

Minutes of the seventeenth meeting of the eleventh triennium of Horizons Regional Council (Live Streamed) held at 10.00am on Wednesday 19 May 2021, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs RJ Keedwell (Chair), AL Benbow, EM Clarke, DB Cotton (via audio visual link), SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, WM Kirton, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick, WK Te Awe Awe, and GJ Turkington (via phone from 10.22am – 11.00am).

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive	Mr MJ McCartney
Acting Group Manager	
Corporate and Governance	Mr D Neal
Committee Secretary	Mrs KA Tongs

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mr C Grant (Acting Group Manager River Management), Ms Tucker (Policy Analyst), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Ms F Chase and hīkoi supporters.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a karakia. The Chair acknowledged the hīkoi and receipt of the electronic petition in support of Māori representation on the Regional Council.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Deputation:

Fiona Kahukura Chase, together with hīkoi supporters, encouraged Elected Members to establish Māori constituencies in time for the 2022 Local Body Elections and reiterated that both Māori and non-Māori representation on Council was the only way forward.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

MĀORI REPRESENTATION

Report No 21-58

This report provided Elected Members with an overview of the engagement process undertaken to inform their decision on whether to establish Māori representation for the 2022 and 2025 local elections. Following on from an introduction by Mr Grant (Acting Group Manager River Management), Members provided their views and comments in regard to the recommendations. Questions of clarification were answered by Mr Grant and Ms Tucker (Senior Policy Analyst).

21-206 Moved Te Awe Awe/Ferguson

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-58 and Annexes.*
- b. *determines that this is a significant decision in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy; and*
- c. *resolves to:*
 - i. *establish a Māori constituency or constituencies for the 2022 and 2025 local elections, and*
 - ii. *directs the Chief Executive to initiate a full representation review; and*
 - iii. *approves an overspend of \$40,000 for community engagement in 2020/21 financial year and \$60,000 to conduct the representation review process in 2021/22 financial year;*

For: Crs Benbow, Clarke, Ferguson, F Gordon, Keedwell, Kirton, Naylor, Patrick, Te Awe Awe, Turkington

Against: Cr Cotton

Abstain: Cr B Gordon

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.09am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

21-207 Moved Clarke/Benbow

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 28 April 2021 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL

Report No 21-59

21-208

Moved

B Gordon/Ferguson

That the Council:

- a. acknowledges the affixing of the Common Seal to the below mentioned documents.*

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.11am.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR