



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, 7 December 2010.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), C Sheldon, G Cox, (Horizons Regional Council), Cr R Shaw (Horowhenua District Council), Messrs B Culley (Honorary Enforcement Officer), I Taylor (Manawatu Fresh Water Anglers Club), R Crawford (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), R Anderson (Central Districts Jet Boating), Mr George and Mrs Christina Paton (Manawatu Estuary Trust), Mr K Lane, Mr S Bayley (Manager Emergency Management, Horizons).

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| IN ATTENDANCE | Area Engineer | Mr D McKee |
| | Harbourmaster | Mr E Lloyd |
| | Committee Secretary | Mrs JA Kennedy |

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Guy (Chairman, Horizons Regional Council), Cr Southgate (Taranua District Council), Mr Wheatley (Manawatu Four Wheel Drive Club), Mr Eccles and Mr Hyde (Jet Boating New Zealand).

Moved

Burnell/

that the apologies of, Cr Guy, Cr Southgate, Mr Wheatley, Mr Eccles and Mr Hyde be received.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 10-188

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 elaborated on the key points in the report and was available to answer questions on points raised. He advised that the Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010 was adopted by Council on 22 June 2010 and became operative on 1 July 2010. Copies of the Bylaw booklets were available at the meeting.

Mr Anderson expressed thanks from Jet Boating New Zealand to the Harbourmaster and Horizons Regional Council for their time and effort in considering submissions to the Bylaw and producing a Bylaw that everyone was happy with.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 10-188

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 10-190

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 December 2010 to June 2011.

Mr Derek McKee, Area Engineer spoke to the report and elaborated on the main points. He referred to information in his report in regard to proposed stopbank construction and re-construction works at sites within the City, and the substantial damage caused by flooding during September throughout the Lower Manawatu Scheme rivers. Members asked questions of clarification on points of interest. Discussion ensued about the build-up of silt deposits in the river, how it was managed, possible uses for the silt, and surveying methods used to identify any potential hazards to navigation or recreational use.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 10-190.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 10-189

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

The Harbourmaster referred to the events notified to him from the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Sailing Section and said that as information on future events was provided, they would be added to the Council website.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 10-189, and **notes** the upcoming events.

CARRIED

MR SHANE BAYLEY – MANAGER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE NAVIGATION SAFETY ASSESSMENT ON THE WHANGANUI RIVER

Mr Bayley introduced himself to the group and explained the background and progress to date on the Navigation Safety Assessment on the Whanganui River. As a result of the risk assessment undertaken by a consultant, Mr James McPetrie, two options were presented to Council: take no action; or introduce a safety management system. Council agreed, subject to consideration of final scoping, costs and timeline, to the implementation of a safety management system for the river. Mr Bayley said he was currently finalising budget options and would ultimately recommend to Council that a progressive approach be taken with a strong focus on education and awareness.

Members considered and discussed the information and asked questions of clarification on points of interest.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was discussion about progress on an action plan to clean up the Manawatu River. Mrs Christina Paton advised that the next meeting, in a series of mediated modelling workshops for Manawatu River stakeholders, would be held at Massey's Landcare Research Building on Monday 13 December 2010 and urged members to participate.

The Chairman suggested that the next meeting be provisionally scheduled for a start time of 7.00pm rather than 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 June 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER