

Minutes of the Inaugural meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Climate Action Joint Committee held at 1.30pm on Tuesday 30 March 2021, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Chair RJ Keedwell (Chair from 1.38pm), Mayor B Wanden (Horowhenua District Council), Mayor H Worboys (Manawatu District Council), Deputy Mayor A Rutherford (Palmerston North City Council), Mayor A Watson (Rangitikei District Council), Mayor D Cameron (Ruapehu District Council), Mayor T Collis (Tararua District Council), Mayor H McDouall (Whanganui District Council), Mr J Kendrick (Tangata Whenua).

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney  
Councillors Ferguson, Patrick (via audio visual link)  
Committee Secretary Mrs KA Tongs

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr C Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor, Strategy & Policy), Mr J Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst Iwi), Mr D Clapperton (Horowhenua District Council), Mr J Hape, and a member of the Press.

The Chief Executive welcomed everyone to the meeting, invited Mr Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst Iwi) to say a Karakia, and invited everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

#### **APOLOGIES**

It was noted that Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford was in attendance on behalf of Mayor Grant Smith from Palmerston North City Council.

#### **PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS**

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

*Report No 21-40*

Mr Bowen (Principal Advisor, Strategy & Policy) introduced this item which was to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair and referred to the Terms of Reference which stated the system to be used for the election process. The Chief Executive called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Climate Action Joint Committee. Horizons Chair Rachel Keedwell was nominated by Mayor Andy Watson and seconded by Mayor Bernie Wanden. There were no further nominations. Horizons Chair Rachel Keedwell accepted the nomination and assumed the position of Chair.

The Chair thanked everyone for their support and acknowledged the Climate Action Joint Committee as being the first climate based committee, and the first committee that would have iwi on board with voting rights. As iwi membership on the Committee had not yet been confirmed and approved by Horizons Regional Council, the Chair suggested deferring recommendations e. and f. relating to the appointment of a Deputy Chair, and that they be set aside until the next meeting of the Climate Action Joint Committee.

**CAJC 21-1      Moved                                  Watson/Wanden**

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-40 and Annex;*
- b. *resolves that, as set down in the Terms of Reference, ‘System B’ be adopted for election of the Chair and Deputy Chair;*
- c. *resolves that Horizons Chair Rachel Keedwell be nominated for the position of Chair of the Climate Action Joint Committee;*
- d. *declares that Horizons Chair Rachel Keedwell be elected as Chair of Climate Action Joint Committee.*

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE FORMATION AND WORK PROGRAMME**

*Report No 21-41*

Mr Bowen (Principal Advisor, Strategy & Policy) spoke to this report which provided an update on appointment of tangata whenua Members and mentioned a further process would be opened to identify additional nominees before the next meeting of the Committee. Mr Bowen sought guidance on the Committee’s working agenda and highlighted the proposed amendments to the Committee’s Terms of Reference.

**CAJC 21-2      Moved                                  McDouall/Collis**

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-41;*
- b. *notes proposed amendments to the Committee’s Terms of Reference;*
- c. *recommends that Horizons Regional Council, as the appointing local authority, appoint James Kendrick as a Member of this Committee;*
- d. *notes that further nominations for tangata whenua Members will be sought;*
- e. *agrees to meet in March and September each year, to align with Regional Chiefs;*
- f. *agrees to invite the Climate Change Minister to discuss engagement between the Committee and central Government;*

- g. requests that member councils report on their respective climate action plans;*
- h. invites tangata whenua to share their views on climate action.*

**CARRIED**

## **REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ASSESSMENT: PROGRESS REPORT**

*Report No 21-42*

This report provided an update on the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment project. Mr Bowen (Principal Advisor, Strategy & Regulation) mentioned that the region's local authorities were working together on a Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment (RCCRA) with support provided by Tonkin & Taylor and proposed completion by mid-2021. The RCCRA provided a basis for prioritising and responding to the impacts of climate change in the region by identifying local issues that most urgently need attention.

**CAJC 21-3      Moved                              Worboys/Cameron**

*That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-42;*
- b. notes that the Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment is due to be completed in mid 2021 and will provide important information for action planning by this Committee;*
- c. agrees to receive complementary advice on transition and governance risks.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 2.53pm.

Confirmed

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 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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 CHAIR