



Minutes of the twenty-first meeting of the seventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.05am on Tuesday, 30 June 2009, in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs G P Murfitt (Chair), L R Burnell, E B Gordon, M C Guy, A K Main, D B Meads, M W Plowman, P W Rieger QSO, R G Walker JP, and J J White.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr M McCartney  
Group Manager Corporate and Governance Mr C Grant  
Committee Secretaries Ms K Booth (to 2.00pm)  
Mrs J Kennedy (from 2.00pm)

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information), Mr A Cook (Group Manager Operations), Mr C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management), and Mr E Duggan (Acting Chief Financial Officer) at various times during the meeting, Mrs A Redgrave (Manager Transport Services, to 10.35am), Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner, to 10.35am), Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner, to 10.35am), Mrs C Atkinson (Communications Manager, from 10.28am to 11.35am, from 1.30pm to 2.05pm), Ms L Deere (Communications Assistant, from 1.50pm to 2.05pm).

#### **APOLOGIES**

**09-400** *Moved* **Gordon/White**

*that apologies be received from Crs Bailey and Chettleburgh for Leave of Absence.*

**CARRIED**

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS**

No requests for public speaking rights had been notified.

#### **LATE ITEMS**

There were no Late Items advised.

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

There were no Conflicts of Interest.







about managing that situation should it arise. She added the Committee believed that listening to a transcript of a missed meeting would enable he/she to catch up. She did not rule out having to adjourn a meeting if the situation warranted it.

**Cr Walker** advised he attended two Council meetings, the Draft Community Plan Deliberations, a public meeting at the Whangaehu Hall with Cr Gordon, and a presentation at Wanganui District Council for Wanganui Olympians.

**Cr Rieger** said he had attended the usual Council and Committee meetings.

**Cr Plowman** attended the Draft Community Plan Deliberations, two part-days of the Waitangi Tribunal hearings at Putiki Marae, and the Regional Transport Committee meeting.

**Cr Meads** attended the Draft Community Plan Deliberations, the Environment Committee meeting, had an aerial view of the Turakina Valley, attended the official farewell for Mr Rod Titcombe (Chief Executive) at Manawatu District Council, met with staff at Kitchener Park Feilding regarding the stopbanks/flood protection on the Makino Stream, and two meetings at the Moutoa Drainage Scheme.

**Cr Main** had also been involved in the General Hearings for the One Plan, and met with the Ministers together with the Chairman and Chief Executive. She attended the Waitangi Tribunal Hearings at Wanganui and commented favourably on the presentations and information given by Horizons' staff.

**Cr Guy** attended the Draft Community Plan Deliberations, the Environment Committee and, Regional Transport Committee meetings, and the CentrePort Ltd opening of the BNZ building in Wellington.

**Cr Gordon** attended the Transport New Zealand Summit conference in Auckland, the meeting at the Whangaehu Hall with Cr Walker, the Transport Steering Group meeting, and the usual Council and Committee meetings.

**Cr Burnell** advised he was also involved in the One Plan General Hearings, and had attended the Council and Committee meetings.

## **FINAL CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19**

*Report No. 09-96*

This report provided Council with information regarding final considerations regarding the Community Plan (CP) 2009-19. The Chief Executive spoke to the report, said that regard had been given to the 'straw poll' taken at the meeting on 16 June, and referred Members to paragraphs 7 to 9 and also management's recommendations.

Mr Duggan (Acting Chief Financial Officer) updated Members on his discussions with Audit New Zealand, including Audit's request for changes to wording in the investment section because of the proposed development of a CCO (Council Controlled Organisation). Members commented on the Draft Community Plan process, and requested a clear paper trail where sections of the CP would be impacted through a reduction in levels of service. Members who had noted typographical or grammatical errors were asked to pass these onto Mr Duggan.

There was a request to separate the recommendations.

09-410                      **Moved**    **Guy/Murfitt**

that the Council:

- a.        **agrees** the Animal Health Board TB vector management expenditure is reduced to \$400,000 in the 2009-10 financial year. In addition the \$100,000 targeted pest animal rate surplus (previously used to offset the increased Tb expenditure) is transferred to year 3 (2011-12) of the Plan to offset the targeted rate portion of Councils own pest animal management programme.

**Against:** Crs Main, Plowman and Walker  
**CARRIED**

09-411                      **Moved**    **Guy/Murfitt**

that the Council:

- b.        **agrees** the increase in pest plant management expenditure on high priority sites be kept to an increase of \$125,000 over the Draft Community Plan sent out for consultation, for the ten year life of the Plan.

**Against:** Cr Walker  
**CARRIED**

09-412                      **Moved**    **Guy/Murfitt**

that the Council:

- c.        **instructs** management to forward the attached Community Plan 2009-19 to the Office of the Auditor General for hot review and eventual adoption by Council on 7 July 2009

**Against:** Cr Plowman - to the 'adoption'.  
**CARRIED**

The Chief Executive and Chairman advised the CP document would now be forwarded to Audit New Zealand before being presented to Council on 7 July on formal adoption.

