

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council
held in the Council Chamber, 36 Water Street, Whangārei,
on Tuesday 19 April 2016, commencing at 1 pm

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Chief Executive Officer
GM – Regulatory Services
GM – Strategy and Governance
GM – Customer Service/Community Resilience
Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

Northland Inc. Limited Chairman
Northland Inc. Limited GM Investment and Infrastructure
Northland Inc. Limited Financial Administrator
Chandler Fraser Keating Limited, Ian Jenkins
GM – Environmental Services
Biosecurity Manager
Infrastructure Manager
Special Projects Manager
Communications Manager
Corporate Services Manager
Resource Management Planning & Policy Manager
Resource Management Manager
Policy Development Manager
Compliance Monitoring Manager
Biosecurity Specialist
Economist
Property Officer
Events and Partnerships Co-ordinator
Communications Contractor
Natural Hazards/Rivers Officer

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1 pm and adjourned proceedings until 1.30pm.
The meeting reconvened at 1.32pm.

Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Shepherd/Bain)

That the apologies from Councillor Brown for non-attendance be 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.

Confidential Supplementary and Tabled Items for Council Meeting – 19 April 2016 (Item 2.0A)

ID: A835612

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Shepherd/Ramsey)

1. That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:
 - **Supplementary Item 10.7:** Northland Transport Collaboration Opportunities Business Case; and
 - **Tabled Item 10.8:** Purchase Negotiations for the Corner Walton Street – Maunu Roadbe received.
2. That Tabled Item 10.8 be considered in public excluded. The general subject of Tabled Item 10.8, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this item and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Item Issue	Reason\Grounds
10.8	Purchase Negotiations for the Corner Walton Street – Maunu Road	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)).

Carried

Presentations

Kauri Dieback in Northland – Presentation (Item 3.1)

ID: A832777

Report from Biosecurity Specialist, Graeme Weavers.

Northland Regional Council Biosecurity Specialist, Graeme Weavers, provided a presentation on Kauri Dieback in Northland covering the following key points:

- National response partners – ten year strategy;
- Surveillance – passive and targeted;
- Targeted surveillance follow up;
- Preventative measures; and
- Ongoing research projects.

Moved (Shepherd/Carr)

That the report 'Kauri Dieback in Northland – Presentation' by Graeme Weavers, Biosecurity Specialist, and dated 5 April 2016, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Item 4.0 was addressed following Item 7.13 to allow for the attendance of Ian Jenkins of Chandler Fraser Keating Limited.

Health and Safety Report (Item 4.0)

ID: A833696

Report from Health and Safety Specialist, Tracey Warboys.

Moved (Ramsey/Bain)

1. That the report 'Health and Safety Report' by Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist, and dated 5 April 2016, be received.
2. That Councillor Dimery be appointed as council's representative on the Health and Safety Committee.

Carried

Confirmation of Council Minutes – 15 March 2016 (Item 5.1)

ID: A832135

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Samuels/Sinclair)

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 15 March 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.2)

ID: A832364

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Shepherd/Ramsey)

That the Council Action Sheet be received.

Carried

Financial Report to 31 March 2016 (Item 6.1)

ID: A833302

Report from Financial Accountant, Vincent McColl.

Moved (Sinclair/Dimery)

That the 'Financial Report to 31 March 2016' by Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant, and dated 7 April 2016, be received.

Carried

Schedule of Credit Notes for Approval (Item 6.2)

ID: A833327

Report from Accounts Receivable Officer, Trish Wells.

Moved (Ramsey/Carr)

1. That the report 'Schedule of Credit Notes for Approval' by Trish Wells, Accounts Receivable Officer, and dated 7 April 2016, be received.
2. That the issue of credit note 7403282 to the value of \$9,854.14 including GST (as detailed in the report from the Accounts Receivable Officer, Trish Wells, dated 7 April 2016) be ratified.

Carried

Remuneration Authority – Submission on the Allocation of Additional Duty Funds (Item 7.1)

ID: A833123

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Bain/Knight)

1. That the report 'Remuneration Authority – Submission on the Allocation of Additional Duty Funds' by Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager, and dated 7 April 2016, be received.
2. That the pool for higher duties allowance of \$108,120 be fully allocated as follows:
 - a) That the Deputy Chair receives a higher duties allowance of \$21,624 (40% councillor base salary); bringing the Deputy Chair total salary to \$75,684.
 - b) That councillors receive a higher duties allowance of \$12,357 (23% councillor base salary); bringing councillors total salary to \$66,417. This is based on the underpinning principle of council that additional duties will be apportioned in such a manner that there will be an equitable workload between councillors.
3. That the higher duties allocation set out above (and supporting information), and details regarding the Chair's vehicle, be provided to the Remuneration Authority no later than 13 May 2016.

Carried

2016 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference (Item 7.2)

ID: A828449

Report from Chairman, Bill Shepherd.

Moved (Carr/Bain)

1. That the report '2016 Local Government New Zealand Conference' by Bill Shepherd, Chairman, dated 29 March 2016, be received.
2. That the Chairman, Chief Executive and Councillors Knight and Sinclair represent the Northland Regional Council at the 2016 LGNZ Conference.

3. That Chairman Shepherd and Councillor Knight be delegated voting rights on behalf of the Northland Regional Council at the LGNZ Annual General Meeting.

Carried

Proposed Release of Coastal Hazards Maps (Item 7.3)

ID: A831223

Report from Natural Hazards Advisor, Toby Kay.

Moved (Ramsey/Dimery)

1. That the report 'Proposed Release of Coastal Hazards Maps' by Toby Kay, Natural Hazards Advisor, and dated 30 March 2016, be received.
2. That council resolves to make the mapping available to the public as a draft version via the online maps, and that property owners in the mapped areas are notified and invited to provide feedback on the maps.

Secretarial Note: As per Standing Order 3.9.3 the original motion was replaced by the substituted motion with the approval of the mover and seconder.

1. That the report 'Proposed Release of Coastal Hazards Maps' by Toby Kay, Natural Hazards Advisor, and dated 30 March 2016, be received.
2. That council resolves to make the mapping available to the public as a draft version via the online maps, and that property owners in the mapped areas are notified and invited to provide feedback on the maps. The letters of notification to be clear that flood levels are predicted and based on the best advice of an external agency.

Carried

Service Delivery Review – Section 17A (Item 7.4)

ID: A829617

Report from Group Manager Strategy and Governance, Jonathan Gibbard.

Moved (Ramsey/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Service Delivery Review – Section 17A' by Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager Strategy and Governance, and dated 24 March 2016, be received.
2. That council approves the section 17A review schedule completing the review of economic development by September 2016, and all remaining services by August 2022.

Carried

Service Excellence Strategy (Item 7.5)

ID: A831531

Report from Group Manager Customer Service/Community Resilience, Tony Phipps.

Moved (Sinclair/Ramsey)

1. That the report 'Service Excellence Strategy' by Tony Phipps, Group Manager Customer Service / Community Resilience, and dated 1 April 2016, be received.
2. That the Service Excellence Strategy-on-a-page be adopted by the council as a summary of the agreed approach to providing excellent customer service.

Carried

Review of Regional Pest Management Strategies – Extension of Timeline (Item 7.6)

ID: A831190

Report from Biosecurity Manager, Don Mckenzie.

Moved (Dimery/Bain)

1. That the report 'Review of Regional Pest Management Strategies - Extension of Timeline' by Don Mckenzie, Biosecurity Manager, and dated 6 April 2016, be received.
2. That the council agree to the revised timing for formal notification of the proposed Regional Pest Management Plan and Pathway Management Plan.
3. That the council resolve pursuant to section 100G of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and section 83(19) Biosecurity Law Reform Act 2012 to extend the expiry date of the Regional Pest Management Strategies 2010–2015 to 20 July 2017.

Moved (Ramsey/Carr)

That the item of business, 'Review of Regional Pest Management Strategies - Extension of Timeline', does lie on the table until the May 2016 council meeting; at which time a revised timeline and further detail on resourcing be provided.

Carried

Making Operative the Proposed Regional Policy Statement and Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture) (Item 7.7)

ID: A830210

Report from Policy Development Manager, Ben Lee.

Moved (Ramsey/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Making Operative the Proposed Regional Policy Statement and Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture)' by Ben Lee, Policy Development Manager, and dated 4 April 2016, be received.

2. That the proposed Regional Policy for Northland be approved in accordance with Clause 17, Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991, except for Issue 2.6(g), Policy 6.1.2 and Method 6.1.5 and related explanations.
3. That Monday 9 May 2016 is the date the proposed Regional Policy Statement for Northland (except for Issue 2.6(g), Policy 6.1.2 and Method 6.1.5 and related explanations) becomes operative.
4. That Monday 9 May 2016 is the date Plan Change 4 (Aquaculture) to the Regional Coastal Plan for Northland becomes operative.

Carried

Councillor Carr abstained from voting.

Next Steps for Freshwater – Draft Submission (Item 7.8)

ID: A822303

Report from Resource Management – Planning and Policy Manager, Justin Murfitt.

Moved (Carr/Samuels)

1. That the report 'Next Steps for Freshwater - Draft Submission' by Justin Murfitt, Resource Management – Planning and Policy Manager, dated 31 March 2016, be received.
2. That council approves lodging of a submission on the Next Steps for Freshwater Consultation Document; subject to any amendments advised by the working group; consisting of Councillors Shepherd, Carr, Samuels and Bain.

Carried

Submission on the Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Documents – Whangārei District Council and Far North District Council (Item 7.9)

ID: A833188

Report from Strategy Specialist, Kyla Carlier.

Moved (Carr/Bain)

1. That the report 'Submission on the Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Documents – Whangareai District Council and Far North District Council' by Kyla Carlier, Strategy Specialist, and dated 6 April 2016, be received.
2. That a submission be made on the Whangareai District Council's and Far North District Council's 2016/17 Annual Plans based on the points summarised in the report and matters raised at the meeting.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman are delegated the authority to finalise the detail, and lodge a submission on behalf of council on the Whangareai District Council's and Far North District Council's 2016/17 Annual Plans based on the points summarised in the report and matters raised at the meeting.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman are delegated the authority to lodge a submission on behalf of council on the Kaipara District Council 2016/17 Annual Plan and that the submission will be reported to the May council meeting.

Carried

Investment and Growth Reserve: Feasibility Assessment and Business Case Development – Cape Brett Walkway (Item 7.10)

ID: A832861

Report from Economist, Darryl Jones.

Moved (Bain/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Investment and Growth Reserve: Feasibility Assessment and Business Case Development – Cape Brett Walkway' by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 12 April 2016, be received.
2. That council agrees to provide \$15,000 from the Investment and Growth Reserve to support the development of a business case for the Cape Brett Walkway project outlined in Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 7.10 of the 19 April 2016 council agenda.

Carried

Investment and Growth Reserve: Feasibility Assessment and Business Case Development – Kawakawa Hundertwasser (Item 7.11)

ID: A823196

Report from Economist, Darryl Jones.

Moved (Samuels/Carr)

1. That the report 'Investment and Growth Reserve: Feasibility Assessment and Business Case Development – Kawakawa Hundertwasser' by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 12 April 2016, be received.
2. That council agrees to provide \$20,000 from the Investment and Growth Reserve to develop a business case for the Kawakawa Hundertwasser project outlined in Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 7.11 of the 19 April 2016 council agenda.

Carried

Northland Inc. Limited: Draft Statement of Intent 2016–19 (Item 7.12)

ID: A833184

Report from Economist, Darryl Jones.

Moved (Ramsey/Bain)

1. That the report 'Northland Inc. Limited: Draft Statement of Intent 2016–19' by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 12 April 2016, be received.
2. That the 'Northland Inc. Limited Draft Statement of Intent 2016–19' (Attachment One pertaining to Item 7.12 of the 19 April 2016 council agenda) be received.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with council Chairman and Deputy Chairman, be delegated authority to provide feedback to Northland Inc. Limited on its Draft Statement of Intent 2016–19.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Item 7.13 was addressed prior to Item 4.0 to allow for the attendance of Ian Jenkins of Chandler Fraser Keating Limited.

Harvesting of the 1985 Mt Tiger Forestry Block (Item 7.13)

ID: A834417

Report from Property Officer, Alicia Jurisich.

Moved (Carr/Ramsey)

1. That the report 'Harvesting of the 1985 Mt Tiger Forestry Block' by Alicia Jurisich, Property Officer, and dated 11 April 2016, be received.
2. That councillors give approval to harvest the 1985 block.
3. That councillors give the Chief Executive Officer authority up until 31 August 2016 to make the final decision when to harvest.
4. That the harvest will be subject to market conditions, contractor availability, be undertaken in line with budget, and meet high Health, Safety and Employment and environmental standards.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Council formally acknowledged the work of Ian Jenkins, Chandler Fraser Keating Limited.

Chairman's Report to Council (Item 8.1)

ID: A831224

Report from Chairman, Bill Shepherd.

Moved (Shepherd/Samuels)

That the Chairman's report dated 8 April 2016 be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: A correction was noted to the report; Shane Reti's title being MP for Whāngārei.

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 8.2)

ID: A828632

Report from Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Ramsey/Shepherd)

That the Chief Executive Officer's report dated 8 April 2016 be received.

Carried

Freshwater Improvement Fund (Item 8.3)

ID: A828856

Report from Group Manager Environmental Services, Bruce Howse.

Moved (Carr/Ramsey)

That the report 'Freshwater Improvement Fund' by Bruce Howse, Group Manager Environmental Services, and dated 5 April 2016, be received.

Carried

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Board: Inaugural Meeting (Item 8.4)

ID: A833887

Report from Kaiarahi Mātauranga Māori, Rachel Ropiha.

Moved (Samuels/Knight)

That the report 'Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē Board: Inaugural Meeting' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi Mātauranga Māori, and dated 7 April 2016, be received.

Carried

Receipt of Committee Minutes (Item 9.0)

ID: A832580

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Ramsey)

That the unconfirmed minutes of the:

- Environmental Management Committee – 29 February 2016;
- Civil Defence and Emergency Management – 1 March 2016; and
- Organisational Performance Committee – 29 March 2016

be received.

Carried

Business with the Public Excluded (Item 10.0)

ID: A832743

Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor.

Moved (Carr/Knight)

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 – 15 March 2016	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.
10.2	Receipt of Confidential Minutes	<p>The reason for excluding the public from the Economic Development Working Party (1 March 2016) is the public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in the disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to allow the council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 7(2)(i).</p> <p>The reason for excluding the public from the Organisational Performance Committee meeting (29 March 2016) is as stated in the minutes of the open section of that meeting.</p>
10.3	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).
10.4	Progressing the Strategic Plan for Industrial Area	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	Compensation for 8 Kensington Avenue Carparks	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)).
10.6	Appointment of Northland Inc. Limited 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).

10.7	Northland Transport Collaboration Opportunities Business Case	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).
10.8 (tabled)	Purchase Negotiations for the Corner Walton Street – Maunu Road	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)).

Carried

Open Meeting

Moved (Shepherd/Dimery)

That the council resumes in open meeting.

Carried

Secretarial Note: As resolved in public excluded, the resolutions pertaining to Confidential Item 10.6 be confirmed in open meeting.

Appointment of Northland Inc. Limited Directors (Item 10.6)

ID: A834110

Report from Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson.

Moved (Bain/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Appointment of Northland Inc. Limited Directors' by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer, and dated 22 March 2016, be received.
2. That council approves the following extensions to Northland Inc. directors' appointments:
 - Karleen Everitt to 30 June 2017
 - Sarah Peterson to 30 June 2017
 - Warren Moyes to 30 June 2017
 - Irene Durham to 30 June 2017.
3. That council confirms the Northland Inc. directors' reappointment in open meeting.

Carried

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 4.33pm.