

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 15 May 2018, commencing at 10.30am

Present:

Chairman, Bill Shepherd
Deputy Chairman, David Sinclair
Councillors:
John Bain
Justin Blaikie
Paul Dimery
Mike Finlayson
Penny Smart
Rick Stolwerk
Joce Yeoman

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Independent Financial Advisor
NRC Chief Executive
GM - Governance and Engagement
GM - Environmental Services
Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

Policy Development Manager
Financial Accountant
Economist
Land Management Advisor

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.30am.

Apologies (Item 1.0)

There were no apologies.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)

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

Health and Safety Report (Item 3.0)

ID: A1062970

Report from Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist

Moved (Blaikie/Stolwerk)

That the 'Health and Safety Report' by Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist, and dated 3 May 2018 be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 24 April 2018 (Item 4.1)

ID: A1060552

Report from Christine Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Shepherd/Bain)

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 24 April 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

ID: A1062493

Report from Christine Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Smart/Sinclair)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Council Working Party Updates and Chairpersons' Briefings (Item 4.3)

ID: A1059883

Report from Jonathan Gibbard, GM – Governance and Engagement

Moved (Blaikie/Finlayson)

That the report 'Council Working Party Updates and Chairpersons' Briefings' be received.

Carried

Council Working Group Updates (Item 4.4)

ID: A1061265

Report from Bruce Howse, GM – Environmental Services

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

That the report 'Council Working Group Updates' be received.

Carried

Financial Report to 30 April 2018 (Item 5.1)

ID: A1062700

Report from Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant

Moved (Sinclair/Dimery)

That the report 'Financial Report to 30 April 2018' by Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant and dated 3 May 2018, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Council's Independent Financial Advisor provided commentary on council's financial status and upcoming improvements to financial reporting.

Investment of Working Capital Funds into Term Deposits (Item 5.2)

ID: A1059213

Report from Simon Crabb, Finance Manager

Moved (Bain/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Investment of Working Capital Funds into Term Deposits' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 24 April 2018, be received.
2. That the name of the Working Capital Fund is changed to the Short Term Investment Fund.
3. That the Short Term Investment Fund's Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) is updated to state that term deposits of working capital are a permitted investment that may be undertaken at the discretion of the CEO.

Carried

Making the Regional Policy Statement Genetically Modified Organisms Provisions Operative (Item 6.1)

ID: A1059966

Report from Ben Lee, Policy Development Manager

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

1. That the report 'Making the Regional Policy Statement Genetically Modified Organisms Provisions Operative' by Ben Lee, Policy Development Manager and dated 26 April 2018, be received.
2. That Issue 2.6(g), Policy 6.1.2 and Method 6.1.5 and related explanations of the proposed Regional Policy for Northland be approved in accordance with Clause 17, Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991.
3. That Thursday 14 June 2018 is the date Issue 2.6(g), Policy 6.1.2 and Method 6.1.5 and related explanations of the Regional Policy for Northland become operative, in accordance with Clause 20, Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Council was cautioned against making any statements that could be perceived as predetermination; given that full council constituted the hearings committee for submissions on the 'Proposed Regional Plan for Northland' that sought the addition of provisions for genetically modified organisms.

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: New member confirmation (Item 6.2)

ID: A1062509

Report from Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Maori

Moved (Dimery/Finlayson)

1. That the report 'Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: New member confirmation' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and dated 2 May 2018, be received.
2. That Victor Holloway, representing Ngāti Tara, be endorsed as a new member of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party.

3. That staff write to Ngāti Tara and their representative, Victor Holloway, advising of their successful nomination and provide the necessary new member information.

Carried

Kawakawa Hundertwasser Park Centre: Extension of time limit on conditions of funding (Item 6.3)

ID: A1062618

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Sinclair/Blaikie)

1. That the report 'Kawakawa Hundertwasser Park Centre: Extension of time limit on conditions of funding' by Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 2 May 2018, be received.
2. That council agrees that the deadline by which the Chief Executive Officer must be satisfied that the conditions set out in resolution 6 of agenda item 7.1 of council meeting dated 18 July 2017 are met otherwise council's support for the project is likely to be withdrawn be extended from 30 June 2018 to 31 December 2018.

Carried

Northern Wairoa Freshwater Improvement Project (Item 6.4)

ID: A1062872

Report from Imogen Field, Land Management Advisor - Northern Wairoa Freshwater Improvement Project

Moved (Bain/Yeoman)

1. That the report 'Northern Wairoa Freshwater Improvement Project' by Imogen Field, Land Management Advisor – Northern Wairoa FIP and dated 3 May 2018, be received.
2. That the Northern Wairoa Freshwater Improvement Partnership be made a working group of the Natural Resources Working Party.
3. That Chantez Connor-Kingi, Hoori Kingi and Allan Halliday of the Northern Wairoa Freshwater Improvement Partnership be remunerated for attendance at partnership meetings as per the Appointed Members' Allowances Policy. If these members resign or new members are appointed, approval for remuneration changes will be sought from council accordingly.

Carried

Chair's Report to Council (Item 7.1)

ID: A1058663

Report from Bill Shepherd, Chairman

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

That the report 'Chair's Report to Council' by Bill Shepherd, Chairman and dated 23 April 2018, be received.

Carried

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 7.2)

ID: A1058676

Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

That the report 'Chief Executive's Report to Council' by Malcolm Nicolson, CEO and dated 15 May 2018, be received.

Carried

Receipt of Committee Minutes (Item 8.0)

ID: A1062360

Report from Christine Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Shepherd/Bain)

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Investment Subcommittee held on 24 April 2018 be received.

Carried

Business with Public Excluded (Item 9.0)

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

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 | Reasons/Grounds |
|----------|---|---|
| 9.1 | Confirmation of Confidential Minutes – 24 April 2018 | The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, as stated in the open section of the meeting. |
| 9.2 | 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 s7(2)(a). |
| 9.3 | Chief Executive's Key Performance Indicators | 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 s7(2)(a). |
| 9.4 | Proposed response to Ombudsman's provisional findings | 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 s7(2)(a). |

3. That the Independent Financial Advisor be permitted to remain during business with the public excluded.

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 11.59am.

Unconfirmed Minutes