

Minutes of the first meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Strategy and Policy Committee held at 10.00am on Tuesday 12 November 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs RJ Keedwell (Chair), AL Benbow, EM Clarke, DB Cotton, SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, WM Kirton, JM Naylor, NJPatrick, WK Te Awe Awe (from 10.16am), and GJ Turkington.

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

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships, Mr J Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst Iwi), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mr R Templer, Mr H Waugh (Manawatu District Council), Ministry of Health representatives, and a member of the press.

The meeting was opened at 10.00am and immediately adjourned.

The meeting reconvened at 10.13am.

The Chair invited Mr Twomey (Iwi Liaison) to open the meeting with a karakia.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

SP 19-1 *Moved* **Keedwell/Naylor**
That the Committee receives an apology from Cr Te Awe Awe for lateness.
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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Cr Te Awe Awe joined the meeting at 10.16am.

UPDATE ON PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) INVESTIGATIONS

Report No 19-170

This report provided an update on progress around investigations into contamination of land and water by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the Horizons region, primarily arisen from the use of fire-fighting foam. Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources and Partnerships) introduced the item. Ms Matthews (Manager Science and Innovation), took Councillors through a powerpoint presentation which focused on PFAS as an issue in the Horizons area and the work undertaken to fully understand the extent and possible impact of the problem. Mr Templer (Chief Executive, Manawatu District Council (MDC)) reiterated the importance of the PFAS issue in the region and commented on the great working relationship between Horizons and MDC in regard to PFAS. Dr Roygard and Ms Matthews clarified Members' questions.

SP 19-2 Moved B Gordon/F Gordon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-170.*
- b. approves the ongoing use of budget up to an amount of \$60,000 for monitoring and technical work around the issue of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and related substances. This budget is approved to be from general rate reserves, with expenditure to occur over the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years.*

Against: Cr Turkington

CARRIED

NATIONAL PESTICIDE SURVEY

Report No 19-171

Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources and Partnerships), and Ms Matthews (Manager Science and Innovation) presented the report which highlighted results of the National Pesticides Survey, a four-yearly groundwater monitoring programme co-ordinated by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) that had been running since 1990. Sampling was carried out by regional councils and unitary authorities in late 2018 and for the first time included glyphosate (a herbicide used in Roundup and other products) and a suite of emerging organic contaminants (EOCs).

SP 19-3 Moved Clarke/Patrick

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-171.*

CARRIED

CHAIR AND COUNCILLOR VERBAL UPDATES

Chair's Update

The Chair mentioned attending the Regional Sector meeting and noted the number of new Chairs. She attended a meeting with the Minister for the Environment David Parker which included discussion around the Essential Freshwater package, and mentioned her inclusion on an independent panel which was set up regarding community issues around Essential Freshwater and how it would land from a Horizons point of view.

Councillor's Updates

- Cr Benbow – discussion with James Feary at Woodville around areas of interest and schemes in the Tararua region.
- Cr Clarke – attended the recent LGNZ workshop.
- Cr Ferguson – mentioned the death of a cyclist in Horowhenua and his contact with NZTA regarding roadworks in Horowhenua, and bridges in the region not catering for cyclists.
- Cr B Gordon – invited to Ohakea and received an overview of an upcoming significant development in the area.
- Cr F Gordon – attended the recent LGNZ workshop.
- Cr Kirton – attended the Waimarino Community Board meeting which focused on the Raetihi community's frustration with the road closure.
- Cr Patrick – commented on her recent meeting with the Castlecliff Coast Care Group and attendance at a Nga Puna Rau o Rangitikei meeting.
- Cr Te Awe Awe – attended a meeting with iwi regarding Whirokino bridge access, and mentioned future co-governance opportunities.
- Cr Turkington - looked forward to meeting with the Taueki's in the near future and also looking at the Totara Reserve.

IWI RELATIONSHIPS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Report No 19-172

Mr Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst iwi) presented this report which provided a quarterly update to Council on iwi and hapū relationships in the region, including Treaty matters that require engagement with Council.

SP 19-4

Moved

Te Awe Awe/Turkington

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-172 and Annex;*
- b. *notes that the Ngāti Rangī Settlement Act includes Te Waiū o Te Ika framework, a co governance arrangement for the Whangaehu River;*
- c. *nominates a member for appointment to the statutory body of Ngā Wai Tōtā o te Waiū to be confirmed at the Regional Council on 26 November 2019;*
- d. *releases any public announcement regarding the appointment at a time that is mutually agreeable to iwi and councils;*
- e. *notes that a relationship agreement is being drafted with Te Korowai o Wainuiārua;*
- f. *notes that Te Korowai o Wainuiārua will update Council on their settlement aspirations on 26 November 2019.*

CARRIED

