

**NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regional Policy Committee Meeting  
held in the Council Chamber,  
Northland Regional Council, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei, on  
Monday 15 December 2014, commencing at 10.00 am

**Present:**

**Northland Regional Council**

Cr Graeme Ramsey (Chairman)  
Cr Craig Brown  
Cr David Sinclair  
Cr Joe Carr  
Cr Dover Samuels  
Cr John Bain

**In Attendance:**

Senior Programme Manager – Resource Management  
Programme Manager – Policy Development  
Programme Manager – Resource Management  
Policy Specialist - Water  
Policy Analysts  
Iwi Liaison Officer  
Waiora Northland Water Project Manager  
Economist  
Tangata Whenua Consultant - Keir Volkerling  
Committee Secretary

Meeting opened at 10.03am

**Apologies (Item 1.0)**

That the apology from Cr Bill Shepherd for non-attendance be received.

**Carried**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest (Item 2.0)**

The Chairman gave members the opportunity to declare an interest on any item of business on the agenda for the meeting.

Dover declared a possible conflict of interest on tangata whenua matters as he has interest in Maori land.

## **Confirmation of minutes – 25 August 2014 (Item 3.1)**

**Report from Evania Laybourn, Committee Secretary dated 08 December 2014.**

ID: A709856

**Moved** Cr David Sinclair/Cr Joe Carr

1. That the minutes of the Regional Policy Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

## **Tāngata whenua engagement (Item 3.2)**

**Report from Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development dated 05 December 2014**

ID: A708589

**Moved** Cr Craig Brown/Cr Dover Samuels

1. That the report “Tāngata whenua engagement” by Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development and dated 5 December 2014, be received.
2. That the Regional Policy Committee approve the report by Keir Volkerling titled “Review of the NRC Regional Plans – Tāngata Whenua Issues and Options” be uploaded on the Northland Regional Council website and tāngata whenua offered the opportunity to provide feedback on the report.

**Amendment:** the Regional Policy committee approved the report be uploaded on the NRC website with revisions.

**Carried**

*Staff member Ben Lee and Chairman Graeme Ramsey left the meeting at 11.55am to present to the Mayoral Forum.*

*Deputy chairman Craig Brown adjourned the meeting at 12.34pm for a lunch break and will reconvene at 1.00pm*

*Staff member Ben Lee and Chairman Graeme Ramsey returned at 1.00pm*

*Chairman Graeme Ramsey reconvened the meeting at 1.01pm*

*Cr Dover Samuels left the meeting at 1.01pm*

*Cr David Sinclair left the meeting at 1.41pm*

*Cr David Sinclair returned at 2.19pm*

### **Adoption of regional plans review reports (Item 3.3)**

**Report from Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development dated 5 December 2014**

ID: A648698

**Moved** Cr Joe Carr/Cr John Bain

1. That the report “Adoption of regional plans review reports” by Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development and dated 5 December 2014, be received.
2. That the Regional Policy Committee adopts the reports attached as **Attachment 3-12** to Item 3.3 of the 15 December 2014 Regional Policy Committee agenda as the summary of the review of the Regional Air Quality Plan, Regional Water and Soil Plan, and Regional Coastal Plan in accordance with Section 79 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Amendment:** The committee approves that the summaries be amended as per recommendations/revisions given to staff.

**Carried**

### **The new regional plan (Item 3.4)**

**Report from Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development dated 5 December 2014**

ID: A708316

**Moved** Cr Craig Brown/ Cr John Bain

1. That the report “The new regional plan” by Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development and dated 5 December 2014, be received.
2. That the Regional Policy Committee approves the commencement of the preparation of the draft new regional plan.
3. That the Regional Policy Committee approves that the draft new regional plan be a single regional plan.
4. That the Regional Policy Committee approves the commencement of a project to identify regionally significant surf breaks.
5. That the Regional Policy Committee approves the commencement of a project to identify regionally significant anchorages.

**Carried**

### **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 2.56pm.