



Minutes of the thirty-fourth meeting of the seventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.03am on Tuesday, 24 August 2010, in the Council Chambers, Palmerston North City Council, 32 The Square, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs GP Murfitt MNZM JP (Chair), L Bailey, LR Burnell, VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED, EB Gordon, MC Guy, MW Plowman, PW Rieger QSO, RJ Walker JP, and JJ White.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr M McCartney  
Group Manager Corporate & Governance Mr G Grant  
Committee Secretary Mrs J A Kennedy

**ALSO PRESENT** At various times during the meeting:  
Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information),  
Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory),  
Mr C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management), Mrs C Rowe  
(Media & Communications Manager), Dr J Roygard (Manager Science) and  
Cr B Wilson (Palmerston North City Council).

#### **APOLOGIES**

**10-603 Moved Murfitt/Plowman**

*that an apology be received from Cr Main, and from Cr Meads (leave of absence).*

**CARRIED**

Cr Chettleburgh advised he would be leaving the meeting at 1.00pm to attend an urgent meeting with the Palmerston North City Council in regard to the bus terminal project.

#### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items advised.

#### **MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest advised.

#### **PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

There were no petitions / deputations advised.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**10-604 Moved Bailey/Gordon**

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**CARRIED**

Members asked questions of clarification on points of interest in the minutes.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2010

Report No. 10-133

This report confirmed the outcomes which arose from the Council Strategic Planning session held in June and recommended a set of revised Strategic Directions to the incoming Council.

The Chief Executive introduced the item and provided clarification as required. Cr Plowman believed there was too much emphasis placed around the role of Horizons being a leader in environmental information. He would prefer to see more priority around enhancing the health, wealth, social, and cultural needs of the community. The Chief Executive (CE) referred to the Purpose statement at Annex B to the item where reference was made to creating opportunities for the Region to grow economically and socially. He said this was a significant shift from previous directions which had tended to focus on the environment. The Chairman pointed out that Horizons had a responsibility to provide information and make it freely available to the community.

Councillors provided feedback on the Strategic Directions and in discussion noted the absence of any reference to regional leadership and partnering. There was considerable support shown to continue and improve on building relationships with territorial authorities. Accordingly, the wording in the Strategic Directions under number 5 – Organisational Culture – was altered to read: *“To maintain an innovative, professional and leading organisation respected for its regional leadership and advocacy on behalf of the community it serves”*; and an additional bullet point under Focus areas: *Regional Leadership and Partnerships*, was agreed to.

**10-605**

**Moved**

**White/Burnell**

*That the Council:*

- a. **endorses** the Draft Strategic Directions as provided for in Annex B to Report No. 10-133, including the following additions:
  - Number 5, Organisational Culture, alter wording to read - *“To maintain an innovative, professional and leading organisation respected for its regional leadership and advocacy on behalf of the community it serves”*;
  - Additional bullet point under Focus areas: *Regional Leadership and Partnerships*.

**Against:** Cr Plowman  
**CARRIED**

## NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE PROPOSED ONE PLAN

Report No. 10-121

This report informed Members of the notification of decision on submissions to the Proposed One Plan.

Mr Carlyon, Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory (GMRPR) expanded on the item and suggested the inclusion of a further recommendation in order to formalise a way forward in determining a policy on the management of appeals, including the governance role. Members had provided their thoughts at a workshop held on 23 August and further discussion ensued. Members sought clarity around whether it was appropriate for the current Council to assume ownership and confirm and endorse the One Plan, and what the correct process was for Council to take in addressing any concerns raised around the One Plan.

Under paragraph 13, the GMRPR acknowledged the substantial contribution from Councillors, Commissioners, and staff for their commitment to the project over the past years. It was suggested that the names of all council commissioners be recorded, for their participation in the development of the One Plan.







of CentrePort Wellington on 20 August, and attended a meeting with Mayor Duffy at Horowhenua District Council on the same day, the One Plan workshop on 23 August, and Council meeting on 24 August.

**Cr Gordon** attended the usual Council/Committee meetings, attended a meeting about a report on the Rangitikei River and its future on 5 August, attended a Vehicle Dimensions Mass Rule briefing on 11 August, and the Regional Transport Committee submissions hearing on 18 and 19 August.

**Cr Chettleburgh** attended the Regional Transport Committee submissions hearing on 18 and 19 August and referred to a comment made by a Wanganui District Council staff member about the positive effect that the flood protection works were having on industrial growth in the area. He attended a Linklater Bursary Subcommittee meeting, a City Reach Working Party meeting, the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting, a Capital Connection Working Party meeting, and recorded thanks to the Transport team for their tremendous on-going effort and support. He would be attending a meeting in regard to the Palmerston North bus terminal project at 1pm.

Cr Chettleburgh formally suggested that Councillors invite the two retiring Councillors, Cr Meads and Cr Main, to be guests at a farewell dinner before the end of the current triennium.

**Cr Burnell** attended the usual Council/Committee meetings.

**Cr Bailey** attended the Hokio Progressive Association meeting on 6 August, Catchment Operations Committee meeting on 11 August, the Waitarere Progressive Association meeting on 16 August, the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting on 17 August, the One Plan briefing on 23 August, and Council meeting on 24 August.

Cr Plowman asked if the Council would give consideration to a water storage facility on the Upper Mangawhero River due to increasing demands from the township of Ohakune, and the requirements of the horticulture industry at times of low flow for irrigation. The Chairman replied that water storage was an important issue for the Council going forward, and that if an application was submitted, Council would be willing to consider the possibility of undertaking a joint investigation.

**10-616**

**Moved**

**Murfitt/Gordon**

*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 20 July 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 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 12.30pm and resumed at 12.31pm.

Apologies were received in the public part of the meeting from Cr Main and Cr Meads (Leave of Absence).

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**PX 10-180                      Moved    Gordon/Murfitt**

*that the minutes of the confidential part of the meeting held on 20 July 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**CARRIED**

**PX 10-181                      Moved    Murfitt/White**

*that the Council move out of Public Excluded.*

**CARRIED**

The Public Excluded section of the meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

The meeting closed at 12.32pm.

Confirmed

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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CHAIRMAN