

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2020** commencing at **9.30 am**.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Chairperson)
Cr AD Bech
Cr CA Eyre
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr B MacLeod (Deputy Chair, Raglan Community Board)
Mr D Whyte (Chair, Huntly Community Board)

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr TG Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr I Cathcart (Special Infrastructure Projects Manager)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager)
Mr N Johnston (Funding and Partnerships Manager)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)

Staff opened the meeting with a karakia in Aafrikans, Punjabi, English and Te Reo Maaori.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Patterson)

THAT an apology be received from Crs Church and McGuire

CARRIED

WDC2001/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Bech)

THAT the agenda for an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held on **Wednesday, 29 January 2019** be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 8 which shall be considered with the public excluded;

AND THAT in accordance with **Standing Order 9.13** the Council resolves that the following item be added to the public excluded agenda as a matter of urgency as advised by **His Worship the Mayor**:

- **Mayoral Issues – verbal update**

AND FURTHER THAT the Deputy Chair of the Raglan Community Board, Mr **Bob MacLeod**, be given speaking rights for the duration of the open section of this meeting.

CARRIED

WDC2001/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

REPORTS

Provincial Growth Fund application: Raglan Wharf
Agenda Item 4.1

The Funding and Partnership Manager provided the background to the proposed application and the reasons for the short timeframe to complete the application process. Supported by the Finance Manager, the Funding and Partnership Manager highlighted, and responded to questions on, the following matters:

- The proposal had been co-designed with the community, including the Raglan Community Board and members of the local fishing industry.
- Waikato-Tainui approached the Chief Executive originally in relation to opportunities for the Raglan wharf.
- Parking would need to be considered alongside any structural improvements proposed for the wharf. Parking was a prominent issue when staff engaged with the community.
- The proposed \$630,000 from the Raglan Harbour Reserve Fund was not allocated to any other project or work; the Reserve was ring-fenced for work on the wharf.
- Council received rental from activities on the wharf and other properties not situated on the wharf; such rental was allocated to the Raglan Harbour Reserve Fund.

- \$140,000 would be an internal charge for advancing the \$630,000 from the Reserve Fund.

Mr MacLeod spoke in support of the application on behalf of the Raglan Community Board.

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Lynch)

THAT the report from the Acting General Manager Community Growth be received;

AND THAT the Council endorses an application to the Provincial Growth Fund requesting \$2.5 million towards Raglan Wharf redevelopment work;

AND FURTHER THAT, provided the Provincial Growth Fund application is successful, Council approves that \$630,000 be brought forward from the Raglan Harbour Reserve Fund to contribute to the redevelopment work.

CARRIED

WDC2001/03

Submission on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Funding Review
Agenda Item 4.2

The Chief Financial Officer outlined the background and context to this matter. She highlighted, and responded to questions on, the following matters:

- Historic funding framework for rural fire fighting services.
- Staff had provided feedback to the SOLGM submission to address the wider issue of other levies that central government was proposing local authorities might need to on-charge.
- Background information from central government did not specify whether FENZ received funding from St John as a 'first responder'.

Elected members endorsed the approach in the draft submission and that a significant national review was required on funding of Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Smith)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT the Council approves the submission on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Funding Review, as attached to the staff report.

CARRIED

WDC2001/04

Submission - Land Transport (Rail) Legislation Bill
Agenda Item 4.3

The Strategic Projects Manager provided an overview of the Bill. He highlighted, and responded to questions on, the following matters:

- The Bill's shortcomings, as addressed in the draft submission.
- Other key points addressed in the draft submission.

Members requested that the following points were made more explicit in the submission:

- The need for new money for rail network improvements, rather than diverting funds from roading.
- Hamilton metro plan (i.e. links to towns within the District).

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Smith)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT the Council approves the submission on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Funding Review, as attached to the staff report.

CARRIED

WDC2001/05

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 5

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Thomson)

THAT the report of the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT the public be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to deliberate and make decisions on the following items of business:

REPORTS

a. Raglan Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Consents (Renewal)

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution to withhold exists under:

Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution is:

**Section 7(2)(b)(ii)
Section 7(2)(j)**

Section 48(1)(a)

b. Mayoral Issues – verbal update (Ref WDC2001/02)

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution to withhold exists under:

Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution is:

Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

Section 48(1)(a)

CARRIED

WDC2001/06

Resolutions WDC2001/07 – WDC2001/08 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

Having concluded the public excluded session, and there being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 11.14am.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day February 2020.

AM Sanson
CHAIRPERSON