

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 17 September 2019, commencing at 10.30am

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Independent Financial Advisor
Chief Executive Officer
GM - Environmental Services
GM - Regulatory Services
Strategy Policy and Planning Manager
Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

GM - Corporate Excellence
Finance Manager
Corporate Planning Manager
Strategic Policy Specialist
Financial Accountant
Policy Specialist

The Chair declared the last ordinary meeting for the triennium open at 10.30am

Apologies (Ngā whakapahā) (Item 1.0)

Moved (Shepherd / Sinclair)

That the apologies from Councillor Blaikie for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Nga whakapuakanga) (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: A1233818

Report from Beryl Steele, Human Resources Manager and Jessica Babe, Human Resources Advisor

Moved (Stolwerk/Bain)

That the report 'Health and Safety Report' by Beryl Steele, Human Resources Manager and Jessica Babe, Human Resources Advisor and dated 29 August 2019, be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 20 August 2019 (Item 4.1)

ID: A1234886

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Smart/Yeoman)

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 20 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

ID: A1235476

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Sinclair/Yeoman)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Working Party Updates and Chairpersons' Briefings (Item 4.3)

ID: A1197723

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

Moved (Sinclair/Smart)

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

Carried

Financial Report to 31 August 2019 (Item 5.1)

ID: A1236128

Report from Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant

Moved (Sinclair/Dimery)

That the report 'Financial Report to 31 August 2019' by Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant and dated 6 September 2019, be received.

Carried

noting it was too early in the financial year for definitive trends.

Continuity over council recess (Item 6.1)

ID: A1153631

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Yeoman/Smart)

1. That the report 'Continuity over council recess' by Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager and dated 9 August 2019, be received.
2. That in the period between the day following the Electoral Officer's declaration until the new council is sworn in for the 2019-2021 triennium, the council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make decisions over and above the Chief Executive's normal delegations in respect of urgent matters, except those responsibilities, duties and powers specifically excluded in terms of clause 32(1)(a)-(h) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
3. That any instances where the Chief Executive Officer exercises powers, in accordance with 2 above, shall be presented to the first ordinary meeting of the incoming council for ratification.
4. That the Collaborative Community Engagement Groups (the Catchment Working Groups and the River Working Groups) and their non-elected members be deemed not to be discharged. For the avoidance of doubt this includes the:
 - Ngunguru Catchment Working Group;
 - Waitangi Catchment Working Group;
 - Taumarere River Working Group;
 - Kerikeri River Working Group
 - Kaeo-Whangaroa River Working Group
 - Mangere Catchment Working Group
 - Ruakaka River Working Group
 - Poutō Catchment Working Group
 - Kaihū River Working Group
 - Doubtless Bay Catchment Working Group
 - Awanui River Working Group
 - Whangārei Catchment Working Group
 - Urban Whangārei River Working Group
 - Whangārei Heads Pest Management Working Group
5. That the Māori Technical Advisory Group and its members be deemed not to be discharged on the coming into office of the members of the council elected at the October 2019 triennial elections.

Carried

Submissions on Government's Proposals - Delegated Authority for Approval (Item 6.2)

ID: A1232074

Report from Ben Tait, Policy Specialist - Water and Justin Murfitt, Strategic Policy Specialist

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

1. That the report 'Submissions on Government's Proposals - Delegated Authority for Approval' by Ben Tait, Policy Specialist - Water and Justin Murfitt, Strategic Policy Specialist and dated 23 August 2019, be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson, is delegated authority to lodge submissions with the Government on its proposals of interest to council during the election period.
3. That the draft submissions will be circulated to elected members for comment prior to lodgement.
4. That the final submissions will be provided to council for approval at its next meeting.

Carried

Chair's Report to Council (Item 7.1)

ID: A1233829

Report from Bill Shepherd, Chairman

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

That the report 'Chair's Report to Council' by Bill Shepherd, Chairman and dated 30 August 2019, be received.

Carried

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 7.2)

ID: A1232153

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 31 August 2019, be received.

Carried

Updated report on Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Performance Measures for the Year Ended 30 June 2019 (Item 7.3)

ID: A1235207

Report from Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

That the report 'Updated report on Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Performance Measures for the Year Ended 30 June 2019' by Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager and dated 3 September 2019, be received.

Carried

Legislative compliance for the period 1 January - 30 June 2019 (Item 7.4)

ID: A1235566

Report from Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager

Moved (Yeoman/Bain)

That the report 'Legislative compliance for the period 1 January - 30 June 2019' by Kyla Carlier, Corporate Planning Manager and dated 4 September 2019, be received.

Carried

Receipt of Committee Minutes (Item 8.0)

ID: A1235293

Report from Chris Taylor, Governance Support Manager

Moved (Bain/Smart)

That the unconfirmed minutes of the:

- Regional Transport Committee – 7 August 2019;
- Property Subcommittee – 3 September 2019;

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 - 20 August 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 -.
9.2	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 -.
9.3	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).

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

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 11.05am.