



Minutes of the tenth meeting of the eighth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.05am on Wednesday, 27 July 2011, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon (Chairman), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell (from 11.17am), VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED, GL Cox, MC Guy, GM McKellar, MW Plowman, PW Rieger QSO JP, and CI Sheldon.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Group Manager Corporate and Governance Mr CA Grant
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Mr A Cook (Group Manager Operations), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information), Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory), Mr T Collé (Chief Financial Officer), Ms C Rowe (Media and Communications Manager), Mr I Lowe (Coordinator District Liaison/Building Act-Dams), Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Ms A Redgrave (Manager Transport Services), and members of the Press.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr L Burnell (lateness) and Crs B Walker and J White.

11-148 Moved Guy/Sheldon

That apologies be accepted from Cr Burnell (for lateness), and from Crs Walker and White.

CARRIED

PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS

There were no petitions/deputations advised.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

11-149 **Moved**

Rieger/Chettleburgh

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive (CE) expanded on the distributed reports from the Regional Sector Group (RSG) Annual Report which was held on 11 July 2011. A copy of the RSG Annual General Meeting series of reports would be made available to view in the Councillors' Lounge. The CE took the opportunity to introduce the Land and Water website which had been initiated to communicate a message around how fresh water in New Zealand was being managed. Ms Rowe (Media and Communications Manager) provided a presentation on how to navigate the website.

The CE answered questions of clarification about the value of flood protection to the Region, and spatial planning.

11-150 **Moved**

Gordon/Plowman

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF DANGEROUS DAMS POLICY

Report No. 11-118

This report informed Councillors of Horizons' requirements under the Building Act 2004 (the Act) regarding Dangerous Dams and sought approval to release the Proposed Dangerous Dams Policy 2011 and the supporting Summary of Information for public consultation in accordance with the Act's requirements.

The Group Manager Regional Services and Information (GMRS&I) introduced the report and he and Mr Lowe, (Coordinator District Liaison/Building Act – Dams) expanded on the background, definitions and regulations, policy approach, and the proposed consultation plan to the draft Proposed Dangerous Dams Policy. Members fully discussed the report and Mr Lowe and the GMRS&I clarified Members' questions about the consultation process that had been undertaken in 2006 for the initial Dangerous Dams Policy, the approach taken to include earthquake-prone and flood-prone dams in the regulations, responsibilities of dam owners, and explained how the proposed policy would cater for any future changes to regulations contained in the Act.

11-151 **Moved**

Barrow/Rieger

That the Council

- a. **receives** the information in Report 11-118;
- b. **approves** the Statement of Proposal (Annex A) and the Summary of Information (Annex B) for consultation using the special consultative process;

- c. **approves** the proposed Consultation Plan at Annex C; and
- d. **appoints** at least three Councillors to form a Hearing Committee.

CARRIED

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY FUNDING ASSISTANCE RATES REVIEW

Report No. 11-121

This report informed Members of the proposed changes to New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) funding assistance rates and approved Horizons' submission on the proposals.

The Group Manager Regional Services and Information (GMRS&I) summarised the proposed changes and the funding impact on Horizons.

Cr Burnell joined the meeting at 11.17am.

Ms Lowe, Transport Planner provided a verbal update on discussions from a regional transport officers' meeting held in Wellington. She advised that a workshop would be organised to seek clarification around the potential changes to passenger transport administration funding.

Members expressed their concerns about the proposed changes and believed it would ultimately result in an increase in rates to maintain the current level of transport services.

11-152 **Moved** **Chettleburgh/Gordon**

That the Council

- a. **receives** the update on proposed changes to funding assistance rates by the New Zealand Transport Agency;
- b. **approves** a draft submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency on the proposals.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF CATCHMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Report No. 11-120

This report advised Members of a request by Councillor Cox to move from being a member of the Environment Committee to the Catchment Operations Committee.

11-153 **Moved** **Gordon/Rieger**

That the Council

- a. **approves** the request by Councillor Cox to change his membership from the Environment Committee to the Catchment Operations Committee.

CARRIED

REPORT FROM APPEALS ADVISORY GROUP

Report No. 11-125

This report updated Council on progress made to resolve appeals to the Proposed One Plan as Amended by Decisions. The report covered the period 17 June to 15 July 2011.

The Chief Executive was available to answer questions of clarification.

11-154 **Moved** **Gordon/Guy**

That the Council

- a. **receives** the report of the One Plan Appeals Advisory Group.

CARRIED

FIRST PAST THE POST/SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE 2013 TRIENNIAL LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

Report No. 11-126

This item required a resolution by Council as to whether the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system, or the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system, should be used for the 2013 triennial elections.

Members discussed the information and agreed to retain the status quo as detailed in resolution b (i).

11-155 **Moved** **Chettleburgh/Rieger**

That the Council

- a. **acknowledges and receives** the contents of this report; and
- b. **adopts** the following processes in relation to deciding the electoral system for the 2013 triennial elections:
 - i. **retains** the status quo First Past the Post electoral system, for the next triennial election, with this decision being publicly notified by 19 September 2011.

CARRIED

REPRESENTATION REVIEW – MAORI CONSTITUENCIES

Report No. 11-129

The purpose of this item was to establish the level of public consultation required regarding the 2013 Triennial election Representation Review, as it related to Maori constituencies.

Members discussed the resolutions and to reflect the view that Council would not introduce a Maori constituency for the 2013 election, an amendment to resolution (c) was proposed.

Cr Sheldon expressed her view about a lack of consultation with the Maori community.

11-156 **Moved** **Gordon/Cox**

That the Council:

- a. **acknowledges** the statutory timeline for the 2013 Triennial Election Representation Review as it relates to Maori constituencies;
- b. **acknowledges** that there is no legislative requirement to consult with the community prior to Council passing resolution of the Representation Review as it relates to Maori constituencies within the Local Electoral Act 2001; and
- c. **instructs** management to not introduce a Maori constituency and **agrees** not to consult with the Region's communities.

Against: Cr Sheldon

CARRIED

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

11-157 **Moved** **Cox/Guy**

That the workshop attendances for 23 June 2011 – 20 July 2011 be received.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman answered questions of clarification about his attendance at various meetings and upcoming scheduled meetings. He elaborated on aspects of the Local Government New Zealand Conference pre-tour activities, his attendance at the Palmerston North Airport Board briefing, and topics to be covered at the upcoming Councillor Strategy Session on 10-11 August 2011.

11-158 **Moved** **Gordon/Barrow**

That the Chairman's report be received.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cr Barrow attended a presentation to the Akitio community on coastal erosion, the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, and attended a catch-up with the Mayor of Tararua District Council and several Councillors.

Cr Burnell attended the usual Horizons' meetings and a meeting to discuss roading issues at Ohau.

Cr Chettleburgh spoke about some highlights from his recent study leave.

Cr Cox attended the Audit, Risk and Investment Financial Briefing, helped resolve a ratepayer consent issue, and expanded on his attendance at a Wanganui District Council meeting in regard to the Whanganui River ByLaws.

Cr Guy attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, several One Plan Advisory Group meetings, detailed several preliminary investment meetings he attended in regard to the MWRC

Holding Company, attended a meeting with the Chief Executive, Future Forests Research, and a Moutoa Liaison Committee meeting.

Cr McKellar expanded on his attendance at the Manawatu Rural Farm Support Trust meeting, sat in on one day of the Environment Court mediation process, and attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops.

Cr Plowman attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops and provided a verbal report of his attendance at the Local Government New Zealand Conference.

Cr Rieger briefed Members about a meeting he attended with Members of Parliament, Iain Lees-Galloway and the Hon. Shayne Jones in regard to transport issues.

Cr Sheldon attended several One Plan Advisory Group meetings, commented on the transport meeting referred to earlier by Cr Rieger, attended a Massey University Seminar on transport issues into the future, and an environmental debate.

Cr Sheldon said she had received several enquiries from ratepayers in regard to the operation of the Moutoa flood gates during the recent flooding period.

11-159

Moved

Gordon/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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48 (1) for passing this resolution
Confirmation of Minutes of 28 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.
PX2 MWRC Holdings Limited Background and Update on Investment Progress <i>Report No. 11-119</i>	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 12.35pm and resumed at 12.47pm.

The meeting closed at 12.48pm.
Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIRMAN