



Minutes of the twelfth meeting of the eighth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.00am on Tuesday, 27 September 2011, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs EB Gordon (Chairman), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell (from 10.06am), VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED, GL Cox, MC Guy (to 2.01pm and from 2.14pm), GM McKellar, MW Plowman, RG Walker and JJ White.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney  
Acting Group Manager Mr G Neilson  
Corporate and Governance  
Committee Secretaries Mrs JA Kennedy  
(to 1.07pm)  
Ms G McRae  
(from 1.44pm)

**ALSO PRESENT** At various times during the meeting:  
Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory), Mr C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management), Mr A Cook (Group Manager Operations), Ms K Booth (Governance Co-ordinator), Mrs C Rowe (Media and Communications Manager), Mr T Collé (Chief Financial Officer), Mr E Duggan (Strategic Planner), Mr and Mrs Paton, and a member of the Press.

## **APOLOGIES**

**11-175 Moved White/Walker**

*That an apology be accepted from Cr Sheldon (attending other Council business), and Cr Rieger (unwell)*

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS**

Later on in the meeting the Chairman advised there had been a request for public speaking rights which had been declined.

## **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items to be considered.

The minutes of the Environment Committee had been emailed to Members and a hard copy was tabled at the meeting. Comment was made that not enough time was provided to read the minutes and accordingly the Chairman said they could be received at the next Council meeting.

## **MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## **PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

There were no petitions/deputations.





11-182

**Moved**

**Walker/Barrow**

- c. **approves** the revised Strategic Directions Card (Annex C) for dissemination to staff, key stakeholders and members of the community as deemed appropriate.

**Against:** Cr Plowman, White

**CARRIED**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MWRC HOLDINGS LIMITED**

*Report No. 11-168*

This report provided notice to Councillors that the 2011 Annual General Meeting of MWRC Holdings would be held at the Regional Council meeting on 27 September 2011.

Mr Collé, Chief Financial Officer informed Council that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of MWRC Holdings would be held later that day and accordingly the recommendations were amended to authorise Cr Gordon to represent Horizons and vote on behalf the recommendations outlined in the AGM. An updated copy of the financial statements containing minor changes to disclosures in the notes and policies was circulated to Members.

Mr Collé provided a powerpoint presentation detailing the financial statements and was available to expand and answer questions on points of interest.

Cr Guy, Chairman of MWRC Holdings Ltd provided clarification on the amount set for directors' fees. He said there had been no change to the amount and the recommendation was to reapprove the fees at the same level for the coming year. It was noted that Cr Rieger, Director of MWRC Holdings Ltd had made a decision not to accept any remuneration for his role as a director in the company.

11-183

**Moved**

**Burnell/Barrow**

*That the Council*

- a. **authorises Cr Bruce Gordon** to represent Horizons at the 2011 Annual General Meeting of shareholders of MWRC Holdings Limited and vote in favour of the following:
- i. **receives and adopts** the 2011 Annual Report for MWRC Holdings Limited;
  - ii. **approves** directors fees at \$30,000 in total;
  - iii. **approves** Audit New Zealand, acting for and on behalf of the Auditor General, act as the company's auditor for the 2012 year.

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

11-184

*Moved*

*Guy/Barrow*

*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 30 August 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 Endorsement and Adoption of the Audit, Risk and Investment Committee resolutions and recommendations of 30 August 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.
PX3 Endorsement and Adoption of the Strategy and Policy Committee resolutions and recommendations of 13 September 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.
PX4 Presentation from: MWRC Holdings Limited Investment Opportunities	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 11.18am and resumed at 2.06pm.

## FUNDING OF STOCK TRUCK EFFLUENT FACILITIES

*Report No. 11-174*

This report discussed an alteration to Horizons policy on the funding of stock truck effluent facilities. The Chair introduced the report saying it was self-explanatory but that essentially it would ensure that before a decision was made to use ratepayer's money to help build a stock-effluent disposal facility the Council would have to approve funding. He hoped this would ensure that Council would be able to have some influence on facility locations and timeliness of construction.



**11-188**                      **Moved**                                              **Gordon/Chettleburgh**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 6 September 2011.*

**CARRIED**

## **STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**11-189**                      **Moved**                                              **Gordon/Chettleburgh**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 13 September 2011.*

**CARRIED**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman presented his report and answered questions of clarification about his attendance at various meetings and upcoming scheduled meetings. He elaborated on the Regional Sector Group meeting he attended earlier in the month at which Bruce Wills, Chair of Federated Farmers had spoken. The Chair informed the Council that Mr Wills was a strong supporter of regional councils and that he had agreed to come and address this Council next month.

Following Councillor's questions the Chair made a commitment to contact Councillors in other Councils that had non-compliant resource consents. There was general consensus around the table that this was most appropriately handled at a political, rather than a management level.

**11-190**                      **Moved**                                              **Gordon/Guy**

*That the Chairman's report be received.*

**CARRIED**

## **MEMBERS' REPORTS AND QUESTIONS**

**Cr McKellar** attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops. He attended a whitebait hui in Foxton where there were Horizons' staff members who discussed the work plan in line with Manawatu River Accord. He attended a MAF event on 2 September with Cr Chettleburgh and a meeting with the Chair and Mr Allan Cook about erosion on the Rangitikei River. He also attended the Manawatu-Rangitikei Federated Farmers Provincial meeting.

**Cr Guy** attended workshops, Strategy and Policy Committee and today's meeting. He attended a meeting on 1 September with people from the Taonui basin affected by the Milestone 2 report, an Institute of Forestry workshop in Wellington on 8 September on the emissions trading scheme (ETS), an MWRC Holding company workshop meeting on 12 September and a river scheme audit meeting with ratepayers at Ihuraua.

**Cr Plowman** attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops. On 22 September he attended the Upper Whanganui Scheme meeting.

**Cr Cox** attended all Long Term Plan workshops, normal meetings, and discussed stage two with Whanganui ratepayers who would be affected in a major flood event. He also had discussions with Mr Craig Grant and Mr Craig Neilson about the vehicle fleet policies, and chaired the Whanganui waterways meeting.

**Cr Chettleburgh** met with the Destination Manawatu directors about planning the Christmas Parades, attended the Passenger Transport meeting on 15 September, the Trustees of Heritage Park on 23 September, and their annual meeting the following day, several local events and has been looking at biodiversity around the Country.

**Cr Walker** noted that he had missed four workshops in August/September and explained to his colleagues the reason for this. He noted that he did attend the Regional Transport Committee meeting, Strategy and Policy Committee meeting and the Whanganui River Users meeting. He also received five phone-calls about rates and received a call about noise and dust from the local speedway which he referred to the District Council.

**Cr Burnell** attended the usual Horizons' workshops and meetings. He has been working with ratepayers over various issues.

**Cr White** attended the usual Horizon's workshops and meetings. In addition she had also attended the 10-year celebrations of the Environmental ~~Workshop~~ **Network** Manawatu, a meeting with the Chair at the Dalrymple farm, a One Plan Advisory Group Meeting, and the Trust Power Community Awards at which the Ashhurst volunteer stoat-trap monitoring group won their category. She asked whether a sensor light could be installed at Camp Rangiwoods for safety at night and the Chief Executive committed to having this done. She also wished to express her appreciation for the work done by Mr Greg Carlyon during his time at Council, especially his work on the One Plan which she believed would be a very valuable document for the Region. She noted ~~an~~ **her** error on the front page of the report of the Environment Committee meeting in which she had said there were no requests for public speaking rights when in fact she had received a request, but it had been declined.

**Cr Barrow** attended the usual Horizons' workshops and meetings. In addition he attended whitebait hui at the Palmerston North City library, the Eketahuna and Pahiatua Community Board meetings at which public transport was a major issue. He clarified that he did not speak about the renaming of the Pahiatua track.

The Chair and Chief Executive clarified further Members' Questions.

The meeting closed at 3.11pm.

Confirmed

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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CHAIRMAN