



Minutes of a meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group of Horizons Regional Council held in the Missoula Room of Palmerston North City Council, 32 The Square, Palmerston North, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 2 December 2008.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), L Bailey, Messrs I Taylor (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club), Mr B Culley (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), Mr M Wheatley (Manawatu Four Wheel Drive Club), Mr J Roxburgh (Department of Conservation), Mr R Christmas (Massey Lake Charitable Trust), Mr A Wakeling (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), Mr R Bailey (member of the public).

IN ATTENDANCE	Area Engineer	Mr D McKee
	Harbourmaster	Mr E Lloyd
	Committee Secretary	Mrs J Kennedy

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr G Murfitt, Cr C Southgate, and Mr AD Cook.

Moved **Culley/Taylor**

that the apologies of Cr Murfitt, Cr Southgate, and Mr Cook be accepted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved **Bailey/Culley**

that the minutes of the meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held on 3 June 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING

Mr Culley referred to the 3 June 2008 meeting where he asked for permission to erect a sign at both ends of the sailing racecourse on race day. He further requested that the Harbourmaster authorise that by way of a letter addressed to the Manawatu Marine Boating Club.

Moved **Burnell/Bailey**

*that the Manawatu Marine Boating Club **receives** a letter from the Harbourmaster authorising the erection of a 5 knot speed restriction sign during club race days.*

CARRIED

In regard to a letter tabled at the 3 June 2008 meeting, which outlined the Water and Environmental Care Association's concerns in regard to two consents that had been granted to discharge treated manufacturing wastewater into the Manawatu River, the Harbourmaster advised that a meeting had been held to work through the Association's concerns.

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 08-214

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 introduced the report, and answered questions of clarification. He noted that in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 s158, a review of the Bylaws was due no later than 1 August 2009. It was suggested that the June 2009 meeting be brought forward about six weeks, and that a workshop be held at that meeting in order to discuss the review of the Bylaws.

In regard to the Foxton Beach Erosion Hazards Assessment due for release in July 2008, Cr Bailey updated Members on progress of a decision to erect a low stopbank to safeguard residents from flooding.

Mr Roxburgh, Department of Conservation advised that the Department had sought legal advice on who was responsible for the derelict wharf structure at Foxton Beach, and were currently waiting for an opinion on that legal advice, from Crown Law.

Moved

Bailey/Culley

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. ***receives*** the information contained in Report No. 08-214.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 08-217

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 December 2008 to June 2009.

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

Members commented on the 'global' consent issued to the Operations Group of Horizons Regional Council for the extraction of gravel from the 'aggradation reach' of the river between Karere Road and Riverbank Road over a term of 20 years.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. ***receives*** the information contained in Report No. 08-217.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 08-215

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

The Harbourmaster outlined the upcoming events by the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Sailing Section, and the Manawatu Power Boat Club Incorporated.

Moved

Bailey/Wakeling

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 08-215.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was noted that the warrant cards for Honorary Enforcement Officers expired on 1 September 2008.

Moved

Bailey/Burnell

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

a. **instructs** the Harbourmaster to update the warrant cards for Honorary Enforcement Officers as required.

CARRIED

Mr Cully requested that the Harbourmaster erect permanent 5 knot speed restriction signs on the left bank of the river. The harbourmaster agreed to procure the signs and liaise with MMBC officials and Coastguard regarding location and placement.

In answer to a question as to what determines when the flood gates were opened, Mr McKee outlined the procedure, and advised that the operating range for that was strictly adhered to.

Mr Taylor asked again, if the turbidity chart displayed on the Horizons Regional Council website could be made clearer for the general public to understand. At the December 2007 meeting, Mr Watson (Manager Catchment Information) was to investigate adding an interpretation panel to the website page.

NEXT MEETING

Members would be advised by the Harbourmaster as to when the next Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group meeting would be held.

The Chairman thanked the Group for their attendance, interest and contribution.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER