The purpose of this report was to present the Statement of Intent of Regional Software Holdings Ltd to the shareholders of the Company as required by the Local Government Act 2002. Mr Smith (Acting Chief Financial Officer) introduced the item.

19-485 **Moved** **Rollinson/McKellar**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-122 and Annex.*
- b. *agrees to Regional Software Holdings Ltd (RSHL) 2020-22 Statement of Intent.*

CARRIED

AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL

Report No 19-123

This paper reported on documents to which Horizons Regional Council's Common Seal had been affixed

19-486

Moved

Rieger/Patrick

That the Council:

- a. *acknowledges the affixing of the Common Seal to the below mentioned documents.*
 - *Warrant Card
Enforcement Officer
Georgia Baker*
 - *Lease – Renewal
Lessee: Te Hou Farms Ltd Partnership
Area: 53.6298 ha
Location: Rangitikei River Lease, Parewanui Road
Period: 2 July 2019 – 1 July 2028*

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 13 AUGUST 2019

19-487

Moved

Keedwell/Rieger

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 13 August 2019.

CARRIED

REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 14 AUGUST 2019

19-488

Moved

McKellar/Keedwell

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14 August 2019.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

19-489

Moved

Rollinson/Cotton

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 Update on MWRC Holdings Ltd	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 Chief Executive Performance Review 2019	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 is confidential because it discusses 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.
PX3 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		
PX4 Members' Questions		

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 11.42am and resumed at 12.31pm.

The meeting closed at 12.32pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR