



Minutes of the tenth meeting, seventh triennium of the Strategy and Policy Committee of Horizons Regional Council held in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North at 10.08am on Tuesday, 11 November 2008.

PRESENT

Crs G P Murfitt (Chair), L R Burnell, V J F Chettleburgh, QSM, E B Gordon, D B Meads, P W Rieger QSO, and J J White.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive	Mr M McCartney
Group Manager Corporate & Governance	Mr C Grant
Committee Secretary	Ms K Booth

ALSO PRESENT

Mr G Carlyon (Group Manager Regional Policy and Regulatory, from 10.12am to 11.15am, from 11.49am to 12.05pm), Mr C Mitchell (Group Manager Environmental Management, from 11.45am), Mr A Beveridge (Manager Biosecurity, until 11.30am), and Ms C Webb (Media and Publications Advisor, until 11.30am, from 1.39pm).

APOLOGIES:

Members noted that Crs Main and Guy were absent from the meeting as they were representing the Council on council business.

SP 08-82 **Moved** **Rieger/Chettleburgh**

that leave of absence be granted for Crs Main and Guy.

CARRIED

SP 08-83 **Moved** **White/Gordon (Plowman)**

that apologies be accepted from Crs Bailey, Plowman and Walker.

CARRIED

Following comments from Cr Chettleburgh, the Chairman updated Members on the level of Council's involvement at the Waitangi Tribunal Hearings in Taumarunui. A general discussion followed around Treaty settlements, and the role played by the Crown.

LATE ITEMS:

There were no Late Items.

MEMBERS' CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SP 08-84

Moved

Murfitt/White

that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

KIA WHARITE ADVISORY GROUP – PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Report No. 08-195

This report sought Members' support for an Advisory Group structure to assist with delivery of the Kia Wharite project. The Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory spoke to the item.

Members commented on the proposal. They did not see a need for an official Advisory Group at this stage, and asked to consider the proposal in the future. They supported the positive relationships that were being built with the communities. Cr Chettleburgh commented on the successful blue duck breeding programme run by Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) at The Esplanade and suggested PNCC be contacted in regard to this.

SP 08-85

Moved

White/Meads

that the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. **endorses** the the Kia Wharite project;
- b. **directs** staff to continue engaging with key people regarding this project.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cr Chettleburgh asked that the facility for members of the public to speak at the commencement of meetings (with prior notification) should be notified in Agendas, in the 'Across The Region' newsletter, and in public advertisements. It was noted that the information on the public speaking rights process was available on the website, and that Customer Services staff could also provide the information.

The Chairman advised that a Subcommittee of three Members (Crs Meads, Chettleburgh and White), was currently considering applications for the Linklater Bursary.

Cr White advised that she had been contacted by constituents in the rural area who had four separate titles on their land; three in the name of husband and wife, and one in the name of husband. Their recent rates bill contained four Uniform Annual General Charges (UAGC), **which was reduced to two UAGC after they queried this.** ~~which they queried as~~ **They said** their rates invoices, in the past, had never included that level of UAGC. Nor did their rates invoice from PNCC. The Group Manager Corporate and Governance (GMCG) undertook to investigate and bring a report to the December Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11.22am.

The meeting resumed at 11.30am.

PRESENTATION FROM ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Dalziell (Chairperson) and Mr William McCook (Chief Executive) from the Animal Health Board (AHB) to the meeting. Their presentation included information on the National Pest Management Strategy for Bovine Tb, and outlined the background and review of the Strategy, regional funding, and Tb and the Manawatu-Wanganui Region. The AHB was looking forward 20 to 30 years, with a plan for total eradication in 2030. Mr McCook and Mr Dalziell said the AHB was seeking surety of regional funding until the new Strategy was in place (September 2009) to ensure ongoing progress. He clarified the regional share was apportioned: 50% Crown; 40% Industry; 10% regional funding.

Members asked questions of clarification. The Chairman thanked Mr Dalziell and Mr McCook for their presentation to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12.39pm.

The meeting resumed at 1.22pm.

SP 08-86

Moved

Murfitt/Meads

that the public is to be excluded from this portion of the Committee 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 14 October 2008.	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to protect the privacy of natural persons.	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 Catchment Incentive Proposal <i>Report No. 08-194.</i>	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to protect the privacy of natural persons.	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.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 1.22pm and resumed at 1.44pm.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIRMAN