

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

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 McInally 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 I 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

WDC1811/21

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

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

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

Sensitive Expenditure Policy Review – P&R1811/10

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Patterson)

THAT Council approves the revised Sensitive Expenditure Policy.

CARRIED on the voices

Standing Orders Policy – P&R1811/11

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Lynch)

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

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/25

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WDC1811/24

WDC1811/23

Draft 2019 Meeting Calendar – P&R1811/12

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Church)

THAT Council approves the 2019 Annual Meeting Calendar.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/26

REPORTS

<u>Single Stage Business Case Hamilton to Auckland Start-up Passenger Rail Service</u> 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

station and the FAR required) and 100% for transitional rail activities for the period of the current (2018-2021) National Land Transport Programme.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Huntly station as the preferred station for the start-up passenger rail service on the understanding that the funding allocation in the 2018-2028 LTP will be used for the development of public facilities (shelter, lighting, CCTV, pedestrian access, park and ride) in support of having this station ready for the start-up service;

AND FURTHER THAT that a passenger rail facility at Tuakau be considered through the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan as part of a northern Waikato/southern Auckland metropolitan train service linking the main towns from Pokeno to Papakura;

AND FURTHER THAT a train station at Te Kauwhata to be considered in year 3 of the start up service through a separate business case to be led by the Waikato District Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Waikato District Council, Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton City Council and NZTA will jointly undertake a review of the service prior to the 2021 Long Term Plan and 2021 National Land Transport Programme to reconfirm their ongoing funding requirements for the service.

CARRIED on the voices

WDC1811/27

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1.49pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day of

2018.

AM Sanson CHAIRPERSON