

Minutes of the twenty-seventh meeting of the tenth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 10.00am on Tuesday 26 March 2019, in the Tararua Room Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), LR Burnell QSM, DB Cotton, RJ Keedwell, GM McKellar, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick, PW Rieger QSO JP, BE Rollinson, CI Sheldon, WK Te Awe Awe.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Group Manager
Corporate and Governance Mr C Grant
Committee Secretary Mrs KA Tong

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 & Information), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Ms C Kitson (Project Engineer), Mr P Hindrup (Manager Transport Services), Mrs K Curry (Senior Transport Planner), Mrs L Best (Group Secretary/PA), Mrs L Macdonald (Chief Financial Officer), Mr S Mancer, Ms E Bethel & Mr A Smith (Management Accountants), Mr C Morris (Manager People & Capability), Ms S Hall (Assets & Business Efficiency Coordinator), Ms K Robinson (Rates Coordinator), Mr M Hardcastle (Don Linklater Bursary Recipient), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), and a member of the public.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, informed Members the meeting would be livestreamed, and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

19-426 *Moved* **Naylor/Rollinson**
That the Council receives an apology from Cr Barrow.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

19-427 *Moved* **Patrick/Keedwell**
That the Council receives Item 8.5 – Additional Draw On Pohangina-Oroua Scheme Reserves as a Supplementary Item (Report no. 19-51).

CARRIED

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

The Chair and Members considered written submission nos. 7-22 to the 2019-20 Draft Annual Plan (DAP), with summaries and clarification of the submissions provided by Mrs Best (DAP Submissions Coordinator).

Mr P Hindrup (Manager Transport Services) spoke to Staff Submission no. 20 which sought an additional \$71,000 to be included in the passenger services activity, impacting the Palmerston North, Horowhenua and Whanganui Districts. Mr Hindrup answered Members' questions.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

19-428

Moved

Naylor/Te Awe Awe

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 26 February 2019 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, as amended:

- *The meeting reconvened at 1.11pm.*

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive acknowledged the tragedy in Christchurch on 15 March 2019, presented his report and noted the information contained in the attachments. He took Members through the detail of the report and responded to Members' questions of clarification. He then presented an explanatory video on river management and flood protection infrastructure.

19-429

Moved

Gordon/Burnell

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

CARRIED

2019 TRIENNIAL ELECTION: TIMETABLE, EARLY PROCESSING AND CANDIDATES' NAMES

Report No 19-44

This report provided Members with the timetable for the 2019 triennial local authority elections, acknowledged that early processing of votes would be decided by the respective territorial authorities, and sought a decision on the order in which the candidates' names would be shown on the voting documents. Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) took the report as read and clarified that there would be no increase in cost between the three options for order of candidates' names. After discussion, Members decided on option d. iii. – random order of surname.

19-430

Moved

McKellar/Naylor

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-44;*
- b. *notes the timetable for the 2019 triennial local authority elections, and voting method by postal vote;*
- c. *acknowledges the extent of early processing of votes will be determined by the respective territorial authority; and*
- d. *agrees that the names of the candidates at the 2019 Horizons Regional Council elections be arranged in:*
 - iii. *random order of surname.*

CARRIED

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2019

Report No 19-45

Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) introduced this report which was to determine Members' attendance at the 2019 Local Government New Zealand Conference. After discussion by Members, recommendation b. was amended to approve the attendance of up to four Councillors noting it was within current Governance budget.

19-431

Moved

Rollinson/Rieger

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-45.*
- b. *approves the attendance of the Chair of Council and up to four Councillors (Cr Burnell, Patrick, Sheldon, Te Awe Awe) with expenses paid, and the Chief Executive, at the 2019 Local Government New Zealand Conference at Wellington from 7-9 July 2019, and includes any regional pre tour (noting this is within current Governance budget).*

Against: Cr Keedwell

CARRIED

AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL

Report No 19-46

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

19-432 **Moved** **Rieger/Te Awe Awe**

That the Council:

- a. *acknowledges the affixing of the Common Seal to the below mentioned documents:*
 - *Janine Kamke
Warrant Card – RMA 1991*
 - *David Brown
Warrant Card – RMA 1991*
 - *Andrew Swanney
Warrant Card – RMA 1991*
 - *Warrant Card
Enforcement Officer
Jacob Channon*

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE - 20 FEBRUARY 2019 TO 19 MARCH 2019

Report No 19-47

This item noted the Councillors’ Workshop Attendance from 18 December 2018 to 19 February 2019.

19-433 **Moved** **Rieger/Te Awe Awe**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-47 and Annex.*

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 5 MARCH 2019

19-434 **Moved** **Gordon/Keedwell**

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 5 March 2019, with the following amendment:

- *Report no. 19-22 New Zealand Transport Agency Director’s Report: Te Ahu a Turanga (Manawatu-Tararua Highway)*
- *Members’ Questions: Include question relating to replacement for a Walking/Cycling Advisory Representative to the Committee.*

CARRIED

REPORT OF STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 12 MARCH 2019

19-435

Moved

Sheldon/Burnell

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting held on 12 March 2019.

CARRIED

REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 13 MARCH 2019

19-436

Moved

McKellar/Keedwell

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on 13 March 2019.

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL DRAW ON POHANGINA-OROUA SCHEME RESERVES

Report No 19-51

Mr Strong (Group Manager River Management) introduced this item which sought Council's approval to increase the combined draw on reserves for the Pohangina-Oroua Scheme in the current financial year from \$200,000 to \$350,000.

19-437

Moved

Cotton/McKellar

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-51.*
- b. *authorises a total combined draw on reserves for the Pohangina-Oroua Scheme for the current financial year of \$350,000.*

CARRIED

DON LINKLATER BURSARY

Report No 19-48

Mr Morris (Manager People & Capability) welcomed Mr Hardcastle, a Don Linklater Bursary recipient. Mr Hardcastle gave a presentation of his recently completed Masters of Science project. He noted how currently available, and new environmental models could be used to inform decision making on flood management, particularly focusing on the lower Whanganui River.

19-438

Moved

Patrick/Cotton

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the talk from Matthew Hardcastle*
- b. *notes that Matthew will be joining Council for lunch.*

CARRIED

MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

There were no Members' questions.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

19-439

Moved

Rollinson/Sheldon

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 26 February 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 Reid Line Floodway Property Purchase	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. This item contains commercially sensitive information due to proposed property purchase.	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.
PX3 Chief Executive Interim Performance Review	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person. This report should remain confidential because it includes information about the performance and employment terms of an identifiable individual.	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.
PX4 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		
PX5 Members' Questions		

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 11.41am and resumed at 1.33pm.

The meeting closed at 1.34pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR