



Minutes of the thirty-second meeting of the seventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.00am on Tuesday, 22 June 2010, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs G P Murfitt MNZM JP (Chair), L Bailey, L R Burnell, VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED, M C Guy, A K Main, D B Meads, M W Plowman, P W Rieger QSO, R J Walker JP, and J J White.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr M McCartney  
Group Manager Corporate & Governance Mr G Grant  
Committee Secretary Ms K Booth

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information, Mr A Cook (Group Manager Operations), Mr C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management), Mr E Duggan (Strategic Financial Planner), Mrs C Rowe (Communications Manager), Mr C White (Senior Info Tech), and Mr T Collé (Finance Manager) at various times during the meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES**

**10-564 Moved Murfitt/Main**

*that an apology be received from Cr Gordon (Leave of Absence).*

**CARRIED**

#### **LATE ITEMS**

The Chairman advised that the company directors of MWRC Holdings Ltd would be arriving at 11.00am to meet with the Councillors, and it was agreed that this meeting would be held in public excluded.

**10-565 Moved Guy/Meads**

*That the Council will move into Public Excluded at approximately 11.00am to have a Meet and Greet and discussion with the external directors of MWRC Holdings Limited.*

**CARRIED**

The Chairman referred to the item in his report on the Boardroom upgrade and said that with Members' permission, the presentation on the upgrade would be brought forward due to other commitments by the presenter. The Chairman also advised that the discussion and report of the Strategy and Policy Committee – Deliberations on the Draft Annual Plan - would be taken prior to the report on the adoption of the Annual Plan 2010-11 and confirmation of setting of rates.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS**

Mr Aaron Lewzey had requested, and been granted, public speaking rights to speak about the Lower Manawatu Scheme and the HF rate. Mr Lewzey believed the increase in his rates was unfair and inequitable when he compared them to the rates paid by his close neighbours, and he believed that all rates in the same road should be the same. Although engineers had said his house was in a high flood area, he did not agree and said he last saw water on his property in 1954. Mr Lewzey said there should not be discrepancies in rates paid in the same area and asked for fairness and equity across the board. He made reference to the rating for residents of White Horse Drive. Members asked questions of clarification in regard to his neighbouring properties, and their rates. The Group Manager Operations (GMO) clarified Members' questions in regard to properties in the area, their rating, and about flood modelling of the area. The Chairman thanked Mr Lewzey for speaking to Council and asked the GMO to consider a suggested recommendation from Cr Bailey.

**10-566**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/Murfitt**

*That the Council receives the Public Speaking Right from Mr Aaron Lewzey and requests the Chief Executive to report back to Council.*

**CARRIED**

## **MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no Conflicts of Interest advised.

## **PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

There were no petitions or deputations.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**10-567**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/White**

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, with amendments to:*

- § *the spelling of the presenters from Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated, namely **Maurice** Takarangi, and Dr **Jonathan Procter**,*
- § *the venue of the meeting, namely **Te Hotu Manawa O Rangitaane O Manawatu Marae**.*

**CARRIED**

In response to a question about whether a meeting had occurred with the Schroeder family (page 7 of the minutes), the Chairman clarified it would be happening a few days after the Council meeting.

## **PRESENTATION ON BOARDROOM RENOVATIONS**

The Group Manager Corporate and Governance (GMCG) and Mr Chris White (Senior Information Technologist) made a presentation to Members on the proposed renovations to the Boardroom. The Members provided comment on the proposals, and asked questions of clarification. The Chairman assured Members that their comments had been noted by the presenters.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.00am*

*The meeting resumed at 11.07am.*

10-568

**Moved**

**Rieger/Plowman**

*that the public is to be excluded from this portion of the Council meeting as the general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing of this resolution is as follows:*

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48 (1) for passing this resolution
PX1 Meeting with Directors of MWRC Holdings Limited	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 11.08am and resumed at 11.58am.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.59am.*

*The meeting resumed at 12.45pm.*

#### **ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE – Deliberations on Draft Annual Plan**

10-569

**Moved**

**Main/Guy**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy and Policy Committee's deliberations on the Draft Annual Plan 2010-11 at its meeting held on 8 June 2010.*

**CARRIED**

#### **ANNUAL PLAN 2010-11 / AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19 ADOPTION, RATE SETTING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES CONFIRMATION**

*Report No. 10-93*

This report outlined the procedures for the approval and adoption of the Annual Plan 2010-11 / Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19 (AP), the consequential setting of the 2010-11 rates, and the confirmation of the 2010-11 administrative charges.

Members then discussed the comments made by Mr Lewzey about fairness and equity of rating, when he spoke to Council using Public Speaking Rights. Cr Bailey read out a recommendation for Members to consider; to address the concerns raised by Mr Lewzey. The GMO explained that the recommendation suggested that eight properties would be taken into the city category, and any buildings along that road would be taken into that category as and when they were built. Members then discussed the recommendation, and the effect on rates for the Lower Manawatu Scheme (LMS). Members commented that this recommendation would go some way towards addressing the issue raised by Mr Lewzey. A further recommendation was then proposed reminding Council to discuss this matter in next year's Annual Plan, and to let the LMS ratepayers would know it would be considered further.

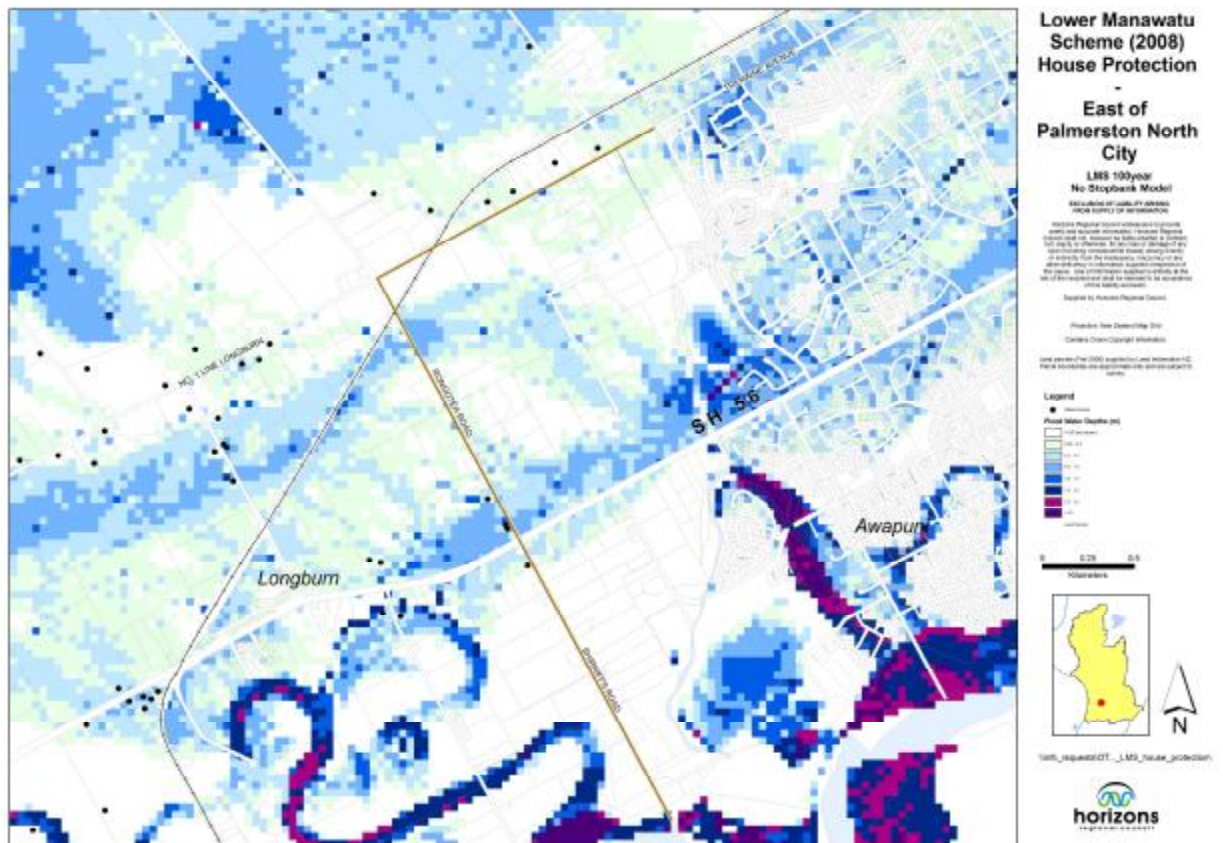
10-570

Moved

Bailey/Burnell

That the Council agrees that the LMS Palmerston North City flood protection category (PN) boundary be further amended to include those residential/lifestyle properties that have direct access off those sections of Longburn-Rongotea/Shirriff's Roads and No 1 Line, that bound the redrawn (June 2010) PN category boundary in accordance with the map below.

**CARRIED**



10-571

Moved

Guy/Bailey

That the Chief Executive reports to the next Catchment Operations meeting as to a review of the HF category under the Lower Manawatu Scheme for consideration leading up to the 2011-12 Annual Plan as a result of the variations made during the 2010-11 Annual Plan process.

**Against: Cr White**  
**CARRIED**

Cr White said she voted against the recommendation as the underlying implication of the recommendation could increase the urban rate.

There was discussion on how recommendations, such as the above, could be communicated to the ratepayers, urban and rural, and various methods were mentioned.

The Chief Executive introduced the recommendations in the Report, which he noted were setting the rates for the upcoming year.

Cr Main asked to separate out 11(c)(ix) (Animal Health Board (AHB) Tb vector levy rate) and 11(e) (3% prompt payment discount) of the Report. The Chairman advised that the rest of the recommendations for paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the Report would be taken as one resolution. It was noted the paragraph numbers in the minutes would therefore differ from those in the Report.

**10-572**

**Moved**

**Main/White**

*It is recommended, for the adoption of the Annual Plan 2010-11 / Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19, that the Council:*

- a. **acknowledges** the submissions and deliberations process;
- b. **acknowledges** that the amendments to the Draft Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19 arrived at the 8 June 2010 meeting, together with audit, typographical, arithmetical and presentation amendments, and the above resolution for the HF categories, have been incorporated in the draft documents;
- c. **adopts** the amended Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;
- d. **requests** the Chief Executive to prepare the final Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19 for publication;
- e. **requests** the Chief Executive to formally advise submitters of its decisions, addressing the individual items raised by submitters in their written submissions.
- f. **acknowledges** that the rates, the subject of this report, relate to the financial year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, and are all GST Inclusive;
- g. **resolves** to set the rates for the 2010-11 year as set out in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;
- h. **resolves** pursuant to the **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002** (the Act) and in particular:
  - i. that, as required by section 24(a) of the Act, the rates covered by this resolution are for the financial year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, and, as required by section 24(b) of the Act, are payable on or before Friday 24 September 2010;
  - ii to set under section 15(1)(a) of the Act, a Uniform Annual General Charge of \$35 per rating unit in the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;
  - iii to set under section 13(2)(b) of the Act, a General Rate on every rating unit in the Region, on a differential basis using an "estimate of projected valuation" as provided under section 131 of the Act, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;
  - iv to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Transport Planning and Road Safety rate made on every rating unit in the Region on a differential basis using an "estimate of projected valuation" as provided under section 131 of the Act, and as detailed

*in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*

- v to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Transport Passenger Services rate made on every rating unit contained within each transport passenger service area according to their rating bases, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*
- vi to set under sections 16(3) (a) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Sustainable Land Use Initiative rate made on every rating unit within the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*
- vii to set under sections 16(3) (a) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, an Environmental Initiatives rate made on every rating unit within the Region, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*
- viii to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Animal Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the Region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*
- x to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Rook Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*
- xi to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Production Pest Plant Management rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based on number of hectares, and on every rating unit under four hectares uniformly, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*
- xii to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(b), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Differentiated Rangitikei Old Man's Beard Eradication rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the region based uniformly, and on every rating unit under four hectares uniformly on every rating unit within the Rangitikei District local authority boundary, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*
- xiii to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, a Regional Park rate made on every rating unit within the Manawatu District and Palmerston North City local authority boundaries, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19; and*
- xiv to set under sections 16(3)(b) and (4)(b), 17, 18, and 146 of the Act, the River and Drainage Scheme Rates, made on each rating unit contained within each Scheme, according to their respective classification systems or differential rating bases, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19.*

- i. **resolves** that pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002** (the Act), that all rates shall become due and payable on 24 September 2010, with a penalty of 10% to be imposed on 29 October 2010 on all current rates remaining unpaid. Other penalties, each of 10%, shall also be applied:
  - i. Firstly, on previous years' rates arrears (including prior penalties), remaining unpaid on 16 July 2010, being a date no sooner than five working days after the date on which this resolution is made, with penalty to be applied on 19 July 2010; and
  - ii. Secondly, on previous years' arrears, (including prior penalties), remaining unpaid on 21 January 2011 with penalty to be applied 24 January 2011, being a date no sooner than six months after the application of the penalty in d (i) above.
- j. **adopts** the administrative charges for 2010-11 as set out in the Annual Administration Charges section of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11 / Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19 pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Against: Crs Plowman, Walker**  
**CARRIED**

The Chairman then put recommendation 11(c)(ix) [to be shown as h(ix) in the minutes] . Cr Main advised she would vote against the recommendation. She acknowledged there were a number of submissions supporting this, but also acknowledged they were as a result of lobbying on behalf of the party that stood to benefit and did not then have to look at alternative ways of raising the money. She reiterated her disappointment that despite the long lead-in time the AHB had, knowing the Regional Council was not comfortable with continuing to rate the ratepayers for this, chosen to ignore this. She hoped the AHB would look at alternatives for the next year. Cr Plowman spoke in support of the levy rate and noted the urban population benefited from this function. Cr Walker said he had no concern with Tb vector control, but was concerned that Horizons ratepayers were paying for it.

**10-573**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/Meads**

*It is recommended, for the adoption of the Annual Plan 2010-11 / Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19, that the Council resolves:*

- h. ix *to set under sections 16(3) (b) and 4(a), 17 and 18 of the Act, an AHB Tb Vector Levy rate made on every rating unit four hectares and over within the Region based on number of hectares, and as detailed in the FIS of the adopted Annual Plan 2010-11/Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19;*

**Against: Crs Main, Walker, White, Bailey**  
**CARRIED**

The Chairman then put recommendation 11(e), [to be shown as (k) in the minutes]. Cr Main spoke against the motion. She did not believe the 3% prompt payment discount had achieved what Council had set out to do, which was to help people to pay their rates before the penalty date. It had created another 3% on the rate. Cr White said it was unfortunate the 3% prompt payment discount had not been clearly understood by ratepayers and mentioned that only one submitter had understood 3% was to be added to the rates, which would be removed for prompt payment.

10-574

**Moved**

**Rieger/Guy**

*It is recommended, for the adoption of the Annual Plan 2010-11 / Amendment to the Community Plan 2009-19, that the Council:*

- k. **sets** under its Prompt Payment Policy, a 3% prompt payment discount for ratepayers who pay all their rates for the financial year in full on or before the due date of 24 September 2010.*

**Against: Crs Main, Walker, Burnell, White**  
**CARRIED**

## **PRE-ELECTION PERIOD COMMUNICATION STRATEGY – COUNCILLOR PROFILES**

Report No. 10-91

The purpose of this report was to provide a brief preliminary outline of the timetable for the 2010 Triennial Local Body Elections, note the advice from the Office of the Controller and Auditor General about communications in a pre-election period and, having regard to that advice, recommend a Pre-Election Communications Strategy, with regard to councillor profiles for Horizons Regional Council in the run up to the 2010 elections.

The GMCG spoke to the report, in his capacity as Electoral Officer (EO), and clarified Members' questions in regard to the recommendations. He said as EO he had to ensure the process was fair and equitable for everyone who was standing for Horizons Regional Council.

10-575

**Moved**

**Rieger/Walker**

*That the Council:*

- a. **receives** the preliminary timetable for the required procedures for the elections;*
- b. **receives** the relevant sections attached from the "Good Practice for Managing Public Communications by Local Authorities" document produced by the Controller and Auditor General's Office and agrees that Horizons' communication staff follow these guidelines to make decisions in the pre-election period;*
- c. **approves** Horizons Regional Council's "Pre-Election Communications Strategy" through the pre-election period from 9 July 2010 to 9 October 2010 as being:
  - (a) The mass communications (eg ongoing website promotion, and the normal media releases, editorials and advertising) continue during the pre-election period using the following:
    - (i) No Councillor photographs or contact details in any publications;*
    - (ii) All Councillor photos and contact details during the pre-election period will be removed from the Horizons' website, [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz);*
    - (iii) Continue to quote the Chairman and Committee Chairs on media releases originating in Council and Committee meetings;***

- (iv) *Use the Chief Executive or his delegate for all other mass communications.*

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF NAVIGATION AND SAFETY BYLAW 2010 AND INFRINGEMENT FEES FOR OFFENCES**

*Report No. 10-94*

This item presented the proposed Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010 for formal adoption.

The Group Manager Regional Services and Information (GMRSI) introduced the item, noted there were four submissions, and asked Crs Burnell and Bailey for their comments, as Hearing Commissioners. Crs Burnell and Bailey explained the process, and said they found the pre-consultation phase to be beneficial. They clarified Members' questions in regard to the speed restriction in place for the duck shooting season. The Chairman thanked the GMRSI, Mr Lloyd, Crs Burnell and Bailey and the staff involved in the Submissions Hearing process.

In response to a question, the GMRSI clarified that the Councillors had appointed the Harbourmaster (Mr Evan Lloyd) and that under normal circumstances, this role occupied approximately 10% of his time.

**10-576**

**Moved**

**Bailey/Burnell**

*That the Council:*

- a. **notes** the recommendations of the Submissions Hearing Committee (Annex A);
- b. **adopts** the proposed Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010 (Annex B);
- c. **approves** the general structure of offences and level of fees contained in Schedule 1 of Local Government (Infringement Fees for Offences: Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw) Regulations 2004 for carry-over into new 2010 regulations;
- d. **approves** the fee of \$200 for an offence against Clause 3.8.1 of the 2010 Bylaw;
- e. **approves** an increase in the fee for an offence against Clause 3.2.4 of the 2010 Bylaw from \$200 to \$300; and
- f. **instructs** the Risk Management Coordinator to apply to the Department of Internal Affairs requesting they make Local Government (Infringement Fees for Offences: Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw) Regulations 2010.

**CARRIED**

## **REGIONAL ARCHIVES PROJECT**

*Report No. 10-92*

This report informed Members on progress with the MW LASS Ltd Regional Archives Project.

The GMCG and Chief Executive (as Chair of MW LASS Ltd) elaborated on the information in the report relating to the recruitment and the location. Members discussed the locations identified, and adequacy of security and fire protection.

**10-577**

***Moved***

***White/Burnell***

*That the Council:*

- a. ***receives*** the information in Report No. 10-92.

**CARRIED**

## **PROCESS AND TIMEFRAMES FOR NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE PROPOSED ONE PLAN**

This report informed Members of the process and timeframes for notification of decisions on submissions to the Proposed One Plan.

The Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory (GMRPR) introduced the report. He advised that some of the One Plan Commissioners would be available to brief Members on the One Plan decisions at their 23 August workshop, scheduled for the day before the document's release to the public. The GMRPR also advised there would be an appeal period of 40 working days once the One Plan decisions were released to the public. He explained that the appeal period for the One Plan would run into October when the new Council would be in place. Members provided their thoughts on whether it was more appropriate for the current councillors, or for the new council to consider the appeal process. There was also some discussion on whether the 40 working day appeal period could or should be extended, but no change was made. The GMRPR, undertook to write to each of the submitters advising them the date the decisions would be made public, and that they would have 40 working days in which to appeal if they wished to do so.

**10-578**

***Moved***

***Murfitt/Rieger***

*That the Council:*

- a. ***receives*** the information in Report No. 10-95; and
- b. ***notes*** the process for public notification of the Hearing Panel's decisions on submissions to the Proposed One Plan.

**CARRIED**

## **AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL**

*Report No. 10-96*

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

10-579

**Moved**

**Burnell/Plowman**

*That the Council **acknowledges** the affixing of the Common Seal to the following document:*

- § *Contract for Service:  
Manawatu Regional Council / Horizons Regional Council and Watercare  
Laboratory Services.*

**CARRIED**

## **WORKSHOP ATTENDANCES**

Members received the report and noted several amendments. At the Workshop held on 15 June, Crs Bailey, Rieger and Walker said they had provided apologies for not being able to attend the workshop. The Committee Secretary undertook to amend the report.

## **ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY GROUP RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **CATCHMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Chairman advised that a new set of minutes had been distributed to replace those included in the Agenda. The GMO advised there had been a minor wording change from "...four city council representatives..." to "...four **city representatives**..." on page 2 of the new set of minutes.

Cr White asked that the word "deliberations" alongside her apology (page 1) be deleted.

Cr Guy referred to the resolution and advised that the city representatives had met to discuss the naming of the structures. They had agreed that Pauline Keys and Kitty Seifert would have their names on a sign which would also include a brief statement of their involvement in the overall project and this would coincide with the 'smartening up' of the Dittmer Drive steps. There was also agreement that the steps at Fitzherbert Bridge be named 'Okatia' on the recommendation of Rangitaane TMI. Cr Guy mentioned the possibility of a future structure at the end of Albert Street but said no naming policy had been developed.

10-580

**Moved**

**Meads/Guy**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Catchment Operations Committee, held on 9 June 2010, with the deletion of "**deliberations**" beside Cr White's recorded apology.*

**CARRIED**

10-581

**Moved**

**Guy/Chettleburgh**

*That the Council agrees:*

- a. *That the steps at Fitzherbert Bridge as recommended by Rangitaane TMI be named "**Okatia**", and that the other groups of Rangitaane iwi be asked their opinion of the proposed name actioned by the Chief Executive.*

- b. *The Dittmer Drive steps have a name board installed with the names 'Pauline Keys' and 'Kitty Seifert' with an inscription of their involvement in the overall Manawatu River Bridle Path/Walkway project, at the time that this is being further enhanced.*

**CARRIED**

The Chief Executive asked Members for leeway on the concept of 'name board' as the facilities needed to be vandal proof.

**MANAWATU RIVER USERS' ADVISORY GROUP**

**10-582**                      **Moved**    **Bailey/Burnell**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group, held on 1 June 2010.*

**CARRIED**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

As the Chairman's Report had been previously distributed to Councillors, he asked if there were any questions. He clarified matters in regard to Lake Horowhenua, the Manawatu Forum, He Tini Awa Trust. He undertook to provide, to interested Councillors, a copy of the proposed Pest Management National Plan of Action as referred to in the attached letter from the Office of Hon David Carter.

**10-583**                      **Moved**    **Murfitt/Rieger**

*That the Council receives the Chairman's Report.*

**CARRIED**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive spoke to his report and provided further information where relevant. The GMRSI demonstrated to Members a new website, "Land and Water NZ" which had an interactive map of environmental data. He advised there was agreement by all regional councils to participate in the website. The Chief Executive referred Members to the IPANZ Excellence award given to the Kia Wharite project (a joint pest/biodiversity initiative with DoC in the Whanganui catchment). The Chairman thanked Cr Main for representing Horizons Regional Council and receiving the Award on behalf, and Members acknowledged the work of everyone in the organisation.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the work of the Transport team towards the Joint Transport Study and preparing the Land Transport Strategy.

The Chief Executive updated Members on the EDS (Environmental Defence Society) Conference (programme attached to the report), which he attended. He also referred Members to the attached training opportunities and said it was one of the outcomes of the Chief Executive review. The Chairman supported the training opportunities and explained that this year there would be an in-house review of the Chief Executive, and every second year the review would be led by a consultant.



Cr Bailey said she attended the Draft Annual Plan Submissions Hearings and Deliberations. She also attended the Audit, Risk & Investment financial briefing, the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group meeting and Manawatu River Bylaw Hearing. She presented the Horizons' submission to the Horowhenua District Council together with Mr Munneke, She attended the pre-forum strategy session, the Catchment Operations meeting, and the commissioning of the new St John's Ambulance in Levin. She attended Council workshops, the deliberations on the Manawatu River Bylaw, the Councillors' Strategy Forum, and the Council meeting. She had also spent considerable time perusing the One Plan documents.

Cr Bailey advised she had four questions. She asked who was going to advise Mr Lewzey of the meeting's decision; the Chief Executive undertook to do so. She referred to the possible value in someone attending National Possum Control Agency Annual Conference later in the year, requested a copy of the Horowhenua landfill conditions, and referred to page 97 of the Agenda (DCP 10-42) and asked the Chief Executive to explore the best way to approach this matter and report back.

The Chairman referred to Cr White's request to attend a conference and asked Members to let him discuss this further with Cr White.

**10-586**

**Moved**

**Murfitt/Burnell**

*that the public is to be excluded from this portion of the Council meeting as the general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing of this resolution is as follows:*

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PX2 Confirmation of Minutes of 25 May 2010	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.
PX3 Endorsement and adoption of the Audit, Risk and Investment Committee resolutions and recommendations of 17 May 2010	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.
PX4 Draft Statement of Intent for the Periods: 14 December 2009 to 30 June 2010, and 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.
PX5 Council to <b>consider</b> whether any item in the Public Excluded minutes can be moved into the public domain, and <b>define</b> the extent of the release.		

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 3.23pm and resumed at 3.35pm.

The meeting closed at 3.36pm.

Confirmed

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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CHAIRMAN