

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 29 July 2020, commencing at 10.00am

Present:

Chairperson, Penny Smart

Councillors:

John Bain

Justin Blaikie

Jack Craw

Colin Kitchen (*remotely via audio visual link*)

Amy Macdonald

Marty Robinson

Rick Stolwerk

Joce Yeoman (*remotely via audio visual link*)

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Chief Executive Officer

GM - Environmental Services

GM - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Strategy, Policy and Planning Manager

Land Management Advisor - Project Lead

Land Management Advisor

Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

GM - Regulatory Services

Regional Harbourmaster

Corporate Planning Manager

Natural Resources Policy Manager

Biosecurity Manager - Marine

Coastal and Water Quality Field Operations Manager

Policy Specialist

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.04am and proceedings commenced with a karakia by Councillor Yeoman.

Apologies (Ngā whakapahā) (Item 1.0)

The apologies from Independent Advisor, Danny Tuato'o, were acknowledged after the meeting.

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.

Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme (Item 3.1)

ID: A1343812

Report from Ben Lee, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager and Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Moved (Bain/Stolwerk)

1. That the report 'Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme' by Ben Lee, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager, and Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement and dated 22 July 2020, be received.
2. That council authorise the Chair to sign, on behalf of Northland Regional Council, the updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Government, Kaipara Uri entities and the Auckland Council (*as tabled at the 29 July 2020 Extraordinary Council meeting*).
3. That council authorise the establishment of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee (a joint committee of councils) with the Auckland Council and Kaipara Uri entities, pursuant to clause 30(1)(b) and 30A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.
4. That council adopt the updated Terms of Reference for the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee (a joint committee of councils) and delegate those responsibilities, duties and powers to the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee once established (*as tabled at the 29 July 2020 Extraordinary Council meeting*).
5. That council appoint the following three Northland Regional Councillors to the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee (a joint committee of councils):
 - (i) Cr Smart
 - (ii) Cr Yeoman
 - (iii) Cr Macdonald.
6. That, pursuant to clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee will not be deemed to be discharged after a future triennial general election, and will be discharged after the establishment by statute of the anticipated co-governance Kaipara Moana Body.
7. That council authorise the allocation of \$300,000 from council's 2020/21 Environment Fund budget to the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme representing in part, council's contribution to Year one of the programme.
8. That council notes that the Government contribution of \$100 million towards \$200 million for the first six-year Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme, is conditional on confirmation of how the council and landowner contribution will make up the other fifty percent by the end of financial year 2020/2021, including councils having secured their funding contributions through their respective Long Term Plan 2021-2031 processes.
9. That council authorise the Chair to agree changes of a minor nature to the Memorandum of Understanding, if required prior to signing, in consultation with the Government, Kaipara Uri entities and the Auckland Council.
10. That council authorise the Chair to agree changes of a minor nature to the Terms of Reference if required, in consultation with Kaipara Uri entities and the Auckland Council.

Carried

Secretarial Note:

- *Clarification was provided that Investment Objectives 5.2 and 5.3 within the Memorandum of Understanding were still under negotiation and signalled the openness of member parties to work collaboratively if other opportunities arose.*
- *Appreciation was extended to both staff and councillors for their involvement in the process and securing such a significant project for Northland.*

Afforestation Innovation - Kaipara Flagship Project (Item 3.2)

ID: A1344692

Report from Louise Orford, Biosecurity Officer - Team Support

Moved (Stolwerk/Blaikie)

1. That the report 'Afforestation Innovation - Kaipara Flagship Project' by Louise Orford, Biosecurity Officer - Team Support and dated 24 July 2020, be received.
2. That the council approve grant funding for the Kaipara flagship planting project to a total amount of \$92,400, funded from the following sources:

MPI contribution	NRC (RAGS) contribution
\$49,896	\$42,504

Carried

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 10.41am.