

Minutes of the eleventh meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Strategy and Policy Committee (Live Streamed) held at 10.00am on Tuesday 13 April 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 (via audio visual link), JM Naylor, NJPatrick (via audio visual link from 10.24am), WK Te Awe Awe, and GJ Turkington

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

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships),
Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr G Shirley
(Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Ms C Almond
(Manager Policy & Strategy), Mr J Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst
Iwi), Ms M McCormick (Policy Planner Iwi and Hapu Relationships
Advisor), Ms S Johnston (CR Law), Ms C Morrison (Media &
Communications Manager), and a member of the Press.

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

APOLOGIES

SP 21-51 *Moved* *Keedwell/Naylor*

That apologies be noted from Cr Patrick for lateness, and from the Chair for possible early departure from the meeting.

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

Cr Emma Clarke noted a conflict of interest in Report No. 21-44 Plan Change 2 – Recommendations of the Hearing Panel.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SP 21-52 Moved Naylor/Ferguson

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on 9 March 2021 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 23 March 2021.

CARRIED

Cr Emma Clarke left the table at 10.06am prior to Report No. 21-44.

PLAN CHANGE 2 - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEARING PANEL

Report No 21-44

The purpose of this paper was for Council to consider and make decisions on the recommendations of the Independent Hearing Panel for Proposed Plan Change 2 (PC2). Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) summarised the PC2 process to date and highlighted the next steps in the process following the decision that would be made at the meeting. Dr Peet and Ms Johnston (CR Law), answered Members’ questions of clarification.

SP 21-53 Moved Naylor/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-44;*
- b. *receives the Recommendation Report of the Independent Hearing Panel appointed by the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, containing recommended decisions on Plan Change 2, One Plan – Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses, dated March 2021;*
- c. *Pursuant to Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991, adopts the recommendations and reasons in the Hearings Panel’s Recommendation Report (including appendices) as its decision on Plan Change 2 to the Operative One Plan, including the Hearing Panel’s evaluation under section 32AA;*
- d. *resolves to publicly notify its decisions on submissions and further submissions on Plan Change 2 to the Operative One Plan and serves a copy of the public notice on all submitters and further submitters.*

CARRIED

Cr Emma Clarke rejoined the Council table at 10.34am following the conclusion of Report No. 21-44.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM ANNOUNCEMENTS BY GOVERNMENT

Report No 21-45

Ms Almond (Manager Policy & Strategy) introduced this item which presented an overview of the Government's proposals for resource management reform and repeal of the Resource Management Act (RMA). Ms Almond mentioned the proposed reform process, and the fact that the legislation had not yet been passed into law by Parliament. Ms Almond and Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) informed Members they would be kept up to date as new information was available.

SP 21-54 **Moved** **Clarke/F Gordon**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-45.*

CARRIED

IWI RELATIONSHIPS REPORT

Report No 21-46

This report was introduced by Mr Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst Iwi) and informed Council on various matters concerning iwi and hapū. It included a brief report on a regional hui-a-iwi (meeting of iwi), an update on Treaty of Waitangi settlements and arrangements, and iwi and hapū relationship agreements. Mr Twomey discussed the appointee process to Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua and Cr Kirton thanked Mr Geoff Burton for his work in the role prior to stepping down.

SP 21-55 **Moved** **B Gordon/Ferguson**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-46;*
- b. *notes that Horizons appointed five (5) members to Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua for a three year term in early 2018; those members can be reappointed or removed at Council's discretion;*
- c. *notes that the member appointed to represent primary sector interests has stood down from the role, and a process will start soon to fill the vacancy;*
- d. *reappoints the remaining four (4) members, previously appointed by Horizons to Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua, for another three year term.*

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 10.57am.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR