



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, 3 June 2008.

PRESENT Crs L Burnell (Chairman), L Bailey, Messrs I Taylor and D Booth (Manawatu Freshwater Anglers' Club), Mr B Culley (Manawatu Marine Boating Club), Mr R Anderson (from 7.40pm Jet Boating New Zealand), Mr K Lane (from 7.35pm Water and Environment Care Association), Mr M Wheatley (Manawatu Four Wheel Drive Club), Mr W Mudford (Fishing Farming), Mr M Reid (Fish and Game New Zealand), and Mr and Mrs Paton (Manawatu Estuary Trust).

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, Mr A Cook, Mr K Eveleigh, and Mr A Wakeling

Moved **Burnell/Bailey**

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

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved **Bailey/Taylor**

that the minutes of the meeting of the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group held on 4 December 2007, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

Mr Cully updated Members on the assessment that had been undertaken by the Department of Conservation (DoC) on the derelict wharf structure adjoining the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Wharf at Foxton Beach. It was suggested that any future plans or funding that DoC intended for the wharf structure, should be formalised.

Moved **Bailey/Booth**

that Horizons Regional Council write to the Department of Conservation to seek clarification on the future direction with funding for the wharf structure at Foxton Beach.

CARRIED

HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

Report No: 08-89

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 updated Members on the installation of bollards in the Foxton Conservation Area, Manawatu Estuary, the refurbishment and re-installation of Ski Priority Area signs, the multi-agency debrief in regard to the serious jet boat accident in the Manawatu Gorge on 15 December 2007, and outlined river events that had been undertaken.

Moved

Bailey/Culley

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. ***receives*** the information contained in Report No. 08-89.

CARRIED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report No: 08-90

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 advised that the Wellington Jet Sport Club would be holding a North Island Enduro Series for jet skis on the Manawatu River on 21 June 2008. Part of their request included a speed uplifting on either side of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club launch ramp, which was currently restricted to 5 knots.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. ***receives*** the information contained in Report No. 08-90, and
- b. ***approves*** the inclusion in the Calendar of Events of the Wellington Jet Sport Club Enduro Series to be held on the Manawatu River on 21 June 2008.

CARRIED

LOWER MANAWATU RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Report No: 08-94

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 2008.

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

A Member commented on the great work that was being undertaken on the river enhancement work within the city boundaries, and thanked Horizons Regional Council for their efforts.

Moved

Burnell/Bailey

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **receives** the information contained in Report No. 08-94.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION FROM MR ALISTAIR THOMSON, MARITIME NEW ZEALAND

Mr Thompson introduced himself to the Group and outlined a presentation on the Review of the New Zealand Pleasure Boat Safety Strategy, compiled by Maritime New Zealand for the National Pleasure Boat Safety Forum. The review had three purposes; to determine the extent to which the 1999 recreational boating safety strategy of the Pleasure Boat Safety Advisory Group had been implemented, and to identify any barriers to implementing it; to determine how effective that strategy had been in reducing accidents; and to look at what changes to that strategy, if any, could be made to achieve further improvements in safety.

Members discussed the presentation and asked questions of clarification.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On behalf of the sailing section of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club, Mr Cully asked if there were any objections to placing a 5 knot speed restriction sign at both ends of the sailing racecourse on race day. The signs would be lifted at the conclusion of the racing event. The Harbourmaster agreed that it was a great initiative.

Mr Lane, Vice President, Water and Environmental Care Association tabled a letter outlining the Association's concerns in regard to two consents that had been granted to discharge treated manufacturing wastewater into the Manawatu River. Members discussed the Association's concerns, and it was agreed that the letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Horizons Regional Council for a response.

Moved

Lane/Paton

that the Manawatu River Users' Advisory Group

- a. **seeks** a response from the Chief Executive, Horizons Regional Council, to the letter tabled by the Water and Environmental Care Association.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Advisory Group was provisionally scheduled for 2 December 2008. It was noted that the venue for that meeting would be the Palmerston North City Council – Missoula Room.

The Chairman thanked the Group for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Confirmed.

CHAIRPERSON

HARBOURMASTER