

MINUTES of a Hearing by Commissioners of the Regulatory Subcommittee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2019** commencing at **9.00am**.

Present:

Cr DW Fulton (Chairperson)
Cr J Gibb
Cr J Sedgwick

Attending:

Ms C Pidduck (Legal Counsel)
Mr B Watene (Team Leader Animal Control)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)

Mr J Yearbury (Objector)
Ms S Yearbury (Objector)
Ms B Duncan (Complainant)
Mr A James (Complainant)

HEARING

Objection to Dangerous Classification by Stephanie Yearbury
File Numbers DOGS1979/19, Animal ID: 34184, Person ID: 127654

INTRODUCTION

Commissioner Fulton introduced the members of the hearing panel and welcomed all parties.

HEARING OF THE APPLICATION

The Team Leader Animal Control gave a verbal update and answered questions of the Subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 9.08am and resumed at 9.18am.

Legal Counsel advised that a JP can take an affidavit as an affirmation or a sworn statement. Both are able to be relied upon. The statement that was referred to in the document as annexed would normally be attached as an exhibit, and have an exhibit stamp to be completed. The affirmation in the bundle of documents did not have the statement included as the exhibit.

The Animal Control Team Leader had no further comments to add.

RIGHT OF REPLY

Mrs Yearbury had no further comments to add.

The hearing adjourned at 9.32am and the decision reserved.

DELIBERATIONS

The Commissioners undertook deliberations on all evidence presented.

DECISION

THAT the report of the General Manager Customer Support be received;

AND THAT the Dangerous Classification of the German Shepherd called Scout, owned by Stephanie Yearbury, under Section 31 of the Dog Control Act 1996 is rescinded.

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The hearing was declared closed at 1030am on Monday 19 August 2019.