



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 7.00pm on Tuesday, 7 June 2011.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), C Sheldon, Messrs B Culley (Honorary Enforcement Officer), I Taylor (Manawatu Fresh Water Anglers Club), R Crawford (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), Mr K Lane (Manawatu Estuary Trust), Mr M Reid (Fish and Game), Mr D Booth (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club).

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 Mr and Mrs George and Christina Paton.

Moved

Burnell/Sheldon

that the apologies of Mr and Mrs George and Christina Paton be received.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved

Burnell/Culley

that the minutes of the meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held on 7 December 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 11-98

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 5-knot signage was now in place in the Manawatu River in the Ashhurst Domain Recreational Area, and in the Foxton Loop either side of Foxton township. He referred to the Bylaw summary cards which summarised key points of the Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010. The summary cards had been placed on vehicles with a boat trailer at the Manawatu Marine Boating Club during the Easter Fishing Tournament held in April 2011.

Moved

Burnell/Sheldon

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 11-98.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 11-100

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 2011 to December 2011.

Mr Derek McKee, Area Engineer gave an overview of the report and elaborated on the ongoing works activity along the LMS, advising that disruption to river users would be minimal. He answered Members' questions and provided explanation in regard to the operation of the Moutoa flood gates, gravel extraction activity, and activities in regard to Pork Chop Hill. Discussion ensued about Members' concerns in regard to the build up of silt on the berms in several areas of the LMS and tributaries.

Mr Kelvin Lane tabled a paper urging interested groups to be more proactive around activities concerning the management and restoration of water quality in the Lower Manawatu River.

Moved

Burnell/

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **accepts** the information tabled by Mr Kelvin Lane (attached).

CARRIED

Moved

Lane/Burnell

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 11-100.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 11-99

This report presented the Manawatu River Calendar of Events to the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group for information. The Harbourmaster reported that no events had been notified.

Moved

Burnell/Sheldon

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** Report No. 11-99, and **notes** that no upcoming events have been advised.

CARRIED

**MR EVAN LLOYD – HARBOURMASTER
PRESENTATION ON EXERCISE ESTUARY OIL**

Mr Lloyd provided a powerpoint presentation detailing the deployment of equipment, aim and objectives for the Exercise Estuary Oil which took place at Foxton Beach on 7 June 2011.

The Chairman thanked Mr McKee for providing explanations raised during his report on the Lower Manawatu River Management Issues.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER