

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 11 December 2018, commencing at 10.30am

Present:

Chairman, Bill Shepherd

Councillors:

John Bain

Justin Blaikie

Paul Dimery

Mike Finlayson

Penny Smart

Rick Stolwerk

Joce Yeoman

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

GM - Corporate Excellence

GM - Regulatory Services

Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

Finance Manager

Corporate Planning Manager

Strategic Projects Manager

Financial Accountant

Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori

Communications & Engagement Specialist

Strategic Policy Specialist

GIS Officer

Property Officer

Forestry Advisor

Land Management Advisor – Freshwater Project

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.30am.

Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Shepherd/Bain)

That the apologies from Councillor Sinclair and the Independent Financial Advisor 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.

Receipt of supplementary and tabled items - council meeting 11 December 2018 (Item 2.0A)

ID: A1136473

Report from Chris Taylor

Moved (Smart/Stolwerk)

That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following tabled and supplementary reports be received:

- Supplementary Item 5.1: Financial Report to 30 November 2018
- Tabled Item 6.5: Shag Lake – Grants for fencing and stockwater reticulation

Carried

Health and Safety Report for November 2018 (Item 3.0)

ID: A1133755

Report from Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

That the report 'Health and Safety Report for November 2018' by Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist and dated 28 November 2018, be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 20 November 2018 (Item 4.1)

ID: A1132228

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Dimery/Bain)

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 20 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

ID: A1132749

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Bain/Stolwerk)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Working Party Updates and Chairpersons' Briefings (Item 4.3)

ID: A1135043

Report from Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

Moved (Finlayson/Blaikie)

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

Carried

Financial Report to 30 November 2018 (Supplementary Item 5.1)

ID: A1132457

Report from Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant

Moved (Bain/Blaikie)

That the report 'Financial Report to 30 November 2018' by Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant and dated 5 December 2018, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note:

- *The Financial Manager provided commentary on the effect of market volatility on council's managed funds.*
- *A correction to be made to the table 'YTD Revenue Variance Indicators by Revenue Type' that the returns on the Short Term Fund and Infrastructure Investment Fund were **lower** than budgeted.*

Northland Inc. First Quarterly Reporting 2018/19 against Statement of Intent 2018-21 (Item 5.2)

ID: A1132803

Report from Jon Trewin, Economic Policy Advisor

Moved (Dimery/Finlayson)

That the report 'Northland Inc. First Quarterly Reporting 2018/19 against Statement of Intent 2018-21' by Jon Trewin, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 26 November 2018, be received.

Carried

Regional Swimming Water Quality Targets (Item 6.1)

ID: A1132658

Report from Justin Murfitt, Strategic Policy Specialist

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

1. That the report 'Regional Swimming Water Quality Targets' by Justin Murfitt, Strategic Policy Specialist and dated 26 November 2018, be received.

Carried

It was further moved (Yeoman/Smart)

2. That council approve final regional swimming water quality targets as set out in Attachment 1 (pertaining to Item 6.1 of the 11 December 2018 council meeting agenda).
3. That Attachment 1 replace the draft regional swimming water quality targets on the council website prior to 31 December 2018.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The Strategic Policy Specialist provided commentary on the regional swimming water quality targets and presented the initial results of the 'Where's your wai?' consultation.

Productivity Commission Issues Paper: Local Government Funding and Financing (Item 6.2)

ID: A1129258

Report from Justin Murfitt, Strategic Policy Specialist

Moved (Yeoman/Finlayson)

1. That the report 'Productivity Commission Issues Paper: Local Government Funding and Financing' by Justin Murfitt, Strategic Policy Specialist and dated 14 November 2018, be received.
2. That staff develop a draft submission on the issues paper by the Productivity Commission.
3. That council delegate authority to approve the draft submission to the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer (subject to the process set out in the delegations manual).

Carried

Council - Iwi Governance Agreement (Item 6.3)

ID: A1133533

Report from Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Moved (Dimery/Finlayson)

1. That the report 'Council - Iwi Governance Agreement' by Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement and dated 28 November 2018, be received.

Carried

It was further moved (Finlayson/Stolwerk)

2. That council endorse the draft Agreement document between the Mayoral Forum and Te Kahu o Taonui.
3. That Chairman Shepherd be delegated authority to sign the Agreement on behalf of council.
4. That the Chairman and a delegation attend the signing ceremony in February 2019.

Carried

(Councillor Bain voted against the motion and Councillor Dimery abstained)

'Our Vision | Te Pae Tawhiti' - Council's Strategic Direction Document (Item 6.4)

ID: A1133738

Report from Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager

Moved (Stolwerk/Smart)

1. That the report 'Our Vision | Te Pae Tawhiti' - Council's Strategic Direction Document' by Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager and dated 28 November 2018, be received.
2. That the document 'Our Vision | Te Pae Tawhiti', included as Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 6.4 of the 11 December 2018 council meeting agenda, be approved for final publication and distribution.
3. That the Group Manager – Strategy, Governance and Engagement be given delegated authority to approve any minor design, formatting, accuracy or typographical amendments to the document prior to it being published.

Carried

Shag Lake - Grants for fencing and stockwater reticulation (Tabled Item 6.5)

ID: A1136471

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

Moved (Stolwerk/Blaikie)

1. That the report 'Shag Lake - Grants for fencing and stockwater reticulation' by Imogen Field, Land Management Advisor - Freshwater Improvement Project and dated 7 December 2018, be received.
2. That the grant of \$39,512.00 from the Dune Lakes FIF Project be approved for the construction of a fence and stock water reticulation around Shag Lake.

Carried

Chair's Report to Council (Item 7.1)

ID: A1131108

Report from Bill Shepherd, Chairman

Moved (Shepherd/Bain)

That the report 'Chair's Report to Council' by Bill Shepherd, Chairman and dated 29 November 2018, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The Chair drew attention to commentary from the NZTA Regional Director, Steve Mutton, regarding the significant funding being invested into Northland roads which was attributed to the success of the Northland Transportation Alliance.

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 7.2)

ID: A1130869

Report from Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

Moved (Shepherd/Yeoman)

That the report 'Chief Executive's Report to Council' by Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA and dated 20 November 2018, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Council formally acknowledged the finalists in the Biosecurity New Zealand awards.

Business with Public Excluded (Item 8.0)

Moved (Shepherd/Bain)

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
8.1	Harvesting of the 1991 Mount Tiger Forestry Block	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(h) and the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).
8.2	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes - 20 November 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 -.
8.3	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 s7(2)(a).
8.4	Waipapa Property Investment	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(h) and the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).

8.5	Aquaculture - Provincial Growth Fund	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(b)(ii) and the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).
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3. That the Forestry Advisor be permitted to stay during business with the public excluded.

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 12.32pm.