

Minutes of a hearing by the Waikato District Council (to hear and consider submissions and make recommendations on the Proposed Waikato District Council – Representation Review 2018) held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2018** commencing at **9.00am.**

Present:

Cr DW Fulton (Chairperson)
Cr JA Church
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr BL Main
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson

Attending:

Mr TG Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mrs RJ Gray (Council Support Manager)
Mr D Ofoske (Independent Services Electoral Officer)
Miss S Solomon (Junior Corporate Planner)
Ms M Russo (Acting Corporate Planner Team Leader)
Mrs IJ Huirama (Team Administrator)
Mr A Marais (GIS Team Leader)
Members of Staff
Members of the Public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Fulton/Sedgwick)

THAT an apology be received from His Worship the Mayor, Cr Bech, Cr McGuire and Cr McNally.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1808/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Church/Main)

THAT the agenda for a hearing of the Waikato District Council held on Wednesday 29 August 2018 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1808/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

BACKGROUND

The Chair spoke of the 147 submissions submitted on the Representation Review with a large number received from the Tuakau-Onewhero area. Themes focussed on the consultation process that the Junior Corporate Planner, Chief Operating Officer and Electoral Officer had been involved in. The Chief Operating Officer clarified the consultation process that Council had provided. *[Refer Doc 1]*

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (“LEA”) requires that at least once every six years Council undertake a review of its representation arrangements. Council carried out its last review in 2012 (for the 2013 and 2016 triennial elections) and is therefore required to undertake the review again in 2018, before the 2019 triennial election.

Hearing of Submissions:

The following submitters presented their submissions in relation to the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review.

Submitters

Monique and Jonti Haines, and Port Waikato Residents
and Ratepayers Association
Vern Reeve
Shaun Jackson
Raglan Community Board, Chair

Presented By

Monique Haines

Bob MacLeod

The hearing adjourned at 9.48am and resumed at 9.56am.

Submitters

Presented By

James Lowry
Tuakau and District Realty

Vern Reeve

The hearing adjourned at 10.07am and resumed at 10.18am.

Submitter

Presented By

Diane Morris

The Hearing adjourned at 10.27am and resumed at 10.50am.

Submitters

Presented By

Tuakau Districts Development Association, Chair [Doc 2]
Dee Bond [Doc 3]
Brett Titchmarsh
Wayne Beaver
Onewhero Residents & Ratepayers Group
and Ann Anderson
Federated Farmers, and Rosemarie Costar
Bruce Cameron, and Onewhero-Tuakau Community
Board, Chair

Gary McGuire

Ann Anderson

Rosemarie Costar
Bruce Cameron

The Hearing adjourned at 12.38pm and resumed at 1.17pm.

DELIBERATIONS ON SUBMISSIONS

Deliberations commenced on the submissions to the Proposed Waikato District Council Representation Review 2018.

The Chair invited the Electoral Officer to provide legal advice and the process going forward with a public notice of the decision to be advertised on 12 September 2018.

A full discussion was held on the summary of submissions that had arisen from the submission process.

The hearing was adjourned at 2.20pm and resumed at 2.34pm.

