

Minutes of the nineteenth meeting of the tenth triennium of the Strategy and Policy Committee held at 9.00am on Tuesday 11 December 2018, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell QSM (from 9.07am), DB Cotton, RJ Keedwell, GM McKellar, JM Naylor (from 9.05am), NJ Patrick, PW Rieger QSO JP, BE Rollinson, CI Sheldon, and WK Te Awe Awe (from 9.44am).

**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 and Information), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), members of the public, and a member of the press.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES**

**SP 18-125 Moved Cotton/Sheldon**

*That an apology be received from Cr Te Awe Awe for lateness.*

**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 at this time.

Later in the meeting Cr Patrick declared a conflict of interest through her employment with Te Kaahui o Rauru in regard to Item 8, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Plan Update.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**SP 18-126**

**Moved**

**Rieger/McKellar**

*That the Committee:*

**confirms** the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on 13 November 2018 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 27 November 2018, except for recommendation SP 18-120, Final Regional Targets for Swimmable Lakes and Rivers, Report No. 18-201.

**CARRIED**

*Cr Naylor joined the meeting at 9.05am.*

## COUNCILLOR REPORTS

### Chair's Report

The Chair presented his report and updated Members on the Regional Sector tour.

*Cr Burnell joined the meeting at 9.07am.*

The Chair continued with his report and responded to Members' questions about meetings attended.

**Cr Barrow** commented on his attendance at a Woodville Charter Parade.

**Cr Burnell** commented on the pending announcement about the preferred corridor for the Otaki to North of Levin Expressway, and commented on a visit to view issues at Waikawa. Cr Burnell was presented with a Civic Honours Award at the Horowhenua Civic Honours Awards Ceremony held on Thursday 29 November 2018.

**Cr Keedwell** commented on her involvement in a community-led campaign, 'Build the Path', for a shared bike and walk pathway in conjunction with Te Ahu a Turanga – Manawatū-Tararua Highway.

**Cr McKellar** attended the Manawatu River Leaders' Accord meeting, a Totara Advisory Group Meeting, attended the Horowhenua Taste Trail dinner in Levin, and briefly attended the Manawatu River Festival.

**Cr Patrick** attended a Bushy Park Trust volunteers Christmas barbecue.

**Cr Rollinson** hosted the Horizons Regional Council Leaders' Forum at his property.

**Cr Sheldon** commented on her attendance at the Horowhenua Taste Trail event, attended a New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment Conference in Havelock North, a Dairy Environment Leaders' Dinner, and she attended the Manawatu River Leaders' Accord meeting.

**NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT - IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE**

*Report No 18-236*

This report sought Council approval of an updated plan for implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) in the region. Mr Bowen (Principal Advisor) introduced the paper and invited questions. He explained the freshwater management catchment-by-catchment based approach, clarified what was required within the NPSFM, explained the difference between the Horizons’ One Plan objectives and the NPSFM objectives, and outlined the future engagement to be undertaken with communities and iwi to seek their feedback and input. Future work on the process of how to approach each catchment was still to be decided. Mr Bowen responded to Members’ questions.

**SP 18-127                      Moved    Naylor/Burnell**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 18-236 and Annex; and*
- b. approves the implementation plan at Annex A.*

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

Members were made aware of a flyer advertising a Horizons’ One Plan meeting scheduled to be held in Bulls.

*Cr Te Awe Awe joined the meeting at 9.44am.*

The Group Manager Strategy & Regulation undertook to find out who organised the meeting and whether any Horizons Regional Council staff would be attending.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**SP 18-128                      Moved    Rieger/Keedwell**

*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**

