

## Northland Regional Council Minutes

The Inaugural Meeting held in the  
Northland Regional Council Chamber  
36 Water Street, Whangārei  
on Tuesday 29 October 2019, commencing at 1.00pm

### Present:

#### Elected Members:

John Bain  
Justin Blaikie  
Penny Smart  
Rick Stolwerk  
Joce Yeoman  
Jack Crow  
Amy Macdonald  
Marty Robinson

### In Attendance:

#### Full Meeting

Independent Financial Advisor  
Chief Executive Officer  
GM – Strategy, Governance and Engagement  
GM - Environmental Services  
GM - Corporate Excellence  
GM - Regulatory Services  
Governance Support Manager

#### Part Meeting

Strategic Projects Manager  
Chair's Personal Assistant  
Kaiārahi Tikanga Māori  
Property Officer

The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 1.00pm. The Kaiārahi Tikanga Māori provided a karakia.

### Apologies (Ngā whakapahā) (Item 1.0)

The apology from Elected Member Colin Kitchen were noted.

### Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Nga whakapuakanga) (Item 2.0)

The Chief Executive Officer advised that elected members must complete a declaration of conflict of interest and should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

## **Announcement of the results of Triennial Elections 2019 (Item 3.1)**

**ID: A1151055**

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

The report 'Announcement of the results of Triennial Elections 2019' by Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager and dated 22 October 2019, was noted.

## **Declaration by councillors (Item 3.2)**

**ID: A1151075**

**Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer**

*Secretarial Note: The Chief Executive Officer invited each councillor-elect (in alphabetical order by surname) to step forward, read the declaration out loud and sign the declaration document. The Chief Executive then witnessed each declaration with his signature. Councillors Macdonald, Robinson, Smart and Yeoman executed their declaration in both English and Te Reo.*

## **Election of Chairperson (Item 3.3)**

**ID: A1151562**

**Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer**

**Moved (Stolwerk/Craw)**

1. That the report 'Election of Chairperson' by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer and dated 18 October 2019, be received.

**Carried**

**Moved (Robinson/Blaikie)**

2. That in the event more than one nomination for Chairperson is received, "System A" as specified in Clause 25 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act be used for the election of the Chairperson.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for election to the office of Chairperson.*

**Moved (Bain/Stolwerk)**

- 2a. That Councillor Penny Smart be nominated Chairperson of the Northland Regional Council.

*Secretarial Note: Councillor Blaikie moved that Councillor Yeoman also be nominated as Chairperson of the Northland Regional Council. However, the nomination lapsed for lack of a seconder. Given no further nominations were forthcoming the Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Penny Smart as the elected Chairperson of the Northland Regional Council.*

## **Declaration by Chairperson (Item 3.4)**

**ID: A1151669**

**Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer**

*Secretarial Note:*

- *The Chief Executive Officer invited the newly elected Chairperson, Penny Smart, to make and sign the declaration to enable her to carry out her duties as Chairperson; as required by law. The Chief Executive then witnessed the declaration with his signature.*
- *The Chairperson then assumed the chair from the Chief Executive and addressed the meeting, expressing her appreciation, acknowledging previous and current councillors and setting the expectation of both her role as Chair and that of the Deputy Chair.*
- *The Chairperson then presided over the remainder of the council meeting.*

## **Election of Deputy Chairperson (Item 3.5)**

**ID: A1151889**

**Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer**

**Moved (Smart/Yeoman)**

1. That the report 'Election of Deputy Chairperson' by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer and dated 10 January 2019, be received.

**Carried**

**Moved (Macdonald/Robinson)**

2. That in the event more than one nomination for the Deputy Chairperson is received, System A as specified in Clause 25 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act be used for the election of the Deputy Chairperson.

**Carried**

**Moved (Craw/Robinson)**

- 2a. That Councillor Justin Blaikie be nominated Deputy Chairperson of the Northland Regional Council.

*Secretarial Note: Councillor Bain moved that Councillor Stolwerk also be nominated as Deputy Chairperson of the Northland Regional council. However, the nomination lapsed for lack of a seconder. Given no further nominations were forthcoming the Chairperson declared Councillor Justin Blaikie as the elected Deputy Chairperson of the Northland Regional Council.*

## **Legislation affecting councillors (Item 3.6)**

**ID: A1151892**

**Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer**

**Moved (Smart/Macdonald)**

- That the report 'Legislation affecting councillors' by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer and dated 18 October 2019, be received.

**Carried**

### **Fixing the date of the first ordinary meeting of council (Item 3.7)**

**ID: A1153536**

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

**Moved (Yeoman/Craw)**

1. That the report 'Fixing the date of the first ordinary meeting of council' by Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager and dated 18 October 2019, be received.
2. That council notes an extraordinary meeting of the Northland Regional Council will be held at the council offices, 36 Water Street, Whangārei on Wednesday 6 November 2019 commencing at 9.30am (to address business that has been suspended during the election period).
3. That the first ordinary meeting of the Northland Regional Council be held at the council offices, 36 Water Street, Whangārei on Tuesday 19 November 2019 commencing at 10.30am
4. That a schedule of council meetings for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year be presented at the first ordinary meeting of council for its consideration.
5. That a full meeting schedule (including the meeting dates of council's subordinate bodies) be presented to council for its consideration once the governance structure has been confirmed.

**Carried**

### **Conclusion**

**The meeting concluded at 1.38pm.**