

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Pat Seymour (Chair), Amber Dunn, 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 Thursday 21 March 2019 at 1:00pm.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director Environmental Services & Protection Nick Zaman, Building Service Manager Ian Petty, Land Management Officer Melanie Cheetham, Consents Manager Reginald Proffit, Integrated Catchments Manager Dr Murry Cave, Environmental Monitoring and Science Manager Lois Easton, Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Manager Helen Montgomery, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Advisor Shona Anderson.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Fenn

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the apologies from Cr Fenn and Cr MacLean be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 13 February 2019

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Minutes of 13 February 2019 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.3 Governance Work Plan Placeholder

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements and 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 DECISION

10.1 Natural Heritage Fund Report 2019- Allocation of Natural Heritage Fund

Land Management Officer Melanie Cheetham explained that all projects have been almost fully funded to more than 90%, apart from Mangaparai Papakainga which is eligible for other sources of funding such as One Billion trees and Trees that Count.

Cr Seymour requested that an additional column be added to the matrix to give scale to the size of the project/ land size.

MOVED by Cr Dunn, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the Natural Heritage Fund allocations as follows:
 - a) Whinray Ecological Trust Kiwi Creche enhancement project to be granted \$6,000.
 - b) Mangaparai Papakainga restoration project to be granted \$7,500.
 - c) Puketahuna wetland restoration project to be granted \$2,850.
 - d) 1262 Riverside Road Waimata riparian project to be granted \$5,600.
 - e) Taumatapoupou riparian restoration project to be granted \$2,000.
 - f) Otoko wetland project to be granted \$2,300.
 - g) 202 Riverside Road bush project to be granted \$3,750.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 Earthquake Prone Buildings - Status Update

Building Service Manager Ian Petty explained:

- The process for applying for extensions on Earthquake strengthening which takes into account the risk that might be posed by both entering the property and passing by.
- The Act requires Council to put up notices on buildings that are unsafe. It goes on a national register and also it is illegal to take signs down.
- Brick buildings outside the area can apply for exemptions, ie rural churches. To apply for an exemption there are six tests to pass so as to be considered exempt from being earthquake prone.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Dunn

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

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11.2 After-Hours Stock Control Service Funding Allocation

Compliance and Enforcement Manager Helen Montgomery answered questions in relation to where costs have been allocated originally. The original cost centre was Animal Control Services. Now staff can be more specific and apply this to the stock control cost centre.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report – and in particular:
 - a Council staff are more accurately recording full costs associated with the management of stock control on the state highway.
 - b) In the coming financial year (2019/20) overheads and all other costs associated with stock control will be allocated to the appropriate cost centre.
 - c) Any underspend in this financial year will be transferred as a reserve into the next financial year for the use of stock control.
 - d) Once a more accurate analysis has been undertaken as to the true cost of providing the service, including allocation of overheads, an accurate cost of the service will be known and updated in our year end financials.

CARRIED

11.3 Environmental Planning Regulations Quarterly Activity Report

Cr Stoltz commended the layout of the report.

In response to questions around not meeting targets on building consents and noise control, Nick Zaman responded:

- There has been an increase in LIMs and building consents which has put operating expenditure up. There are higher than expected consultant fees which Council expect to recover through the consent process but this will not show in this quarter.
- There are some litigation cases that the Committee are aware of. We do get cost recovery of 50% through Council insurers.
- Quarter one noise complaints often increase around the summer and events being held such as R&V. New legislation has also been introduced. High staffing requirements around this time of year.
- Barking dogs is not part of this noise control figure.

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:

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CARRIED

12. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Elected Members Reports for INFORMATION

12.1 Regional Sector Group Meeting

The Regional Sector Group Meeting was held in Wellington on 15 February and Cr Seymour noted:

- Presentations are highlighted from some of the key speakers
- The Regional Sector Group Meeting notes and attachments will be shared with the other Committees as an information report.
- Council have agreed to support the LGNZ submission. Democracy and Services manager Heather Kohn will make link available for the Local Government Funding and Financing Inquiry

Nick Zaman made a mention around submissions that this report highlights the amount of work going on across central government. Council often get asked to make local submissions, but often on very short notice in between committees. This will be discussed with the rest of the leadership team in terms of a process that could flag up some of the more important submission work.

Environmental Monitoring and Science Manager Lois Easton updated the committee that; The 'Overseer' Report by Simon Upton has been released and been read. She felt the report was ambivalent. Overseer is currently in use on our dairy farms to record effluent management. The issue of funding is that Overseer is part funded by regional Councils and the fertiliser industry. Council are often asked to help fund its development, which there is already a fee to use and that it's not a perfect tool so does requires further investment.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Cranston

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14. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.39pm.

Pat Seymour
Chairperson