

Minutes of the twentieth meeting of the tenth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.15am on Tuesday 25 September 2018, in the Tararua Room Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT** Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell QSM, DB Cotton, RJ Keedwell, GM McKellar, NJ Patrick, BE Rollinson, WK Te Awe Awe.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney  
Group Manager  
Corporate and Governance Mr C Grant  
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

**ALSO PRESENT** At various times during the meeting:  
Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mrs L Macdonald (Chief Financial Officer), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mrs A Calman, Mr S Mancer (Management Accountants), Mr L Brown (Manager Freshwater & Partnerships), Mr J Naylor (Councillor-elect), and members of the public.

## **WELCOME**

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

## **APOLOGIES**

**18-360 Moved Te Awe Awe/Rollinson**

*That the Council receives an apology from Cr Sheldon and notes that Cr Rieger has Leave of Absence.*

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS**

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.

## **PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS**

There were no petitions/deputations.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**18-361**                      **Moved**    **Burnell/Patrick**

*That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 28 August 2018 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**CARRIED**

### Matters Arising:

The Chief Executive clarified questions relating to a request around the detail for a freeze on remuneration Members' remuneration.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive (CE) presented his report, referred to the information contained in the attached annexes, commented on areas of interest as he went through the activities, and responded to Members' questions relating to the Territorial Authorities Forum held in Whanganui on 19 September 2018. Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) responded to questions around the consenting process for the construction of the new Manawatu Gorge route.

**18-362**                      **Moved**    **Gordon/Patrick**

*That the Chief Executive's report be received.*

**CARRIED**

## LAKE HOROWHENUA UPDATE

*Report No 18-157*

This item updated Council on progress with the restoration of Lake Horowhenua through the Lake Horowhenua Accord (Lake Accord) and sought Council's endorsement around the next steps for Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) in this work. Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources and Partnerships) took Members through the detail of the item. He outlined the background to the formation of the Lake Accord, the level of investment in the Lake, provided an overview of the various projects and activities included in the Lake restoration programme, provided an update on achievements and progress on three key projects, updated members on a number of legal proceedings, and outlined the next steps for a range of activities/projects in and around the Lake. He commented on the interruption to the management of the Purple Loosestrife programme and noted that no budget had been allocated to Purple Loosestrife control at the Lake. Dr Roygard then presented and explained a range of options to progress with the restoration of the Lake. He noted a word change to recommendations c. and d. – change 'land' to 'administered'.

Members considered the recommendations, provided their comments and views either in support of, or against, and sought clarification as required. Dr Roygard responded to Members' concerns around the establishment of a sediment trap on the Arawhata Stream and explained its operation.

There was a request for the recommendations to be separated. The Chair put recommendations a, b, c, d-1,2,3,4.

**18-363****Moved****Patrick/Burnell**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 18-157 and Annexes.*
- b. *endorses the continuation of Horizons work programmes as a part of the Lake Trust led Lake Horowhenua Accord in collaboration with the Lake Trust and other Lake Accord partners.*
- c. *endorses the continuation of the following works that occur outside of the Lake Domain and Lake Trust administered area.*
  1. *Water quality and flow monitoring of the tributaries that enter the lake. Noting that one monitoring site that was in the Lake Domain will need to be moved to a location outside of the Lake Domain;*
  2. *Installation of two continuous flow sites on tributaries that flow into Lake Horowhenua to contribute to Horizons requirements to the Freshwater Improvement Fund (FIF) project;*
  3. *Continuation of the groundwater monitoring within the catchment, including an increase in the groundwater monitoring as part of Horizons contribution to the FIF project around groundwater;*
  4. *Continuation of animal and plant pest control in the catchment (including possum and some purple loosestrife control);*
  5. *Continuation of Horizons presence on Governance Groups as both Governance and advisor roles;*
  6. *Continuation of work with the horticulture growers, including the Sustainable Farming Fund project;*
  7. *Completion of the processes with HeritageNZ to provide for the completion of the access road, boat ramp and associated dredging;*
  8. *Participation in the Maori Appellate Court process, specifically around the Maori Land Court injunction decision that was appealed by Ms Taueki;*
  9. *Monitoring and maintenance of the sediment trap including actions required by consent conditions and additional efficiency monitoring; and*
- d. *endorses the continuation of the following works that occur within the area of Lake Domain and Lake Trust administered area (including the lake).*
  1. *Continuing monitoring of the lake both through the collection of water quality samples and servicing of the water quality monitoring buoy using helicopters. Noting the preference is to do this work by boat and the use of helicopters is ideally an interim measure until the boat ramp location near the sediment trap (or another location other than in the Lake Domain) is operational;*
  2. *Returning to monitoring of the lake outlet and Hōkio Stream both through the collection of water quality samples and servicing of the lake water level and Hōkio Stream water level and flow site. Noting the continuous monitoring at these locations has not been ceased over recent months, however the servicing of these sites has;*
  3. *Undertaking ongoing science and monitoring to inform the lake restoration programme and other programmes where it is assessed as safe to do so;*

4. *Assessing options for purple loosestrife management within the Lake Domain and Lake Trust land areas and where assessed as feasible, including budgetary considerations, undertaking purple loosestrife control.*

**CARRIED**

In discussing recommendations d-5,6,7,8, concern was expressed around progressing the establishment of infrastructure to allow the commencement of the Lake weed harvesting project. It was therefore foreshadowed that the work inside the Lake Domain and Lake Trust area cease in accordance with Option 2 (page 46), with a suggestion to revisit in six months, should circumstances change. Dr Roygard explained the operational implications of delaying the Lake weed harvesting project for six months.

The Chairman put recommendations d-5,6,7,8.

**18-364**

**Moved**

**Patrick/Burnell**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- d. *endorses the continuation of the following works that occur within the area of Lake Domain and Lake Trust administered area (including the lake):*
  5. *Completion of the construction of the access road to the boat ramp for the weed harvester on Horizons and Lake Trust land under the current contract for this work, which includes establishment of a docking bay and some limited dredging of the lake. Noting this includes working through the HeritageNZ and Maori Appellate Court processes, with the latter involving a challenge to installation of the access road and boat ramp;*
  6. *Finalising design and completing construction of the boat ramp for the weed harvester at the alternate location near the sediment trap;*
  7. *Undertaking monitoring as required by consent conditions to enable the harvesting of weed in Spring 2019 and completing work on other lake weed harvesting related consent conditions;*
  8. *Enabling lake weed harvesting in 2019. Noting this requires some preparatory work on the harvester including obtaining spare parts and equipment for monitoring the activity on the lake. Further it requires procurement for a contractor to undertake the works.*

*Against: Crs Cotton, Keedwell, McKellar, Rollinson*

**CARRIED**

**18-365**

**Moved**

**Patrick/Burnell**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- d. *endorses the continuation of the following works that occur within the area of Lake Domain and Lake Trust administered area (including the lake):*
  9. *Re-establishing the ability to launch boats and undertake monitoring etc from the Lake Domain if the assessment of risk changes.*

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTING HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCILS' COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS' 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORTS**

*Report No 18-175*

This item presented three (out of four) Annual Reports for Horizons Regional Council's Council-Controlled Organisations to the shareholders of the Company as required by the Local Government Act 2002. This included: Regional Software Holdings Limited (RSHL); Manawatu-Wanganui Local Authority Shared Services (MW LASS); and The Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust (MWRDRF Trust). Mrs Macdonald (Chief Financial Officer) spoke to the item. She said a clean audit opinion had been received for RSHL, MW LASS and for the MWRDRF. She said the MWRC Holdings Limited were scheduled to adopt its Annual Report on 24 September 2018 and this would be uploaded onto the Hub pending a technical clearance issued from Audit NZ. Mrs Macdonald directed Members to the success of MW LASS which had reported a surplus, explained the reasons for RSHL running at a loss, and noted that MWRDRF had no activity. Mrs Macdonald responded to Members' questions.

**18-366                      Moved    Rollinson/Keedwell**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 18-175 and Annexes.*

**CARRIED**

**AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL**

*Report No 18-176*

This item reported on documents to which Horizons Regional Council's Common Seal had been affixed.

**18-367                      Moved    McKellar/Cotton**

*That the Council:*

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

a. ***Under Chief Executive's Delegated Authority:***

- *Lease – Renewal of Grazing Land Lease  
Leasee: Landcorp Farming Ltd  
Area: 54.7 ha  
Location: Manawatu River Lease, Kere Kere Road, Moutoa*
- *Lease – Renewal of Grazing Land  
Leasee: Tonui Farms Limited  
Area: 22.9 ha  
Location: Rangitikei River Lease – Parewanui Road*
- *Resource Conservation Agreement between:  
Makino Station Limited (the owner); and  
Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council*

**CARRIED**

## RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### REPORT OF AUDIT, RISK & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 28 AUGUST 2018

**18-368**

**Moved**

**Rollinson/Keedwell**

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Audit, Risk & Investment Committee meeting held on 28 August 2018.*

**CARRIED**

### REPORT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

**18-369**

**Moved**

**Keedwell/Gordon**

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 4 September 2018.*

**CARRIED**

### REPORT OF STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

**18-370**

**Moved**

**Cotton/Gordon**

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 11 September 2018, with the addition of the following to the first paragraph under 'Members Questions' – "Cr Cotton commented that at times the weighted tender system was academic nonsense with no common sense".*

**CARRIED**

### PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**18-371**

**Moved**

**Cotton/Burnell**

*THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.*

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 and section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:*

**CARRIED**





