



Minutes of the seventh meeting of the eighth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.03am on Wednesday, 27 April 2011, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs EB Gordon (Chairman), JJ Barrow (to 12.30pm and from 3.40pm), LR Burnell, VJF Chettleburgh QSM ED, GL Cox, MC Guy, GM McKellar, MW Plowman, PW Rieger QSO JP (to 4.42pm), 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), Mrs C Rowe (Media and Communications Manager), Mrs S Craig (Corporate Information Manager), Mr M Biggs (Archivist – MW LASS Limited), Mrs R Cleator and Ms S Poor.

#### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS**

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

#### **LATE ITEMS**

The Chairman advised there were no Late Items but drew Members' attention to Report No. 11-72 which had been delivered/mailed to Members. This report would be considered on the agenda as Item 13.

Cr Chettleburgh noted a request for study leave to be considered as a late item in the public excluded part of the meeting.

**11-110** *Moved* *White/Rieger*

*That the Council **accepts** Cr Chettleburgh's request for study leave as a late item.*

**CARRIED**

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

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

#### **PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Rosemary Cleator and advised her that the meeting would be recorded.

Mrs Cleator thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. She said she represented the Central Working Trials Club. Mrs Cleator and her colleague Stephanie Poor spoke about their concerns at

the proposed 1080 aerial drop on the Tararua Foothills. Members asked questions of clarification. The Chairman thanked Mrs Cleator and Ms Poor for their deputation. The Chairman asked Mr Mitchell, Group Manager Environmental Management to speak to Mrs Cleator, outside the meeting, about the possum control methods used by Horizons.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**11-111**

**Moved**

**Guy/Walker**

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, with the following amendments:*

- *Page 2, first paragraph – change the word ‘Purpose’ to ‘Person’*
- *Page 21, PX 11-54 – change ‘20012-22’ to ‘2012-22’*

**CARRIED**

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

## **UPDATE ON REGIONAL ARCHIVES PROJECT**

*Report No. 11-61*

This report informed Members on progress with the MW LASS Ltd Regional Archives Project.

Mrs Craig (Corporate Information Manager) spoke to the item and provided an update of the work that has been undertaken. Mr Biggs (Archivist – MW LASS Limited) provided a powerpoint presentation which gave a brief demonstration of the database, and how the Horizons’ archives would be able to be accessed in future. Mrs Craig and Mr Biggs clarified Members’ questions arising from the presentation.

**11-112**

**Moved**

**White/Sheldon**

*That the Council:*

- a. **receives** the update and **notes** the presentation on the regional archives project.

**CARRIED**

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT**

The Chief Executive (CE) distributed to Members a document from the Hon Dr Nick Smith, Minister for the Environment – The National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011. A further confidential document from McGredy Winder & Co. was distributed and Members were asked to provide any comments/suggestions to the CE or Chairman before 12 May 2011. There was discussion about the proposed 1080 aerial drop in the Tararua area and the CE and Mr Mitchell, Group Manager Environmental Management clarified Members’ questions. To enable Members to examine the claims being made in the deputation earlier in the meeting from Mrs Cleator, it was suggested that the CE obtain some information on the results of the proposed 1080 drop.

The CE referred to the large number of Draft Annual Plan submissions received relating to the Animal Health Board (AHB). Discussion ensued about the accuracy of some of the statements supplied in a letter sent out to ratepayers by Mr William McCook, Chief Executive of the AHB.



**11-116**                      **Moved**    **White/Chettleburgh**

*That the Council:*

- a.        **receives** the information contained in Report No. 11-64; and
- b.        **directs** the Chief Executive to update Council on the key conclusions when the draft report is released.

