



Minutes of the eighth meeting of the eighth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.01am on Tuesday, 24 May 2011, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon (Chairman), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell (from 10.30am), VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED, GL Cox, MC Guy, GM McKellar, MW Plowman, PW Rieger QSO JP, CI Sheldon, RG Walker, and JJ White.

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 C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information), Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory), Mr T Collé (Finance Manager), Mrs C Rowe (Media and Communications Manager), Mr B Gilliland (Appeals Project Manager), Mr E Duggan (Strategic Financial Planner), (Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), and a member of the Press.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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

11-124 Moved White/Chettleburgh

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

Members commented and asked questions of clarification about points of interest.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive (CE) tabled several documents in support of his report: a copy of the agenda from the Regional Sector Group Meeting held on 12 May 2011; a copy of the National Policy Statement (NPS) on Freshwater Management 2011; an analysis undertaken by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) on the compatibility of regional/unitary council policy documents against the NPS; and Terms of Reference for the national audit of regional council freshwater management effectiveness. Discussion ensued on the analysis paper around compliance with the NPS. Congratulations were extended to those concerned for the fantastic results shown for Horizons Regional Council.

Cr Burnell joined the meeting at 10.30am.

The Chief Executive expanded on areas in his report and clarified further questions.

11-125

Moved

Gordon/White

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

CARRIED

REPORT FROM APPEALS ADVISORY GROUP

Report No. 11-90

This report updated Council on progress made to resolve appeals to the Proposed One Plan as Amended by Decisions. The report covered the period 20 April to 13 May 2011.

Mr Gilliland (Appeals Project Manager), and the Chief Executive provided a verbal update of the meeting held on 19 May 2011. Members asked questions of clarification and discussion ensued about the intended level of delegation the Advisory Group would have in setting the extent of compromises in resolving appeal points and providing advice to staff attending mediation. Members asked that the Advisory Group give particular attention to the extent to which any compromise at mediation would impact on Horizons' activities. Members asked that they be advised of any major appeal points and accordingly the level of compromise made, if any. The Chief Executive clarified the ongoing expenditure against staff time and legal fees. Several Members asked for a quicker reporting timeframe from the Advisory Group around key information and Council's position to be taken in the mediation process. Recommendation (b) was included to clarify the One Plan Advisory Group delegation to provide on the Council's position to be taken into mediation.

11-126

Moved

Chettleburgh/Sheldon

That the Council:

a. ***receives*** the report of the Appeals Advisory Group.

CARRIED

11-127 **Moved** **Rieger/Barrow**

That the Council:

- b. **endorses** the One Plan Advisory Group providing advice to Horizons Regional Council staff on the Council's position to be taken into the One Plan mediation process.

CARRIED

AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL

Report No. 11-91

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

11-128 **Moved** **Chettleburgh/Walker**

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

- *Lease Renewal for land Horizons leases from Wanganui District Council at 181 Guyton Street, Wanganui*

- *Warrant Card Enforcement Officer
Rebecca May Fergus
Reason for re-issue: change of name by Marriage*

CARRIED

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

The Workshop attendance 19 April 2011 – 18 May 2011 was noted.

ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PASSENGER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

11-129 **Moved** **Chettleburgh/Gordon**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 17 May 2011.*

CARRIED

Discussion and questions of clarification ensued about the decision to increase bus fares on some services.

Cr White advised she would be attending the Waiouru Treatment Plant Hearing on 22 June and would therefore be unable to attend the launch of the Manawatu River Leaders' Forum Action Plan. She attended the City Reach Working Party with Palmerston North City Councillors, attended the Graduation Business Link 2011 Award ceremony where Horizons' was presented with an award for their contribution to passenger transport in the Region, the One Plan Appeal Advisory Group meeting on 3 May and 19 May, and attended the opening of Te Manawa.

Cr Burnell attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, chaired several Annual Scheme ratepayer meetings, and attended a meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chief Executive of Horowhenua District Council.

Cr Rieger attended the Graduation Business Link 2011 Award ceremony where Horizons' was presented with an award for their contribution to passenger transport in the Region, and the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops.

Cr Cox said there had been some confusion about his email address and clarified his correct address to Members. He met with local Federated Farmers' members, met with some of the Rural Community Board members in Wanganui, had numerous discussions with ratepayers about the Draft Annual Plan, and referred to some issues in regard to a stream off Airport Road. Cr Cox attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops.

Cr Guy attended the Audit, Risk and Investment Committee meeting on 28 April. He thanked those who deputised for him at the Annual Scheme Ratepayer meetings while he was on leave of absence. He attended the opening of Te Manawa, the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on 10 May, the Environment Committee meeting on 11 May, the City Reach Working Party, the MWRC Holdings Company Limited meeting, the One Plan Advisory Group meetings, met with staff in regard to issues relating to the Burkes Pump, and the Draft Annual Plan meetings on 23 May.

Cr Plowman attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, and the Upper Whanganui River Scheme ratepayer meeting.

Cr Plowman spoke about a spraying incident on a ratepayer's property. He expressed concern and disappointment that a Council officer would be visiting the property at a time when he was unable to attend.

Cr Sheldon attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, the opening of Te Manawa, the Graduation Business Link 2011 Award ceremony where Horizons' was presented with an award for their contribution to passenger transport in the Region. She attended and gave a speech at a business breakfast, spoke at the Horowhenua Ratepayers Association, attended the One Plan Advisory Group meeting, the Waitarere Beach Annual General meeting and extended congratulations to Mr Mitchell, Group Manager Environmental Management for his participation at the meeting in regard to the Restoration Plan for Waitarere Sand dunes and Wairarawa Stream. She attended the Draft Annual Plan meetings on 23 May.

Cr Barrow attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, the Ballance Farm Awards winning farm in Eketahuna, the Annual General Meeting of Federated Farmers in Pahiatua, met with the local Fonterra representative regarding several issues, and spoke about biological farming.

Cr Barrow asked about the right of a consent holder to have the support and representation of their elected Member of Council in regard to compliance issues. The Chairman said the matter could be discussed further at the upcoming consents and compliance workshop.

The Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory provided an update on the spraying incident to a ratepayers property mentioned during Cr Plowman's report.

Cr White said she had omitted to mention in her report the superb presentation made at the City Reach Working Group by Mr Cook, Group Manager Operations.

11-133 Moved

Chettleburgh/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 Presentation – Hill Country Erosion Fund (HCEF) Contract Update – May 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 Confirmation of Minutes of 27 April 2011	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to protect the privacy of natural persons.	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 Audit, Risk & Investment Committee resolutions and recommendations of 28 April 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 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 2.00pm and resumed at 2.46pm.

The meeting closed at 2.47pm

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIRMAN