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 Christine 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)
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)


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)


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:

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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.