



Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group of Horizons Regional Council held in the Tararua Room of Regional House at 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 2 June 2009.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), L Bailey, Messrs D Booth (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club), B Culley (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), R Anderson, G Hyde, and B Eccles (Jet Boating New Zealand), K Lane (from 7.47pm Water and Environment Care Association), M Wheatley (Manawatu Four Wheel Drive Club), D Stella (Manawatu Coast Guard), T Murdoch (Foxton Community Board).

IN ATTENDANCE	Area Engineer	Mr D McKee
	Harbourmaster	Mr E Lloyd
	Maritime New Zealand	Mr A Thomson
	Committee Secretary	Mrs J Kennedy

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr G Murfitt, Messrs B Vertongen (Foxton Community Board), A Wakeling, J Storey (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), I Taylor (Manawatu Fresh Water Anglers Club).

Moved

Bailey/Burnell

that the apologies of Cr Murfitt, Messrs Vertongen, Wakeling, Storey, and Taylor, be accepted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved

Bailey/Booth

that the minutes of the meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held on 2 December 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 09-82

The purpose of this item was to provide Members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) with an update on matters relating to the Office of the Harbourmaster.

The Harbourmaster outlined the key points in the report and was available to answer questions on points raised. Mr Booth, Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club, commented on the excellent news around expected budgeting for interpretative information for the turbidity charts on the Horizons website. It was expected that it would be completed in the first half of the new financial year.

Moved

Bailey/Booth

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 09-82.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 09-85

The purpose of this item was to inform Members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) of Lower Manawatu Scheme (LMS) management issues, that may have some impact on the recreational use of the river during the period June to December 2009.

Mr Derek McKee, Area Engineer spoke to the report and answered Members questions of clarification in regard to Lower Manawatu River Management Issues.

The Chairman congratulated Mr McKee on the impressive work that has been undertaken as part of the City Reach Upgrade Programme.

The Area Engineer advised of a number of structures (groynes) uncovered on the bank of the River. The structures have been sandblasted and preserved, and it was intended that a plaque, detailing the history of the structures, would be attached.

Moved

Bailey/Burnell

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 09-85.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF MANAWATU RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES NAVIGATION AND SAFETY BYLAWS 2004

Report No 09-84

The purpose of this item was to provide members of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group (MRUAG) with an overview of review process for the Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2004, and to introduce discussion on comments received to date.

The Harbourmaster gave a presentation outlining the timeline and background to the Bylaw Review. There was discussion and consideration given in regard to the comments received by Members on the current Bylaws, and issues that could be considered in the Review. In regard to the proposed timeline, and the suggested consultation period of 19 December 2009-31 January 2010, it was suggested that February 2010 would be a more suitable date.

At the end of discussions, the Harbourmaster summarised the following action points:

- Provide feedback to submitters who were not at the meeting on their submissions and discussions to date.
- Discuss Jet Boating New Zealand submission with Palmerston North City Council and kayak clubs.
- Define exact position for placement of a five knot speed signs in The Loop.
- Continue discussions with Fish and Game in regard to five knot speed restriction in the Manawatu Estuary during duck shooting season.
- Further discuss with Palmerston North City Council their desire for the review to consider future commercial boat operations.
- Consider a change of wording in Clause 3.7.1 – Reserved Areas.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **discusses** the written comments;*
- b. **provides** guidance to the Harbourmaster on proposed amendments to the Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws; and*
- c. **requests** the Harbourmaster to draft amendments to Manawatu River and Tributaries Navigation and Safety Bylaws, and present at the December meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group.*

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 09-83

The purpose of this report was to present the Manawatu River Calendar of Events to the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group for information.

Moved

Bailey/Booth

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 09-83, and **notes** that no upcoming events have been notified to the Harbourmaster.*

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Booth commented that the Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club had missed the deadline for submissions to the Feilding Wastewater consent. Mr Lane advised that the Water and Environment Care Association, Manawatu Estuary Trust, and Fish and Game had made submissions. There was discussion around the consent conditions.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Advisory Group was provisionally scheduled for 1 December 2009.

The Chairman thanked the Group for their attendance and input.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER