

# NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council  
held in the Council Chamber, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei,  
on Tuesday 14 July 2015, commencing at 1 pm

## **Present:**

Chairman, Bill Shepherd  
Deputy Chairman, Graeme Ramsey  
Councillors:  
Craig Brown  
John Bain  
Joe Carr  
Paul Dimery  
Monty Knight  
David Sinclair

## **In Attendance:**

### **Full Meeting**

Chief Executive Officer  
GM Environmental Services  
GM Strategy and Governance  
Council Secretary

### **Part Meeting**

GM Customer Services/Community Resilience  
SPM – Resource Policy  
PM/Policy Specialist – Tangata Whenua  
Economist  
Enviroschools Regional Coordinator  
Strategy and Governance PA

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.04 pm.

## **Apologies (Item 1.0)**

### **Moved (Knight/Carr)**

That the apology from Councillor Samuels for non-attendance by received.

### **Carried**

## **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)**

It was advised that councillors should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

## **Enviroschools Northland (Item 3.0)**

**ID: A760741**

**Report from Enviroschools Regional Co-ordinator, Susan Karels.**

Enviroschools Regional Co-ordinator, Susan Karels, provided the presentation "Enviroschools Census 2014 Northland" covering the following key points:

- Enviroschools principles;
- Response to the 2014 Enviroschools Census;
- The variety of environmental, water and biodiversity actions;
- Stages of the Enviroschools Programme;
- Enviroschools contributing to a range of outcomes;
- Fostering community connections; and
- Feedback on the Enviroschools programme.

## **Public Forum**

With the consent of the Chairman, Mr Alan Agnew was granted permission to address the council regarding the importance of securing a shared indoor sports stadium.

## **Acknowledgements**

The Chairman acknowledged the sudden passing of Katie Cooper, wife of Northland Inc. Limited GM Investment & Infrastructure, Vaughan Cooper. The meeting paid tribute to this loss by observing a minute's silence.

## **Risk and Health and Safety Report (Item 4.0)**

**ID: A761406**

**Report from Human Resources Manager, Judy Macdonald.**

### **Moved (Ramsey/Knight)**

That the report 'Risk and Health and Safety Report' by Judy Macdonald, Human Resources Manager, and dated 2 July 2015, be received.

**Carried**

## **Confirmation of Minutes – 16 June 2015 (Item 5.1)**

**ID: A761219**

**Report from Council Secretary, Chris Taylor.**

### **Moved (Carr/Sinclair)**

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 16 June 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

## **Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.2)**

**ID: A761205**

**Report from Council Secretary, Chris Taylor.**

### **Moved (Dimery/Brown)**

That the Council Action Sheet be received.

**Carried**

## **Audit New Zealand's Management Report on the Long Term Plan Consultation Document for the Period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2025 (Item 6.1)**

**ID: A759730**

**Report from General Manager Finance, Lisa Aubrey, and Finance Manager, Simon Crabb.**

### **Moved (Sinclair/Carr)**

That the report 'Audit New Zealand's Management Report on the Long Term Plan Consultation Document for the Period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2025' by Lisa Aubrey, General Manager Finance, and Simon Crabb, Finance Manager, and dated 29 June 2015, be received.

**Carried**

## **Te Ture Whenua Māori Reform (Item 7.1)**

**ID: A759106**

**Report from Programme Manager – Māori Policy Specialist, Abraham Witana.**

### **Moved (Shepherd/Brown)**

That the report 'Te Ture Whenua Māori Reform' by Abraham Witana, Programme Manager – Māori Policy Specialist, and dated 2 July 2015, be received.

**Carried**

### **It was further moved (Ramsey/Dimery)**

1. That council supports the possible lodgement of a submission on the Te Ture Whenua Māori Land Act 1993; and that the submission be based on the impact of the legislation on Northland Regional Council operations, policies, processes and strategies as well as any potential impact on the Northland region.
2. That in the event that council lodges a submission; council delegates authority to the Chairman Bill Shepherd and Councillor Dover Samuels to develop the detail of council's submission.
3. That in the event that council lodges a submission; council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission on behalf of council.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: A memorandum titled 'Advice from Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee' regarding a potential submission on the Te Ture Whenua Māori Reform was tabled for the council's consideration.*

## **Proposed NES for Plantation Forestry (Item 7.2)**

**ID: A759456**

**Report from Senior Programme Manager – Resource Policy, Justin Murfitt.**

### **Moved (Shepherd/Bain)**

1. That the report 'Proposed NES for Plantation Forestry' by Justin Murfitt, Senior Programme Manager – Resource Policy, and dated 1 July 2015, be received.
2. That staff develop a draft submission on the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry and the submission to remain consistent with the Regional Policy Statement.
3. That the draft submission be approved under authority delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, Councillor Carr and Councillor Shepherd prior to being lodged with the Ministry for Primary Industries.

**Carried**

## **Request for Approval to Write Off a Bad Debt (Item 7.3)**

**ID: A760891**

**Report from Accounts Officer, Shannon Parker.**

### **Moved (Carr/Dimery)**

1. That the report 'Request for Approval to Write Off a Bad Debt' by Shannon Parker, Accounts Officer, and dated 2 July 2015, be received.
2. That the debt owing by Gyu Ill Hwang totalling \$9,775.00 is approved to be written off.

**Carried**

## **Investment and Growth Reserve: Funding for Regional Promotion (Item 7.4)**

**ID: A760462**

**Report from Economist, Darryl Jones.**

### **Moved (Bain/Brown.)**

1. That the report 'Investment and Growth Reserve: Funding for Regional Promotion' by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 3 July 2015, be received.
2. That council agree to allocate, in addition to the funding for operating expenditure, \$410,500 in each of the next three financial years (i.e. 2015/16 – 2017/18) from the Investment and Growth Reserve to Northland Inc. to undertake regional promotion activities.

3. That the allocation in 2015/16 be subject to the establishment of key performance indicators by the council's Chief Executive Officer that clearly specify the results expected from the additional regional promotional activities that will result from this funding.
4. That the allocation of funding for 2016/17 and 2017/18 be subject to satisfactory reporting on the services provided and the presentation of an expenditure budget.

**Carried**

*Councillor Ramsey voted against the motion.*

**Far North District Council – Regional Council Rates – Proposed Remission of Additional Penalties and Penalties on Penalties (Item 7.5)**

**ID: A760916**

**Report from General Manager Finance, Lisa Aubrey.**

**Moved (Shepherd/Dimery)**

1. That the report 'Far North District Council - Regional Council Rates - Proposed Remission of Additional Penalties and Penalties on Penalties' by Lisa Aubrey, General Manager Finance, and dated 2 July 2015, be received.
2. That Northland Regional Council confirms its consent and agreement for the Far North District Council to apply our joint rating policy and proposed remission of additional penalties on the regional council portion of rates arrears to be consistent with the Far North District Council and specifically:
  - a. *That council agree to cease charging additional rate penalties effective from 1 July 2015; and*
  - b. *That the remission of additional penalties will not take place until the end of the 30 June 2015 rating year; and*
  - c. *That the remission will only apply to penalties remaining unpaid on rate accounts as at the date the remissions are applied; and*
  - d. *That council agree to remit all additional penalties outstanding on rates accounts prior to 30 June 2015.*

**Carried**

**Northland Inland Freight Route – NZTA Board Decision – Mangakahia Road – Designation as a State Highway and Formal Collaboration on Joint Asset Management (Item 7.6)**

**ID: A760614**

**Report from Manager Customer Services/Community Resilience, Tony Phipps, and Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, Chris Powell.**

**Moved (Bain/Brown)**

1. That the report 'Northland Inland Freight Route – NZTA Board Decision – Mangakahia Road – Designation as a State Highway and Formal Collaboration on Joint Asset Management' by Tony Phipps, Manager Customer Services/Community Resilience, and Chris Powell, Transport Operations Senior Programme Manager, dated 1 July 2015, be received.

2. That the Northland Regional Council participates in the development of options for formal collaboration arrangements for joint asset management across the Northland roading network.

**Carried**

### **Chairman's Report to Council (Item 8.1)**

**ID: A757758**

**Report from Chairman, Bill Shepherd.**

**Moved (Shepherd/Knight)**

That the Chairman's report dated 3 July 2015 be received.

**Carried**

### **Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 8.2)**

**ID: A757740**

**Report from Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson.**

**Moved (Brown/Carr)**

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 3 July 2015 be received.

**Carried**

### **Regional Transport Committee 3 June 2015 – Receipt of Minutes (Item 9.1)**

**ID: A761622**

**Report from Council Secretary, Chris Taylor.**

**Moved (Bain/Dimery)**

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 3 June 2015 be received.

**Carried**

### **Environmental Management Committee 29 June 2015 – Receipt of Minutes (Item 9.2)**

**ID: A761198**

**Report from Committee Secretary, Nola Sooner.**

**Moved (Brown/Carr)**

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Environmental Management Committee meeting held on 29 June 2015 be received.

**Carried**

## Business with the Public Excluded (Item 10.0)

ID: A762197

Report from Council Secretary, Chris Taylor.

### Moved (Shepherd/Ramsey)

1. That the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider confidential matters.
2. That the general subject of the matters to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item No.	Item Issue	Reason\Grounds
10.1	Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting – 16 June 2015	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
10.2	Human Resources Report	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 7(2)(a).
10.3	Whāngārei (CityLink) Bus Service – Proposal to Delay Tender and Extend Term of Contract by One Year	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 7(2)(h).
10.4	Ōmāpere/Kaikohe Trial Passenger Transport Service	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 7(2)(h).
10.5	Marsden Maritime Holdings Limited Appointment of Directors	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 7(2)(a).

Carried

## CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 3.44 pm.