**CARRIED**

## **AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL**

*Report No. 11-65*

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

**11-117**                      **Moved**    **Chettleburgh/Barrow**

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

- Memorandum of Encumbrance  
Horizons Regional Council and GJ Sanson Family Trust and  
RJ Sanson Family Trust Partnership,  
Lockwood Road, RD5, Palmerston North
- Warrant Card Enforcement Officer  
Ross James Brannigan  
Position: Emergency Management Advisor  
Group: Regional Services Emergency Management
- Contract Agreement: 2011/07  
NZS 3910 : 2003  
Contract for Maxwells Line – Tip Road Reconstruction

**CARRIED**

## **WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE**

**11-118**                      **Moved**    **Guy/Cox**

*That the Council **notes** the Workshop attendances 17 March 2011 – 18 April 2011 with the following amendments to the attendance of Introduction to Sustainable Land Use Initiative held on 12 April 2011:*

- Cr L Burnell - (did not attend)
- Cr G McKellar - (part attended)
- Cr M Plowman - (part attended)
- Cr P Rieger - (part attended)
- Cr B Walker - (did not attend)
- Cr J White - (did not attend)

**CARRIED**



PX3 Manawatu River Leaders' Accord Action Plan <i>Report No. 11-67</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.
PX4 Confirmation of Minutes of 22 March 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.
PX5 Endorsement and Adoption of the Strategy and Policy Committee resolutions and recommendations of 12 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.
PX6 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 1.05pm and resumed at 4.56pm.

**ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**11-121**

**Moved**

**Barrow/Burnell**

*That the Council **endorses and adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 12 April 2011, with the following amendments:*

- *Page 45, Members' Conflict of Interest – clarify that Cr McKellar's conflict of interest was during discussions on the Manawatu River Accord and Cr Plowman's conflict of interest was during discussions on the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity.*
- *Page 50, 3<sup>d</sup> paragraph, Members' Questions – Last sentence to read "The matter was also part of the One Plan Appeal process."*

**CARRIED**

There was considerable discussion about Report No. 11-55, Horizons' Submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the Proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity. Cr Cox referred to the transfer of indigenous biodiversity protection from territorial authorities to Horizons Regional Council. He believed he had requested a copy of a letter of confirmation from territorial authorities indicating their permission to the transfer of the function to Horizons. In



**Cr Sheldon** attended a Burkes Drain meeting at the end of March, the Councillors Northern Tour, and the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops. She thanked Crs Guy, Chettleburgh and Barrow for allowing her to sit in on the Kahuterawa Stream Scheme hearing. She said it was great to see the calibre of applicants for the Don Linklater Memorial Bursary.

**Cr Chettleburgh** attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, and the Councillors' Northern Tour. He said he has been looking at some of the applications for road safety programmes. He attended a Biodiversity meeting, a Submissions Hearing on the proposed Kahuterawa Stream Scheme, attended a Palmerston North City Council Ward Meeting Annual Plan Process, accompanied the Chairman to present Horizons Draft Annual Plan to Palmerston North City Council, and attended a meeting with the Hon John Carter MP.

**Cr Walker** attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, and a meeting of the Whanganui River Working Party.

**Cr Burnell** attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshops, the Councillors' Northern Tour, and spoke at the Horowhenua District Council meeting.

**Cr White** attended and enjoyed the barbeque held at the Chairman's home on 31 March, the Linklater Bursary Committee meeting, a Making Good Decisions Course in Wellington with Crs Guy and Plowman, the Manawatu River Accord meeting, the Prosecutions Advisory Group meeting, and accompanied the Chairman to a meeting with the Chief Executive. Cr White advised that the next Agendas' meeting would be held on Thursday 28 April and suggested it would be worthwhile for all Councillors to attend.

**Cr Barrow** attended the usual Horizons' meetings and workshop, a Submissions Hearing on the proposed Kahuterawa Stream Scheme, several Scheme Annual Ratepayer meetings, sat on the Prosecutions Advisory Committee, and had received a few enquiries regarding Horizons' Draft Annual Plan from the Tararua District Council. He thanked the Chairman and his wife for hosting a barbeque at their home at the conclusion of the Councillors' Northern Tour.

## **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Cr Burnell took the opportunity to thank the Chairman and his wife for hosting the barbecue at their home at the conclusion of the Councillors' Northern Tour.

Cr Sheldon requested a copy of the Palmerston North Wastewater Monitoring Report.

Cr White asked if members of the public were aware that material was recorded during their deputations/public speaking rights. The Chairman replied that he had, and would continue to, inform members of the public that material would be recorded.

Cr White asked how members of the public who exercised their public speaking rights could obtain a copy of the minutes from the meeting they spoke at. The Chairman answered that members of the public could request to have a copy of the minutes sent to them. The minutes were also available on the Horizons' website.

