

MINUTES of an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2018** commencing at **1.00pm.**

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Chairperson)
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr DW Fulton
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr RC McGuire
Cr FM McNally
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson

Attending:

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Mrs RJ Gray (Council Support Manager)
Mr V Ramduny (Planning & Strategy Manager)
Ms A Diaz (Finance Manager)
Mr M Garrett (Waikato Regional Council)
Mr J Gonzalez (Waikato Regional Council)
Mr T Rowland (Hamilton News)
Mr G Piddock (Waikato Times)
3 members of staff
1 member of the public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Smith)

THAT an apology be received from Cr Main.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/18

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Bech/Lynch)

THAT the agenda for the extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Wednesday 28 November 2018 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/19

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Fulton, Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick advised members of the Board that they would declare a financial conflict of interest in the following item:

- Memorandum of Understanding for Remunerating Elected Representatives Serving on the Proposed District Plan Independent Hearings Panel – P&R1811/09

RECIPT OF MINUTES

Policy & Regulatory Committee Meeting – 20 November 2018
Agenda Item 4.1

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Bech)

THAT the minutes of a Hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 20 November 2018 be received.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/20

2017/18 Annual Dog Control Annual Report – P&R1811/05

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/McGuire)

THAT Council approves the 2017/18 Animal Control Report with amendments as noted for release to Local Government NZ and the community.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/21

Fraud Prevention Policy – P&R1811/07

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Gibb)

THAT Council approves the proposed amendments to the Fraud Prevention Policy.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/22

Cr Fulton, Cr Gibb and Cr Sedgwick declared a conflict of interest in the following item and withdrew to the gallery. They took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

Memorandum of Understanding for Remunerating Elected Representatives Serving on the Proposed District Plan Independent Hearings Panel – P&R1811/09

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Smith)

THAT Council approves the remuneration for Cr Dynes Fulton, Cr Janet Gibb and Cr Jan Sedgwick as per the hearing rate set by the Remuneration Authority for elected representatives of the Waikato District Council for the duration of the Proposed Waikato District Plan hearings (this includes pre-hearing preparation and post-hearing work related to decisions).

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/23

Sensitive Expenditure Policy Review – P&R1811/10

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Patterson)

THAT Council approves the revised Sensitive Expenditure Policy.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/24

Standing Orders Policy – P&R1811/11

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Lynch)

THAT Council adopt the Standing Orders Policy originally dated 1 November 2016.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/25

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Church)

THAT Council approves the 2019 Annual Meeting Calendar.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/26

REPORTS

Single Stage Business Case Hamilton to Auckland Start-up Passenger Rail Service **Agenda Item 5.1**

The Strategic Projects Manager acknowledged the presence of Mr Garrett and Mr Gonzalez of the Waikato Regional Council. He provided an overview of the business case, the key risks and benefits, and the funding required to support the start-up passenger rail service between Hamilton to Auckland. Cr Fulton, as the Council representative on the Hamilton to Auckland Transport Connections Working Party, spoke to the report advising that it had been a robust process, with partners having to work across council boundaries and noted that the process had moved quickly. He expressed his congratulations to the goodwill that allowed this to happen. Members were given the opportunity to question and consider a change to the report recommendation.

Mr Gonzalez answered questions asked of him in relation to Mercer. The Chief Operating Officer supported the context of the resolution that work is documented to support the conversation to be held with the Tuakau community.

Resolved: (Crs Fulton/Smith)

THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT Council receive and endorse the *Single Stage Business Case: Hamilton to Auckland Start-Up Passenger Rail Service* (included as Attachment I of the agenda) for submission to NZTA;

AND FURTHER THAT Council confirm funding allocated in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP) for the Hamilton to Auckland start-up passenger rail service operations that will likely commence early 2020 subject to:

- a. Waikato Regional Council and Hamilton City Council endorsing the SSBC and both confirming the necessary capital and operational funding for the service.**
- b. NZTA's Board approving the SSBC and confirming the release of funding for the start-up rail service at its meeting on 14 December 2018.**
- c. An open book price audit of KiwiRail costs being carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced person to the Waikato Regional Council's (the client) satisfaction.**
- d. NZTA providing an enhanced Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) of 75.5% for public transport operations, 76% for above track work (this is for the Huntly**

