

Minutes of the thirtieth meeting of the tenth triennium of Horizons Regional Council (live streamed) held at 10.00am on Tuesday 25 June 2019, 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, JM Naylor (to 12.32pm and from 1.32pm), NJ Patrick, PW Rieger QSO JP, BE Rollinson (to 1.00pm and from 1.28pm), CI Sheldon, 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), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services and Information), Ms R Tayler (Manager Strategy & Policy), Mr P Hindrup (Manager Transport Services), Mrs L Macdonald (Chief Financial Officer), Ms P Tucker (Senior Policy Analyst), Mr B Gilliland (Senior Policy Analyst), Mr G Cooper (Environmental Manager), Mr C Davey (Environmental Programme Coordinator), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor), Mr D Neal (Business Services Manager), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr C Veale (Programme Coordinator), Mrs D Monks (Total Mobility Coordinator), Mayor T Collis (Tararua District Council), Ms S Johnston (CR Law), and a member of the press.

## **WELCOME**

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

## **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies at this time.

Later in the meeting, the Chair noted an apology for lateness following the lunch adjournment from Cr Naylor.

An apology was also noted from Cr Rollinson for lateness following the lunch adjournment (attending other Council business).

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

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

As noted in the agenda, Item 8.1, Annex B - Evaluation of the Objectives of the Plan Change Required by Section 32 RMA, and Item 10.5, Report of Passenger Transport Committee Meeting - 18 June 2019, had been uploaded onto the Hub for Members to view.

Supplementary Item, Report No. 19-110, Pre-Election Period Communication Strategy – Councillor Profiles had also been uploaded onto the Hub for Members to view.

**19-464                      Moved    Sheldon/Patrick**

*That the Council receives Report No. 19-110, Pre-election Period Communication strategy – Councillor Profiles as a supplementary item.*

**CARRIED**

**MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Patrick noted a conflict of interest in Report No. 19-105, Childcare Allowance – Determination 2019-20. She also noted a potential conflict of interest in the agenda through her past employment with Te Kaahui o Rauru.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**19-465                      Moved    Patrick/Naylor**

*That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 28 May 2019 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**CARRIED**

As a result of a query, the Targeted Rate headings contained in Annex A: Annual Funding Impact Statement for the year ending 30 June 2020 were checked by Finance Staff and found to be correct.

**EXISTING INTENSIVE FARMING LAND USES PLAN CHANGE (PLAN CHANGE 2)**

*Report No 19-103*

This report sought approval to publicly notify the Proposed Existing Intensive Farming Land Use Plan Change (Plan Change 2). Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) introduced the report and was joined by Ms Tayler (Manager Strategy & Policy), Mr Gilliland (Senior Policy Analyst) and Ms Johnson (CR Law). Dr Peet took Members through the detail of the item which addressed current issues within the One Plan's nutrient management policy and rules framework. He explained the recommendations and provided clarity as to what they covered, explained the contents of the annexed items, provided an overview of the issues Plan Change 2 sought to address, and outlined the consultation undertaken with key stakeholders.

Members discussed the contents of the item, had the opportunity to express their views and concerns around the recommendations, and indicated their support either for or against. Dr Peet, staff, and Ms Johnson responded to Members' questions and provided clarity as required.

As the Chair put the recommendations, a division was called for.

**19-466                      Moved    Keedwell/Naylor**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-103;*
- b. *confirms that Proposed Plan Change 2 is consistent with the plan change scope, being:*
  - i. *amending the nutrient management policy and rule framework to provide a viable pathway under which resource consent applications for intensive farming land use activities that cannot achieve Table 14.2 cumulative nitrogen leaching maximums can be assessed under the One Plan; and*
  - ii. *updating the Plan's nitrogen leaching limits using the latest version of Overseer, so they are aligned with the latest science.*

- c. resolves to proceed with Proposed Plan Change 2 having had particular regard to the evaluation report prepared under section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (Act);
- d. approves Proposed Plan Change 2 for public notification in accordance with clause 5(1)(b)(i) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act;
- e. resolves that minor amendments to the wording of Proposed Plan Change 2 and section 32 evaluation report consistent with the scope of the plan change can be made by the Chief Executive prior to notification, in response to further legal and expert advice;
- f. resolves that the submission period be set at 60 working days (acknowledging that the minimum period allowed is 20 working days), as provided for by clause 5(3)(b) Schedule 1 Resource Management Act 1991; and
- g. resolves to appoint a ‘friend of the submitter’ to support community participation in Plan Change 2.

Against: Cotton, Rollinson, Sheldon

For: Barrow, Burnell, Keedwell, McKellar, Naylor, Patrick, Rieger, Te Awe Awe, Gordon

**CARRIED**

## **ZERO CARBON BILL**

*Report No 19-104*

This report provided Members with an overview of the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendments Bill (the Bill) and sought approval of the attached draft submission to Parliament’s Environment Committee. Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) provided an overview of the Bill and referred Members to the draft proposed submission at Annex A and a draft of the Local Government New Zealand submission which had been uploaded onto the Hub. Ms Tucker (Senior Policy Analyst) took Members through the purpose of the Bill and implications of the proposed legislation. She emphasised a concern around the lack of clarity on responsibility for implementation of the Bill, and the role of government. Members sought clarification on various points and provided their views and comments. As a result of Members’ discussion, Dr Peet undertook to recognise in the draft submission the costs associated with inaction.

**19-467**

**Moved**

**Naylor/Patrick**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-104;
- b. notes that the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill would set emissions reduction targets, establish a Climate Change Commission and provide mechanisms to support planning for and implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- c. approves the Chief Executive’s draft submission to Parliament’s Environment Committee on the Bill, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive (CE) introduced his report, commented on areas of interest as he went through the sections, and responded to Members' questions.

Mrs Macdonald's resignation as Chief Financial Officer was acknowledged along with her contribution to the organisation. The CE took the opportunity to publicly thank her for efforts, and wished her well in the future.

**19-468**                      **Moved**    **Gordon/Rieger**

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

**CARRIED**

**CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE - DETERMINATION 2019-20**

*Report No 19-105*

This item presented for discussion, clause 14 Childcare Allowance of the Local Government Members (2019-20) Determination 2019. Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) introduced the item and responded to Members' questions. Members expressed their views and provided explanations either in support of or against the recommendations.

The Chair separated out the recommendations. Cr Patrick noted she would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**19-469**                      **Moved**    **Keedwell/Burnell**

*It is recommended that Council:*

a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-105 and Annex.*

**CARRIED**

b. *agrees to approve payment of a Childcare allowance as per the 2019-20 Determination.*

**LOST**

*The meeting adjourned at 12.32pm.*

*The meeting reconvened at 1.00pm.*

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY 'GREEN' PROGRAMME - UPDATE**

*Report No 19-106*

The purpose of this report was to update Council on progress with the energy efficiency programme which aimed to reduce Council's carbon emissions and to progressively adopt environmentally friendly (green) practices. Mr Neal (Business Services Manager) took Members through the detail. Members discussed the report and asked questions around the management of the vehicle fleet, and Sustainable Land Use Initiative credits. Crs Keedwell and Patrick expressed their concerns around the lack of action taken to address issues. The Chief Executive explained that opportunities to reduce organisational carbon emissions was ongoing, noting that progress was dependant on affordability.

**19-470**

**Moved**

**Sheldon/Barrow**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-106.*

*Against. Cr Keedwell*

**CARRIED**

## **AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL**

*Report No 19-107*

This paper reported on documents to which Horizons Regional Council's Common Seal had been affixed. A correction to the entry for Easton Dairy Limited was actioned.

**19-471**

**Moved**

**Rieger/McKellar**

*That the Council:*

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

- *Warrant Card  
Biosecurity Act  
Daniel Hurley*
- *Warrant Card  
Biosecurity Act  
Jared Booth*
- *Regional On Scene Commander  
(Marine Oil Spills)  
Ian Lowe  
Replacing Warrant Card #506293*
- *Lease – Renewal  
Lessee: Duncan J Campbell  
Area: 26.0189 ha  
Location: Humes Road  
Period: 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2028*
- *Lease  
Lessee: SG & LM Bradley  
Area: 11.5 ha  
Location: West Road, Hunterville  
Period: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2028*
- *Lease  
Lessee: Easton Dairy Limited  
Area: 100.7669 ha  
Location: SH1/Whirokino Road  
Period: 4 August 2019 – 3 August 2028*

**CARRIED**

## **COUNCILLORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE - 22 MAY 2019 TO 18 JUNE 2019**

*Report No 19-108*

This item noted the Councillors' Workshop Attendance from 22 May 2019 to 18 June 2019.

**19-472**                      **Moved**                                      **Rieger/McKellar**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-108 and Annex.*

**CARRIED**

## **NAMING OF VICTORIA AVENUE DEVELOPMENT BUILDING**

*Report No 19-109*

Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) explained that after consideration of a list of potential names for the naming of Victoria Avenue Development Building, MWRC Holdings Board preference was for "Kaitiaki House". This name was also supported by the Inland Revenue Department. Discussion ensued with Members having the opportunity to express their views around a preferred name and the appropriate approach to be taken for selection of a name.

*Cr Rollinson re-joined the meeting at 1.28pm.*

Concern was expressed at the lack of consultation undertaken with local iwi.

*Cr Naylor re-joined the meeting at 1.32pm.*

Ultimately no decision or recommendation was decided.

## **PRE-ELECTION PERIOD COMMUNICATION STRATEGY - COUNCILLOR PROFILES**

*Report No 19-110*

The purpose of this report was to provide a brief preliminary outline of the timetable for the 2019 Triennial Local Body Elections, note the advice from the Office of the Controller and Auditor General about communications in a pre-election period and, having regard to that advice, recommend a Pre-Election Communications Strategy, with regard to councillor profiles for Horizons Regional Council in the run up to the 2019 elections. Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) introduced the item and responded to Members' questions.

**19-473**                      **Moved**                                      **Sheldon/Rieger**

*It is recommended that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-110 and Annexes.*
- b. *receives the preliminary timetable for the required procedures for the elections (refer Annex A);*
- c. *approves Horizons Regional Council's "Pre-Election Communications Strategy" through the pre-election period from 12 July 2019 to 12 October 2019 (refer Annex C); and*
- d. *receives the relevant sections attached from the Good Practice for Managing Public Communications by Local Authorities document produced by the Controller and Auditor-General's Office and agrees that Horizons' communication staff follow these guidelines to make decisions in the pre election period (refer Annex D).*

**CARRIED**



Ultimately the Chair moved the following recommendation.

**19-478                      Moved    Gordon/McKellar**

*That the Council recommends that the extended weekday hours of operation of the Palmerston North urban bus services be continued with only the 6.40pm service following one months’ notice to the public transport provider and public.*

*Against: Crs Keedwell, Patrick, Sheldon*

**CARRIED**

**19-479                      Moved    Keedwell/Sheldon**

*That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held on 18 June 2019, except for recommendation PT 19-68 (retains the current extended weekday hours of operation of the Palmerston North urban bus services with no changes).*

**CARRIED**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**19-480                      Moved    Gordon/Rieger**

*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**

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
PX1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting held on 28 May 2019	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	s48(1)(a)  The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
PX2 Council / Committee to consider whether any item in the Public Excluded minutes can be moved into the public domain and define the extent of the release		
PX3 Members’ Questions		



