

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 Ofsoske (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 McInally.

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.

<u>Submitters</u> <u>Presented By</u>

Monique and Jonti Haines, and Port Waikato Residents Monique Haines

and Ratepayers Association

Vern Reeve Shaun Jackson

Raglan Community Board, Chair Bob MacLeod

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

<u>Submitters</u> <u>Presented By</u>

James Lowry

Tuakau and District Realty Vern Reeve

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

<u>Submitter</u> <u>Presented By</u>

Diane Morris

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

<u>Submitters</u> <u>Presented By</u>

Tuakau Districts Development Association, Chair [Doc 2] Gary McGuire

Dee Bond [Doc 3] Brett Titchmarsh Wayne Beaver

Onewhero Residents & Ratepayers Group Ann Anderson

and Ann Anderson

Federated Farmers, and Rosemarie Costar
Bruce Cameron, and Onewhero-Tuakau Community

Rosemarie Costar
Bruce Cameron

Board, Chair

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.

SUBMISSIONS ON THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL 2018 REPRESENTATION REVIEW INITIAL PROPOSAL

Resolved: (Crs Main/Gibb)

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received;

AND THAT submissions to the Waikato District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal, as adopted on 11 June 2018, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council heard those submitters who wished to be heard, and then considered all submissions and agreed to amend the initial proposal for the reasons outlined. Council will resolve its 2018 Representation Review Final Proposal on 10 September 2018 as follows:

- Retain Rangiriri in Whangamarino Ward, from Huntly Ward (reason: submissions supported this amendment)
- Retain Mercer in Awaroa ki Tuakau Ward from Whangamarino Ward, noting this now exceeds the +/- rule (reason: submissions supported this amendment. Mercer submissions supported one ward and identifies with the north)
- Retain Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board's current structure and board area with the inclusion of the extended Tuakau North/West boundary (reason: submissions supported retention of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board).

It was noted that a representation review is able to be legally undertaken in three years' time to reflect growth and the 2018 census.

CARRIED on the voices

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There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2.53pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day of

2018.

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CHAIRPERSON