

## Northland Regional Council Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Tuesday 21 May 2019, 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  
Chief Executive Officer  
GM - Environmental Services  
Governance Support Manager

#### Part Meeting

GM – Strategy, Governance and Engagement  
GM – Regulatory Services  
GM – Corporate Excellence  
GM - Customer Service - Community Resilience  
Community Engagement Manager  
Corporate Planning Manager  
Strategy Policy and Planning Manager  
Natural Resources Policy Manager  
Online Services Officer  
Communications and Engagement Specialist  
Finance Manager  
Financial Accountant  
Policy Specialist

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.

## **Receipt of Tabled Report (Item 2.0A)**

**ID: A1194776**

**Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager**

**Moved (Shepherd/Smart)**

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

- Amendment to Northland Regional Council Delegations Manual

**Carried**

## **Presentation - Rates Videos (Item 3.0)**

**ID: A1192432**

**Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager**

Communications and Engagement Specialist, Tamara Lee, and Online Services Officer, Jennifer Corbett, were in attendance and presented the three rates videos based on the 'Big Three'; Pest Management, Floods and Land/Water.

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

**ID: A1188984**

**Report from Beryl Steele, Human Resources Manager**

**Moved (Stolwerk/Dimery)**

That the report 'Health and Safety Report' by Beryl Steele, Human Resources Manager and dated 3 May 2019, be received.

**Carried**

## **Confirmation of Minutes - 16 April 2019 and 7 May 2019 (Item 5.1)**

**ID: A1188333**

**Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager**

**Moved (Bain/Finlayson)**

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 16 April 2019, and the extraordinary council meeting held on 7 May 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

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

**ID: A1190208**

**Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager**

**Moved (Sinclair/Stolwerk)**

That the action sheet be received.

**Carried**

## **Working Party Updates and Chairpersons' Briefings (Item 5.3)**

**ID: A1190488**

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

**Moved (Dimery/Yeoman)**

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

**Carried**

## **Council Working Group Updates (Item 5.4)**

**ID: A1188227**

**Report from Nola Sooner, Land and Rivers Team Administrator/PA**

**Moved (Bain/Blaikie)**

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

**Carried**

## **Financial Report to 30 April 2019 (Item 6.1)**

**ID: A1188711**

**Report from Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant**

**Moved (Finlayson/Blaikie)**

That the report 'Financial Report to 30 April 2019' by Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant and dated 2 May 2019, be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note:*

- *The Financial Manager provided a presentation detailing the actual results of council's externally managed fund portfolio during April 2019 and comparison with budget.*
- *The Independent Financial Advisor provided an update on the current financial situation and the need for council to put in place measures to ensure its work programmes were not at risk due to market volatility.*

## **Regional Rates Collection - Update to 31 March 2019 (Item 6.2)**

**ID: A1190502**

**Report from Simon Crabb, Finance Manager**

**Moved (Dimery/Stolwerk)**

That the report 'Regional Rates Collection - Update to 31 March 2019' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 8 May 2019, be received.

**Carried**

## **Appointment of Northland Inc. Directors (Item 7.1)**

**ID: A1189405**

**Report from Dave Tams, Group Manager, Corporate Excellence**

**Moved (Shepherd/Finlayson)**

1. That the report 'Appointment of Northland Inc. Directors' by Dave Tams, Group Manager, Corporate Excellence and dated 6 May 2019, be received.

**Carried**

**Moved (Bain/Blaikie)**

2. That Kris MacDonald be reappointed as a director of Northland Inc. Limited for a term of three years.
3. That David Crewe be reappointed as a director of Northland Inc. Limited for a term of three years.
4. That council continue to fund the additional two directorships to year ending 2021/22.

**Carried**

## **User Fees and Charges 2019/20 - Proposed alternative water take charge table (Item 7.2)**

**ID: A1191107**

**Report from Tess Dacre, Compliance Monitoring Manager and Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager**

**Moved (Yeoman/Finlayson)**

1. That the report 'User Fees and Charges 2019/20 - Proposed alternative water take charge table' by Tess Dacre, Compliance Monitoring Manager and Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager and dated 9 May 2019, be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Additional information was requested regarding the impact of retaining the current methodology for charging water permit holders. Hence the remaining resolutions were left on the table and addressed following Item 9.0; being the last item of business in open meeting. It was advised at this time that the outcome was a reduction in revenue in the order of \$48,000.*

**It was further moved (Stolwerk/Yeoman)**

2. That council support original table 3.5.3 'Water Takes Charges Scales', as consulted on and presented to council for its deliberations on 7 May 2019, and as included as **Attachment 2** to Item 7.2 [*pertaining to the 21 May 2019 council meeting agenda*], for inclusion in the final User Fees and Charges 2019/20 (Option 2).
3. That Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager – Strategy, Governance and Engagement, be given delegated authority to approve any minor formatting, accuracy and grammatical amendments to the final table.

Carried

**Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: Māori Technical Advisory Group - Additional Member (Item 7.3)**

ID: A1191154

Report from Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori

Moved (Dimery/Blaikie)

1. That the report 'Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: Māori Technical Advisory Group - Additional Member' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi - Kaupapa Māori and dated 9 May 2019, be received.
2. That council endorse Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rehia representative, Kipa Munro, as an additional member to the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG)
3. That a further two meetings be confirmed by council as per the Appointed Members Policy.

Carried

**Amendment to Northland Regional Council Delegations Manual (Tabled Item 7.4)**

ID: A1194489

Report from Michael Day, Natural Resources Policy Manager

Moved (Yeoman/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Amendment to Northland Regional Council Delegations Manual' by Michael Day, Natural Resources Policy Manager and dated 20 May 2019, be received.
2. That the Northland Regional Council's Delegations Manual is amended as set out in Appendix 1 [*pertaining to Item 7.4 of the 21 May 2019 council meeting agenda*].

Carried

**Chair's Report to Council (Item 8.1)**

ID: A1188198

Report from Bill Shepherd, Chairman

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

That the report 'Chair's Report to Council' by Bill Shepherd, Chairman and dated 1 May 2019, be received [*with deletion of the Chair's attendance at the Extension 350 field day at Phillips dairy farm*].

Carried

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

ID: A1189602

Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

That the report 'Chief Executive's Report to Council' by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer and dated 6 May 2019, be received.

Carried

*Secretarial Note: Appreciation was extended to the transport team for the road safety initiatives implemented over the Easter period which had contributed to no fatal crashes in Northland.*

## Receipt of Committee Minutes (Item 9.0)

ID: A1188415

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Bain/Smart)

That the unconfirmed minutes of the:

- Regional Transport Committee – 3 April 2019
- Property Subcommittee – 8 May 2019

be received.

Carried

*Secretarial Note: Following Item 9.0 council readdressed Item 7.2 'User Fees and Charges 2019/20 – Proposed alternative water take charge table'.*

## Business with Public Excluded (Item 10.0)

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
10.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes - 16 April 2019	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, as stated in the open section of the meeting -.
10.2	Receipt of Confidential Committee Minutes	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, as stated in the open section of the meeting -.

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 s7(2)(a).
10.4	Purchase of Whangārei CBD Properties	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).

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

**Carried**

## **Conclusion**

**The meeting concluded at 12.03pm.**