Cr McKellar asked if Council would be interested in having a tour of the meat plant in Marton, followed by a workshop in one of the buildings located on the premises. The Chairman replied it would be an ideal place to visit as part of a Council tour.

Cr McKellar reminded Members of the upcoming Ballance Farm Awards.

Cr Plowman asked when he would receive a response to his earlier query about the status of a former Council owned property in Simmons Road, Taumarunui. Cr White, Chairperson of the

Environment Committee, replied the matter would be included in the next Environment Committee agenda.

**At the public excluded part of the Council meeting held on 27 April, the Council recommended that the part of the Public Excluded minutes relating to: PX2- Report from Appeals Advisory Group, and PX3 – Manawatu River Leaders’ Accord Action Plan, be moved to the public part of the meeting. These are detailed below:**

**PX 11-75                      Moved    Chettleburgh/Guy**

*that the Council **agrees** that discussions on the following public excluded items contained in the minutes of the Regional Council meeting, 27 April 2011 be moved to the public part of the meeting:*

- *PX2 – Report from Appeals Advisory Group, Report No. 11-63*
- *PX3 – Manawatu River Leaders’ Accord Action Plan, Report No. 11-67*

**CARRIED**

#### **MANAWATU RIVER LEADERS’ ACCORD ACTION PLAN**

*Report No. 11-67*

This report sought ratification of the Manawatu River Leaders’ Accord Action Plan.

The Chief Executive (CE) introduced the item and tabled a paper detailing a summary of actions and funding implications which involved Horizons Regional Council in the Action Plan. Members fully discussed the long-term cost implications to the community of implementing those actions and the CE and Cr White expanded on specific areas as required. Cr White clarified that subject to the Draft Annual Plan 2011-12 submissions process, an amount of \$400,000 had been allocated to cover Horizons initiatives. Any decision on further priorities over the next ten-year period would be determined during discussions of the Long Term Plan. Cr White noted the enormous sense of pride and unity achieved through the workshop process to take steps to clean up the Manawatu River.

There was full discussion on the actions listed in the Action Plan (AP). It was agreed that the words “*by, or co-governance*” be deleted from page 122 under **Involvement of iwi/hapū**. It was considered important to clearly communicate to the ratepayer how the AP would be funded. The CE explained it would be a targeted catchment rate and referred to the list of sub-catchments on page 103 of the agenda.

Cr White proposed an amendment to the recommendation (b) to ensure that consideration was given to future priorities and timing of the AP. To ensure accountability, Cr White said it had been decided that each group would report back, through the Leaders’ Forum on an annual basis, on progress towards achieving targets.

**PX 11-71                      Moved    Rieger/White**

*That the Council*

- a. **receives** the information in Report No. 11-67;
- b. **approves** the Horizons Regional Council actions listed in the Manawatu River Leaders’ Action plan, and gives their support to the plan as amended;
  - *Delete words from page 122 – “by, or co-governance”;*

*noting that decisions on priorities and timing will be made through the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes.*

**Against:** *Plowman, Burnell, Barrow*

**CARRIED**

There was further discussion and questions asked about the role and responsibilities of Fish and Game as a signatory to the AP. It was suggested that Council write to Fish and Game expressing concern and to seek acknowledgement from them about the effect of introduced trout on the native ecology of the Manawatu River.

A further resolution was proposed and Members provided their comment and views.

**Moved**

**Barrow/Cox**

*That the Council*

**writes** to Fish and Game seeking that Fish and Game acknowledges the effect of introduced trout on the native ecology of the Manawatu River.

**LOST**

*Cr Rieger left the meeting at 4.42pm.*

**REPORT FROM APPEALS ADVISORY GROUP**

*Report No. 11-63*

This report updated Council on progress made to resolve appeals to the Proposed One Plan as Amended by Decisions. The report covered the period 16 March to 19 April 2011.

Mr Munneke (Manager Policy/Consents) and Mr Gilliland (Policy Monitoring Officer) explained and expanded on the colour coded table on page 87. Members considered the information and questions were clarified by Mr Munneke and Mr Gilliland.

**PX 11-72**

**Moved**

**Guy/White**

*That the Council*

a. **receives** the information in Report No. 11-63 of the Appeals Advisory Group.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 5.32pm.

Confirmed

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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CHAIRMAN