



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of the eighth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.04am on Tuesday, 8 February 2011, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs PW Rieger QSO JP (Acting Chairman), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell, VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED, GL Cox, EB Gordon, MC Guy, GM McKellar, MW Plowman, CI Sheldon, RG Walker JP, and JJ White.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney  
Group Manager Corporate and Mr CA Grant  
Governance  
Committee Secretary Ms KE Booth

**ALSO PRESENT** At various times during the meeting:  
Mr C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information), Mrs C Rowe (Media and Communications Manager), Mr T Collé (Chief Financial Officer), a member of the Press, and Mr J Beard (member of the public).

#### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS**

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

#### **LATE ITEMS**

The Group Manager Corporate and Governance (GMCG) advised of a Late Item '*Remuneration Authority – Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy*'. He said that the information had been received from the Remuneration Authority (RA) after the Agenda for the meeting had been distributed, and it needed to be considered and responded to before the next Council meeting.

**11-68 Moved Walker/White**

*That the Council **accepts** the Late Item "Remuneration Authority – Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy" as an urgent response was required to be sent to the Remuneration Authority before the next Council meeting.*

**CARRIED**

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

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – PROCEDURES AND ELECTION**

*Report No. 11-03*

This purpose of the report was to recommend the procedures as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) to be adopted for the election of the Chairperson, Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons Regional Council), following the resignation of Cr Murray Guy from the role of Chairman of Horizons Regional Council on 31 January 2011.



support for the retention of the ability to claim the first 30km travelled. The Ruapehu representative (Cr Plowman) explained the legal advice he had received on the matter and said he would not support the recommendations. Members discussed possible alternative transport arrangements for the Ruapehu Representative.

Members asked the GMCG to continue to ask the RA to make a special case for the representative from Ruapehu, and suggested approaching other groups/organisations for their support. New recommendations were suggested.

Members considered a Travel Time Allowance and agreed to include it in the Policy.

**11-72**

**Moved**

**Rieger/Chettleburgh**

*That the Council:*

- a. **receives** the information in Report No. 11-21;
- b. **acknowledges** that the Remuneration Authority will not approve the current Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy;
- c. **agrees** that clause 5.2 of the Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy be amended as requested by the Remuneration Authority;
- d. **agrees** that a Travel Time Allowance clause 6 be included in the Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy as discussed;
- e. **instructs** the Chief Executive to forward the amended Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy to the Remuneration Authority for its consideration and approval.

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

**11-73**

**Moved**

**Chettleburgh/Rieger**

*That the Council:*

- a. **pursues** the matter through the Regional Affairs Committee and Zone 3, and seeks the support of all the electorate Members of Parliament;
- b. **continues** to make a special case for the representative from the Ruapehu Constituency through the Remuneration Authority and Local Government New Zealand.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 10.45am.

Confirmed

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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CHAIRMAN