

Minutes of the first meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Environment Committee held at 9.00am on Wednesday 13 November 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs NJ Patrick (Chair), AL Benbow, EM Clarke, DB Cotton (via

audiovisual link), SD Ferguson, EB Gordon (to 12.04pm), FJT Gordon (from 9.16am), RJ Keedwell (to 12.04pm), WM Kirton (via audiovisual

link), JM Naylor, WK Te Awe Awe, and GJ Turkington.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney

Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:

Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services Information), Mr R Smillie (Biodiversity, Biosecurity & Partnerships Manager), Ms A Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager), Mr G Bevin (Regulatory Manager), Mr L Brown (Freshwater & Partnerships Davey (Biodiversity Manager). Mr С Plants Coordinator). Educator), Mrs S Williams (Environmental Mrs Carswell (Coordinator District Advice), Ms Morrison (Media С Communications Manager), Mr C Rudd (member of the public), and a

member of the press.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

ENV 19-1 Moved Patrick/B Gordon

That the Committee receives an apology for lateness from Councillor Fiona Gordon.

CARRIED

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

Cr Turkington noted a potential conflict of interest in regard to Items 6, 7, and 9.

Cr Clarke noted a potential conflict of interest in regard to Item 8.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Report No 19-174

This item provided Members with an Environmental Education progress report for the period from 1 July 2019 – 1 November 2019.

Ms Morrison (Media & Communications Manager) provided an overview of the Enviroschools activities and gave Councillors an introduction to the Environmental Educator's role and responsibilities.

Cr F Gordon joined the meeting at 9.16am.

Mrs Williams (Environmental Educator) took Members through the report highlights, expanded further on several of the activities, and clarified Members' questions.

ENV 19-2 Moved

Keedwell/Ferguson

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-174.

CARRIED

DISTRICT ADVICE UPDATE

Report No 19-175

This report informed Members of the District Advice activities carried out over the last financial year 2018-19 and the four month period from 1 July to 31 October 2019.

Mr Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information) introduced Mrs Sarah Carswell (Co-ordinator District Advice) and provided an overview of her role and responsibilities. Mrs Carswell expanded further on the activities associated with her role, summarised the information in her report, and clarified Members' questions.

ENV 19-3 Moved

Naylor/Clarke

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-175 and Annexes.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.06am.

The meeting reconvened at 10.13am.

NATURAL RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 19-176

This item updated Members on the progress made in the Natural Resources & Partnership Group's activity over the period 1 July to 30 September 2019.

Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) introduced the report and gave an overview of the group's activities and responsibilities. Mr Brown (Freshwater & Partnerships Manager), Mr Smillie (Biodiversity, Biosecurity & Partnerships Manager), Mr Davey (Biosecurity Plants Coordinator), and Ms Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager) introduced their reports and highlighted activities of note.



ENV 19-4 Moved Clarke/Turkington

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-176.

CARRIED

REGULATORY MANAGEMENT REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019

Report No 19-177

This report updated Members on regulatory activity for the period July 2019 to September 2019, and summarised regulatory activities associated with the municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) programme. Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) introduced the item and updated Members on the upcoming regulatory approach to Three Waters. He then updated Members on the Whakapapa Wastewater Treatment Plant application and the decision by Manawatu District Council to centralise a number of wastewater treatment plant discharges into the Feilding Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr Bevin (Regulatory Manager) summarised the compliance programme and regulatory action. Members provided their views and comments around Horizons approach as a regulator to enforce consent conditions, and its responsibilities to ensure territorial authorities complied with their consent conditions.

Crs B Gordon and Keedwell left the meeting at 12.04pm to attend other Council business.

MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER 4.2

ENV 19-5 Moved Te Awe Awe/Naylor

That the Committee agrees to suspend Standing Order 4.2 Meeting Duration and continue beyond the two hour limit without a break of ten minutes.

CARRIED

ENV 19-6 Moved Naylor/F Gordon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-177 and Annexes.

CARRIED

GROUP MANAGER STRATEGY & REGULATION

GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS