



Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group of Horizons Regional Council held at Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1 December 2009.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), L Bailey, Messrs B Culley (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), G Hyde, (Jet Boating New Zealand), M Wheatley (Manawatu Four Wheel Drive Club), I Taylor (Manawatu Fresh Water Anglers Club), W Mudford (Fishing Farming).

IN ATTENDANCE Area Engineer Mr D McKee (to 8.30pm)
Harbourmaster Mr E Lloyd
Committee Secretary Mrs J Kennedy

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs P Teal, S Pilkington (Fish and Game), K Lane, (Water and Environment Care Association), and R Anderson (Jet Boating New Zealand).

Moved

Burnell/Culley

that the apologies of, Messrs Teal, Pilkington, Lane, and Anderson, be accepted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved

Bailey/Culley

that the minutes of the meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held on 2 June 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 09-185

The purpose of this item was to provide Members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) with an update on matters relating to the Office of the Harbourmaster.

The Harbourmaster outlined the key points in the report and was available to answer questions on points raised. He advised that the Statement of Proposal for the review of the Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2004 would be presented to Council on 15 December 2009, along with an item to approve the appointment of additional Enforcement Officers.

There was discussion around the activities of jetskis on the river, and comment around events in regard to the derelict wharf structure adjoining the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Wharf at Foxton beach.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 09-185.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 09-187

The purpose of this item was to inform Members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) of Lower Manawatu Scheme (LMS) management issues that may have some impact on the recreational use of the river during the period June to December 2009.

Mr Derek McKee, Area Engineer spoke to the report and answered Members questions of clarification in regard to the maintenance of trees at a location near Opiki, developments and discussions with landowners in regard to Anzac Cliffs, and the confusion over the way some radio stations reported river levels.

The Chairman congratulated Mr McKee on the impressive work undertaken in regard to the enhancement works located at Fitzherbert Avenue.

A Member commented on the turbidity charts on the Horizons website and noted they were difficult to understand.

Moved

Hyde/Culley

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 09-187.

CARRIED

DRAFT STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL REVIEW OF MANAWATU RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES NAVIGATION AND SAFETY BYLAWS 2004

Report No 09-186

The purpose of this item was to present the Statement of Proposal for the review of the Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2004.

The Harbourmaster advised that the Statement of Proposal would be presented to Council on 15 December 2009.

The Harbourmaster drew Members attention to the draft Bylaw and Members considered and discussed the proposed changes and additions as follows:

- After discussion it was agreed that the revised Bylaw should be known as the ...Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010 (as opposed to 2004).
- Foxton River Loop – include a statement on speed restriction.
- Regional Council – insert definition from Local Government Act.
- 2.1.5 - Personal floatation devices / buoyancy aids – add a footnote to indicate “direct translation from proposed Maritime Rule 91”.

- 3.8.1- Harbourmaster to check definition of navigation aids in Maritime Law, and make a decision as to whether signs should be included.

There was discussion and clarification on the updated timeline including the process for the submissions hearing.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- endorses** the Statement of Proposal as presented;
- endorses** the updated Review Process and Timeline as presented;
and
- endorses** the draft Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010 with the amendments as outlined above.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 09-184

The purpose of this report was to present the Manawatu River Calendar of Events to the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group for information.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- receives** the information contained in Report No. 09-184, and **notes** that no upcoming events have been notified to the Harbourmaster.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was discussion around the Calendar of Events and it was suggested that more emphasis be placed on contacting groups, in order to be aware of any upcoming events organised on the Manawatu River.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Advisory Group was provisionally scheduled for 1 June 2010.

The Chairman thanked the Group for their attendance and input.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.
Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER