



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Date:** Wednesday 18 March 2009

**Time:** 9.00am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
NAPIER

**Present:** A Dick - Chairman  
T Gilbertson  
N Kirton  
E McGregor  
L Remmerswaal  
K Rose  
C Scott  
E von Dadelszen

**In Attendance:** A Newman – Chief Executive  
P Drury – Group Manager Corporate Services  
M Adye – Group Manager Asset Management  
M Buchanan – Group Manager Environmental Management  
H Codlin – Group Manager Strategic Development  
M Mohi – Chairman – Maori Committee  
C Gilbertson – Administration Manager

**1. WELCOME/PRAYER/APOLOGIES**

Chairman Alan Dick welcomed everyone to the meeting and called up Councillor Scott to deliver the prayer. There were no apologies.

**2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

- i. Meeting at Napier City Council – 8 April**
- ii. Media Coverage – 10 Year Plan**
- iii. Pakowhai Country Park**
- iv. Aramoana**
- v. Argentine Ants**
- vi. Wasps**
- vii. Maori Pronunciation**

**4. ADOPTION OF AUDITED DRAFT 10 YEAR PLAN (LTCCP)**

The Chairman introduced this item and outlined the process the Council has taken so far on its discussions for their 10 Year Plan which included a number of informal meetings, workshops and Council meetings. He also outlined the impact of the visioning done by Council through the establishment of the Embracing Futures Thinking document and said this 10 Year Plan was a significant strategic document which was not just an evolution but a transformational document. He said the role and existence of not only this regional council but all regional councils, is likely to be challenged over the next few years and therefore it was important that this Council be a high performance organisation which needed to continually improve and show high performance at all levels. The Chairman commended the staff for a great job done on this document.

Mr Drury advised that the audit of the 10 Year Plan had been completed with an audit clearance being given so now Council needed to consider and adopt the audited Draft 10 Year Plan 2009-19 so that it could be finalised, printed and distributed for public consultation by Monday 6 April 2009. In response to a question, Mr Drury advised that the audit of this Plan would cost approximately \$60,000.

Councillors discussed the Draft Plan and commented that it was very readable document and well laid out; while it is an excellent Plan there was question whether it recognised major future issues the Council will face; the Right Debate section and questions to submitters and readers was very useful; the work that Council does in the biosecurity area and the significant advances made in the last 4-5 years in this area and also land drainage and river control was applauded. Councillors commended the planning process undertaken for this plan, and acknowledged that Councillors must be receptive to the submissions that are received, and said the Plan had taken into account the current economic recession by trying to work smarter and shifting priorities.

The Chairman said the document was not a “business as usual” Plan and there was a large focus on water strategies, wastewater issues, water harvesting and having mechanisms for allocation of water resource and the impact of the 10 Year Plan on the environment was very significant.

## **Resolutions:**

1. That Council:
  - 1.1 Confirm the decisions recommended in this paper are not able to be implemented until the effect of these decisions are included in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 and that the audited draft plan be subjected to a special consultative procedure as required by section 93(2) of the Act.
  - 1.2 Agree to fund the underlying deficits in the years where the deficits are shown in the plan, from cash operating balances which are estimated to be at a level which are sufficient to provide such funding.
  - 1.3 Adopt the proposed scale and schedule of charges set out in the "Resource Management Charges" included in Part 4 of the audited draft Long Term Council Community Plan LTCCP 2009-19, and submit to the special consultative procedure as set out in Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (in conjunction with the draft LTCCP) and be part of the overall Statement of Proposal in accordance with Sections 36(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
  - 1.4 Adopt the audited draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 incorporating the changes initiated by the Council at Council workshops on 13 December 2008, 3 February 2009 and 20 February 2009, and any changes made by the Council at their meeting held on 18 March 2009, under Sections 83 and 93 of the Local Government Act 2002 for the purposes of initiating the special consultative procedure and the audited draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 as adopted be part of the Statement of Proposal.
  - 1.5 Agree that where the special consultative procedure is required for any significant decisions that are included in the audited draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19, the Statement of Proposal as required under Section 83 (1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act 2002 is the audited draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19, the proposed amendments to the Investment Policy, Liability Management Policy and the Revenue and Financing Policy and further, the policies set out in Part 4 of the plan (excluding accounting policies) being open for review and public comment in line with Council's own policy to review through a special consultative procedure these policies every three years.
  - 1.6 Agree that the Summary of Information as required by Section 83 (1)(a)(ii) and Section 89 will be in the form of the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 summary which will be included in the April issue of the Big Picture.
  - 1.7 Give public notice pursuant to Section 83 (e), (f), and (g) of the Local Government Act 2002, to notify the adoption of the audited draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 with a closing date of submissions on 11 May 2009.

**Scott/McGregor  
CARRIED**

## **5. PRESENTATION ON RUGBY WORLD CUP**

Mrs Janet Takarangi was in attendance for this item and gave a presentation to Council on the Rugby World Cup.

Mrs Takarangi reminded Councillors that Hawke's Bay had been granted two

matches to be held in Napier for the Rugby World Cup which begins on 9 September 2011. These are scheduled for 18 and 27 September 2011. She said the regional bid consisted of a bid for matches, hosting a team, and being part of a "stadium of 4 million" concept. The outlined budget for the World Cup is \$620,000 which is made up of: in kind - \$120,000; sector groups within the region - \$100,000 (TBC); Hawke's Bay Inc - \$200,000 with a shortfall of \$200,000.

Mrs Takarangi advised that an experienced event manager, Mr Peter Mooney, had just been appointed to scope the RWC plan and get started on this project. Mrs Takarangi advised that Hawke's Bay Inc would not know the outcome of the request for hosting teams until the end of this year. It was acknowledged that holding the two matches here in Hawke's Bay would give massive international media exposure and having one or more teams staying in the Bay with their supporters would provide good economic implications for the Bay.

**Resolutions:**

1. That Council receive the presentation by Mrs Janet Takarangi on the Rugby World Cup.

**Rose/Gilbertson  
CARRIED**

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**i. Meeting at Napier City Council – 8 April**

The Chairman requested an indication of which Councillors were available for a meeting with Napier City Council on 8 April.

**ii. Media Coverage – 10 Year Plan**

The Chairman advised that he and the Chief Executive had held a media briefing on the 10 Year Plan on Monday, 16 March, personnel from local radio stations and print media attended this briefing.

**iii. Pakowhai Country Park**

Councillors were advised that the Landcare Foundation had allocated \$9,000 for the Regional Council to use for planting at the Pakowhai Country Park.

**iv. Aramoana**

A question was raised about whether this item still needed to be considered in public excluded session.

**v. Argentine Ants**

Councillor Rose and Mr Adye will ensure that a recent letter to the editor published in Hawke's Bay Today is appropriately responded to.

**vi. Wasps**

There was a suggestion that number of wasps in Central Hawke's Bay could have increased, it was suggested that there should be some consideration about what responsibility Council may wish to have with regard to their control/management.

**vii. Maori Pronunciation**

Mr Mohi, Chairman of Maori Committee, offered to teach Councillors how to properly pronounce some commonly used Maori words. He suggested this could be done at the end of each Council meeting.

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.35am.

Signed as a true and correct record.

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRMAN:** .....