

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Councillors Pat Seymour (Chair), Amber Dunn (Deputy Chair), Andy Cranston, Karen Fenn, Malcolm MacLean, Rehette Stoltz, Josh Wharehinga and His Worship the Mayor (ex officio)

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & REGULATIONS

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 12 June 2019 at 1:00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Pat Seymour (Chair), Rehette Stoltz, Andy Cranston, Amber Dunn, Josh Wharehinga and Malcolm MacLean.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director Environmental Services & Protection Nick Zaman, Strategic Planning Manager Jo Noble, Building Service Manager Ian Petty, Harbourmaster Salvatore "Sonny" Ali, Environmental Scientist Sandy Gorrige, Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Gary McKenzie, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Governance Advisor Jill Simpson.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

MOVED by Cr MacLean, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Minutes of 1 May 2019 be accepted subject to minor amendment.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.3 Governance Work Plan

The following points were highlighted:

- Discussions occurred around Freedom Camping Enforcement at Community Development & Services Committee on 12 June.
- Freedom Camping Bylaw Review report to the Community Development & Services Committee meeting in September to seek direction from a policy context.
- Any new bylaw decision would be a report to the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee following the elections.

Nick Zaman will assess the points raised at the Community Development & Services Committee meeting, assess if there are some quick wins and update the Governance Work Plan accordingly.

4. Leave of Absence

Leave of absence has been granted to Cr Karen Fenn.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

6. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

10.1 19-191 Quarterly Activity Report

Discussions included:

- Freedom camping/Summer Camping enforcement is complex because of confusion between the two. A report will be brought to the Committee with a planned Enforcement Programme before the start of summer stating what we can and can't do. In the past there have been no prosecutions however Infringement Notices have been issued and people asked to move on.
- It was mentioned by a Government official at the Rural Provincial meeting that the name "Freedom Camping" may be changed to "Responsible Camping" because of the nation-wide confusion around freedom camping.

- Work being done on the Freedom/Summer Camping Bylaw should also take into account conveying clear messages with signage, obligations of owners with dogs and driving on beaches (four wheel bikes and two wheel bikes).
- The boat that had the Mediterranean Fan Worm issues was taken out of the water in liaison with the Harbourmaster and Maritime New Zealand. In term of cost, Council paid for the use of the crane and staff time amounting to \$1,400. Council has sought cost recovery and the owner of the boat has been issued with an account, however the owner is now in Brazil. Initially the boat was detained by Maritime New Zealand for safety reasons and the boat was taken out of the water for bio-security issues. The Harbourmaster does not have the powers to detain a vessel for anything other than safety.
- Money has been set aside in the Long Term Plan for the replacement of the parking meters. Two new parking meters have been purchased and they allow payment by bankcard etc. A few teething problems with the tap and go system. Meters purchased are able to be set up with the digital functions. It is a slow replacement programme, however with the removal of the defunct meters we now have spare parts.
- There was a query about the reasons for the significant increase in noise complaints and whether it was seasonal, staff will be investigate and come back to the Committee.
- Information going out to the public regarding swimming pools is a targeted campaign in terms of pamphlet drops. Staff are working with 3 Waters and maximising Council resources. The Act states we only have to target known pools. Comprehensive information is held by Council on the installation of new pools.
- The recent Uawa event was a 1 in 7 year event so the wording in the report that states it is an annual event will be struck through.
- The LAWA site is being used for getting information to the public. Work is also being done in terms of education around water allocation, monitoring and compliance which will be placed on both the Council website and LAWA.
- The research grant to assess the gully systems is building on work done by Mike Marden who is on the Research Project Team. It is further understanding best practice tools in terms of mitigation of erosion in gullies.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

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10.2 19-140 Harbour Master Activity Report

Salvatore (Sony) Ali attended and discussions included:

- Previous structural assessments completed for the Tokomaru Bay and Wharekahika Heritage Wharves have been made available to the fundraising community.
- Jet skis do need to be registered at Council however there is no charge and once registered the jet skis can be used anywhere in the country. The registration comes with a registration number, however presently in Gisborne the owner can make up their own number and this is identified as room for improvement.
- The initial intention is to provide coastal communities with life jackets to be available for borrowing and return. An application for funding has been made to Water Safety New Zealand for the life jackets. The programme was developed with the intent that they are free to use, however the local community having some ownership.

MOVED by Cr Dunn, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report, and in particular:
 - a. the importance of core Harbourmaster functions - including Navigation & Safety Bylaw enforcement, ensuring Marine Oil Spill Response capability, and Maritime Safety;
 - b. that as a result of the current Safety Management System (SMS) review process several maritime related functions may require revision as part of our next Long-Term Plan to ensure Council adequately manages risks.

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10.3 19-217 Wharekopae River Restoration Project

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

10.4 19-236 Independent Analysis of the 2017/18 Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Metrics for the Regional Sector

Nick Zaman told the Committee that this is the first time such a comprehensive report has been done across all sixteen regional and unitary authorities looking at the state of compliance. It compares the sectors across the nation stemming from a piece of work commissioned by one of the Compliance and Enforcement Special Interest Group (CESIG) which is one of the National Special Interest Groups that all Regional Sector councils sit on. It looks at how Councils are responding and managing the growing number of resource consents required to be monitored and responding to incidents.

Discussions included:

- The report flags that nation-wide there is an issue around how we capture and report on data. It is a national problem and Councils have different systems.
- It is difficult to get all the data into a single common reporting format.
- Council does not have a 'push button' reporting system and this is a wider problem for Council in terms of our Information Management Systems. There is a review of Council's systems which will gear us up to reporting more easily in terms of the national requirements and information that is being sought by Central Government. Money is set aside in the Long Term Plan and information will be bought back to Council as part of our wider review of our information management systems.

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr MacLean

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

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11. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.50pm.

Pat Seymour
Chairperson