#### **ENDORSEMENT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE – Deliberation on Draft Community Plan**

Cr White asked that resolution DCP 09-20 be amended to clarify \$50,000 per Scheme per year. The Group Manager Operations assured Members that it had been interpreted that way.

09-413                      **Moved**    **Murfitt/Meads**

that the Council **endorses** and **adopts** the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy and Policy Committee's deliberations on the Draft Community Plan 2009-19 at its meetings held on 9 and 16 June 2009, with an amendment to resolution DCP 09-20 to read: **"That Council approves the special general rate assistance to the Lower Whanganui Scheme and the Lower Manawatu Scheme enhancement projects for the first three years of the Community Plan for \$50,000 per year per scheme. The programme will be reviewed at the end of this period"**.

**CARRIED**

## ONE PLAN HEARING COMMITTEE

Report No. 09-94

This report sought Councillors' support for amendment of the Hearing Committee structure for the forthcoming One Plan Hearings (Water). The Chairman advised he wished to amend recommendation (a) and delete (c).

Cr Plowman said he did not support the make-up of the panel.

**09-414**                      **Moved**    **Murfitt/Rieger**

*that the Council:*

- a.        **reduces** the Hearing Committee to five members with the representation as: Ms Joan Allin (Chairperson), Mr Rob van Voorthuysen and Mr Che Wilson (Independent Commissioners), Councillor Jill White (Deputy Chairperson), and Councillor David Meads, and amends delegation 13 (c) of Report No. 09-61, Item 14, dated 28 April 2009 (at Annex A).

**Against:** Cr Plowman  
**CARRIED**

**09-415**                      **Moved**    **Murfitt/Burnell**

*that Cr Annette Main be the Deputy Chair of the panel for the General Hearings.*

**Against:** Cr Plowman  
**CARRIED:**

Cr Plowman said he would vote against the motion as he believed it was very important to be at the Hearing to hear all oral submissions

**09-416**                      **Moved**    **White/Murfitt**

*That the Chair of the General Hearings Panel utilises judgement regarding Hearing Panel attendance noting that there is possibility of flexibility with Hearings being recorded.*

**Against:** Cr Plowman  
**CARRIED**

## ELECTRONIC MEDIA CLIPPING SERVICE

Report No. 09-95

The item informed Members of a new electronic media clipping service replacing the current 'Red Book' newspaper clipping service.

Mrs Atkinson, Communications Manager introduced the item and advised that the new electronic media clipping service would allow communications team members, and Councillors, to view electronic news clippings in regard to external news published about Horizons, through a website portal. A personalised delivery of the clippings could also be set up using an email alert. Each Councillor would be provided with a log in and password to the portal.

Ms Deere, Communications Assistant gave a demonstration of how to access and view the media portal.

Members made positive comment on the new service and asked questions of clarification.

**09-417**

**Moved**

**Meads/Main**

*that the Council:*

- a. **receives** the information in Report No. 09-95 and Annex, and requests that all Councillors be given a log in.

**CARRIED**

## **AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL**

*Report No. 09-93*

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

Mr Cook, Group Manager Operations answered questions of clarification in regard to the Memorandum of Encumbrance, and Deed of Settlement documents.

**09-418**

**Moved**

**Guy/Gordon**

*that the Council **acknowledges** the affixing of the Common Seal to the following documents:*

- *Deed of Assignment of Lease: Parewanui Farms Limited, Riverside Agricultural Limited, Horizons Regional Council*
- *Warrant Card: Cameron Burton*
- *Warrant Card: Brent Fanning*
- *Lease Agreement: Horizons Regional Council and Riverside Agricultural Limited*
- *Memorandum of Encumbrance: Geoffrey Sanson, Richard Sanson, Coralie Sanson, and Valerie Brown*
- *Deed of Settlement: Geoffrey Sanson, Richard Sanson, Coralie Sanson, and Valerie Brown*

**CARRIED**

## **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

In regard to the Council decision to reduce the membership of the One Plan Hearing Committee, Cr Guy asked if there would be any change to Councillors base salary as a result of that decision. Mr Grant, Group Manager Corporate & Governance answered there would be an adjustment made to the pool of money available for salaries, subject to endorsement from the Remuneration Authority.

*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 Confirmation of Minutes of 26 May 2009	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 Strategy and Policy Committee (Deliberations on Draft Community Plan) resolutions and recommendations of 16 June 2009	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 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 2.05pm and resumed at 2.38pm.

Cr Gordon gave a verbal report on his attendance at the Transport New Zealand 2009 Summit and Expo held in Auckland on 3-4 June 2009.

The Chairman congratulated and thanked Mr Duggan for his hard work and involvement in the Community Plan 2009-2019.

The meeting closed at 2.48pm.

Confirmed.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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CHAIRMAN