

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

10-588

Moved

Meads/Bailey

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

INCENTIVISING AND SUPPORTING REGULATORY ACTIVITY

Report No. 10-113

This report followed the May 2010 report to Council on incentivising and supporting regulatory activity.

Mr Carlyon, Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory (GMRPR) guided Members through the programme of works. In response to questions the GMRPR explained that the existing and proposed programmes could be achieved within the existing organisational project budgets. He advised that the second bullet point, first sentence under "Recognising and acknowledging high performance" would be removed, as agreed at a workshop with Councillors on Monday 14 June 2010. Members agreed that the current initiatives and proposed programme were set out clearly and would deliver the desired environmental outcome. Members asked that updates on specific outcomes be fully reported through the Environment Committee. Accordingly, recommendation (b) was amended, and recommendation (c) was included to reflect the discussion.

10-589

Moved

Meads/Bailey

That the Council:

- a. **acknowledges** the existing work programme set out in Report No. 10-113;
- b. **approves and supports** the additional programme of work set out in Report No. 10-113; with the **removal** of the first sentence, bullet point two, under "Recognising and acknowledging high performance"; and
- c. **requests** management to report back on a regular basis via the Environment Committee.

CARRIED

UPDATE ON KIA WHARITE PROJECT 2008-10

Report No. 10-112

This item and associated report provided an update on the Kia Wharite project for consideration.

Mr Beveridge (Manager Biodiversity and Water Quality), Mr Nic Peet and Mr J Campbell, Department of Conservation gave a presentation outlining: "what and where is Kia Wharite", "the aims of the project", and "what has been achieved so far". Members asked questions of clarification and discussed points of interest around: the use of 1080 as an effective method for the control of stoats, rats and possums, and the effect, if any, on other wildlife, eg. birds; interest in the project from landowners and the community outside of the project boundaries; and any future promotion plans to raise awareness of the project. Congratulations were extended to all parties involved in the project for an exciting, positive and outstanding outcome. Accordingly the recommendation was altered to reflect that. There was discussion about the current Council visiting the area and viewing the project before the end of the triennium.

10-590 **Moved** **Bailey/Plowman**

That the Council:

- a. **receives** and **commends** the *Kia Wharite project update and associated report.*

CARRIED

HE TINI AWA CHARITABLE TRUST UPDATE

Report No. 10-110

The purpose of this item was to update Members on the activities and finances of the He Tini Awa Charitable Trust.

Mr Beveridge, gave an update on proposed changes to the business model of the Trust, the decision to reduce the number of Trustees from eight members down to three members, and the proposed variation to the Trust Deed. Members asked questions of clarification on points of interest.

10-591 **Moved** **Rieger/Meads**

That the Council:

- a. **receives** *Report No. 10-110 and associated annual and financial reports from the He Tini Awa Charitable Trust; and*
- b. **endorses** *the changes to the Trust Deed, reduction in trustee numbers, appointment of Barry Wallace to the Trust, and the appointment of Jill White to the role of Trust Chair.*

CARRIED

UPDATE ON DAM SAFETY SCHEME

Report No. 10-109

The purpose of this report was to provide Councillors with an update on the Building Act 2004 Dam Safety Scheme.

Mr Lowe, Coordinator District Liaison/Building Act-Dams spoke to the item. He advised that the Minister for Building and Construction had announced a review of the Building Act 2004 in response to concerns raised. Mr Lowe highlighted the key recommendations from the Review, the impacts, and how they would be addressed by Horizons Regional Council. Members considered the report and asked questions of clarification on points raised in the Review recommendations.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lowe for his input into the report.

10-592 **Moved** **Meads/Guy**

That the Council:

- a. **receives** *Report No. 10-109 for information.*

CARRIED

COUNCIL STRATEGY SESSION JUNE 2010

Report No. 10-115

This report updated Councillors following their Strategy Session in June 2010 and sought support from Councillors for the strategic directions adopted to be appropriately disseminated.

The Chief Executive spoke to the paper and advised that time had not allowed him to present a full set of strategic directions which arose out of the workshop held on 15-16 June 2010. In the meantime a brief summary of findings was presented for information and a final set of strategic directions would be presented for adoption to the August Council meeting. In regard to the date recommended to relay the outcomes of the strategic planning session, the Chief Executive indicated that it could be earlier than February 2011. Accordingly, a new recommendation (b) was inserted and the words "at the February Council meeting 2011" were deleted from recommendation (d).

10-593

Moved

White/Main

That the Council:

- a. **directs** the Chief Executive to prepare and present a communications strategy and action plan at the September 2010 Council Meeting with a focus on communication of the Council's strategic priorities to the community;
- b. **directs** the Chief Executive to bring the final set of strategic directions for adoption to the August Council meeting;
- c. **directs** the Chief Executive to prepare an induction package to incoming Councillors post-local elections 2010; and
- d. **relays** the outcome of the strategic planning session 2010 to the incoming Council.

Against : Cr Plowman

CARRIED

UPDATE ON LINKLATER MEMORIAL BURSARY

Report No. 10-111

This update was to inform Members of the status of the Linklater Memorial Bursary. It was a preliminary report which would be followed by a more in-depth review of the Bursary in August.

The Media and Communications Manager spoke to the report and advised that the Linklater Memorial Bursary for the 2011 academic year would be awarded to Alana Standish, provided her grades were acceptable. Alana was currently in her third year of a four year degree.

The Subcommittee was to undertake a review of the way in which the Linklater Bursary was managed and report back to Council at the August council meeting.

10-594

Moved

Rieger/White

That the Council:

- a. **receives** the information in Report No. 10-111.

CARRIED

AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL

Report No. 10-116

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

Members requested that more detail around the grazing lease agreement area be provided in future documents.

10-595

Moved

Main/Gordon

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

- *Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Land – Kum Gee Joe, Gerald Jo Wong and Russell Peter Goodman – Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council.*
- *Grazing Lease Agreement – Duncan Campbell – Horizons Regional Council.*
- *Grazing Lease Agreement – Horizons Regional Council and Riverside Partnership.*
- *Grazing Lease Agreement - Horizons Regional Council and D and N Woolston.*
- *Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaw 2010.*

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.10pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1.10pm.

Cr Burnell entered the meeting at 1.10pm.

MANAWATU RIVER LEADERS' FORUM – ACCORD

Report No. 10-114

The purpose of this item was to update Councillors on progress made by the Manawatu River Leaders' Forum and sought ratification of a "Leaders' Accord" agreed at the 12 July 2010 meeting.

The Chief Executive (CE) introduced the report and he and Mr Thompson (independent facilitator of the Forum) provided clarification as required. The CE acknowledged the valuable input into the Accord from representatives from iwi, local authorities, industry, environmental groups and the science community.

Members congratulated the Chairman, the Chief Executive and those involved for the excellent progress made to date. Concern was expressed around being able to manage the expectations of the community in regard to timeframes for delivery of the goals. Mr Thompson communicated that an action plan for delivery of targets and objectives of the Accord would be developed, including agreement around timeframes for achieving and implementing those targets. Accordingly, it would be a long-term project to return the waterways in the Manawatu to a sustainable level, and the community would be kept informed about progress towards achieving those targets.

In discussion, the Chairman suggested an additional recommendation (c) to form a workshop group comprising elected representatives from territorial authorities, to devise a set of actions to take to the Leaders Forum.

Although Cr Plowman recognised there were issues to be addressed he did not agree with the proposed actions and said he would therefore abstain from voting.

10-596 **Moved** **Guy/White**

That the Council:

- a. **receives** the information in Report No. 10-114;
- b. **ratifies** the Manawatu River Leaders' Forum "Leaders' Accord" as attached as Annex A to Report No. 10-114; and
- c. **convenes** a workshop comprising of elected representatives from Horowhenua, Manawatu, Palmerston North and Tararua, to devise a set of actions to take to the Leaders Forum.

Abstain: Cr Plowman
CARRIED

The Chairman noted that an Advisory Group had been formed from Forum nominated members representing; cultural, industry, community, and environmental. The Group would also comprise; himself, the Chief Executive and one other Councillor.

10-597 **Moved** **Meads/White**

- a. **nominates** the Chairman (Garrick Murfitt), the Chief Executive (Michael McCartney), and Cr Guy as members of the Advisory Group.

CARRIED

The Chairman noted a special thanks to Mr Thompson for making himself available to present to Council. He also publicly thanked Mr Thompson for his leadership of the Forum and input into the development of the Accord.

ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

10-598 **Moved** **Gordon/Rieger**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 30 June 2010.*

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cr Main (Chair of Environment Committee) referred Members to a correction to the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 12 May 2010, asked for by Cr Plowman in regard to the Public Speaking Rights used by the Schroeder family. Cr Plowman questioned the accuracy of that part of the minutes during confirmation at the 14 July 2010 Environment Committee meeting. Cr Main said that the transcript of that meeting had since been checked and accordingly an amendment had been made to read, **“Mr Schroeder offered to sell 300 acres of his property”**. She said a transcript of that part of the meeting was available if required. Cr White disagreed with the amendment to the Public Speaking Rights and said that the minutes of the meeting should only include what happened at the meeting.

There was discussion on Report No. 10-108, Palmerston North City Council Discharge Consents, around what was actually agreed to at the meeting of 14 July 2010. Accordingly, it was suggested that a further sentence be inserted to say – *“it was agreed that the Palmerston North representatives meet with the Palmerston North City Councillors to discuss various issues, eg. stormwater and various environmental issues”*. The Chief Executive referred to recommendation (c), under resolution ENV 10-107. He suggested that the identified letter to be written asked the Mayor of Palmerston North City Council to invite the Chair of his Works and Infrastructure Committee and the Chair of his Planning and Environment Committee to the meeting.

10-599

Moved

Main/White

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on 14 July 2010, with the following amendments:*

- **deletion** of bullet point one, resolution ENV 10-102 - amendment to the Public Speaking Rights used by the Schroeder family.
- Page 3, second to last paragraph, second line, change Ballance Bridge to Ashhurst Bridge.

Abstain: Cr Plowman
CARRIED

Cr Plowman said he did not agree with the reporting around the Public Speaking Rights used by the Schroeder family. The Chairman advised that Cr Plowman would have a further opportunity to discuss the subject during the Chairman's report. Cr Main reiterated that a transcript of that part of the meeting was available if required. A copy was then handed to Cr Plowman.

Cr Gordon referred to the independent review of all Horizons' funded Old Man's Beard control in the Region. He asked for clarification around the budget for the review and asked why it was not signalled in the Draft Annual Plan. The Chief Executive undertook to provide clarification on that.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As the Chairman's Report had been previously distributed to Councillors, he asked if there were any questions. He clarified matters around a meeting held with the Schroeder family in Taumarunui. He advised that Mr Schroeder had accepted the agreement offered at the meeting, pending final clarification on a number of points from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Once the agreement was finalised, a report on the matter would be presented to an Environment Committee meeting. Cr Plowman referred to the Environment Committee minutes of 14 July 2010 and reiterated that Mr Schroeder was clearly referring to the sale of 300 acres of bush as opposed to 300 acres of land.

Cr Gordon thanked Council for his leave of absence to visit Texas. He commented briefly on some of the highlights of his trip. He attended and chaired the Regional Transport Committee meeting on 30 June, and attended the Environment Committee meeting on 14 July.

Cr Burnell attended the usual meetings, and commented on progress with the One Plan deliberations.

Cr Bailey attended an Audit, Risk and Investment Financial Briefing, the One Plan deliberations hearing on Te Ao Maori, the Environment Committee meeting on 14 July, reported to the Foxton Community Board on 19 July, and attended the Council meeting on 20 July.

Cr Murfitt extended his thanks for the tremendous effort from all Councillors involved in sitting on One Plan Hearing Panels over the last three years.

10-602

Moved

Murfitt/Rieger

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 Confirmation of Minutes of 22 June 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.
PX2 Endorsement and adoption of the Regional Transport Committee resolutions and recommendations of 30 June 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 Council to consider whether any item in the Public Excluded minutes can be moved into the public domain, and define the extent of the release.		

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 2.53pm and resumed at 3.00pm.

The meeting closed at 3.01pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIRMAN