

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 Manager), Mr C Davey (Biodiversity Plants Coordinator), Mrs S Williams (Environmental Educator), Mrs S Carswell (Coordinator District Advice), Ms C Morrison (Media & 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.

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

The meeting closed at 12.23pm.

Confirmed

CHAIR

GROUP MANAGER STRATEGY & REGULATION

GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESOURCES
& PARTNERSHIPS