

**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 **TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019** commencing at **9.00am**.

**Present:**

Commissioner DW Fulton (Chairperson)  
Commissioner JD Sedgwick

**Attending:**

Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)  
Ms C Pidduck (Legal Counsel for Waikato District Council)  
Mr A Pipe (Regulatory Manager)  
Ms A Davis (Animal Control Officer)  
Ms J Newell (Animal Control Officer)  
Ms R Van De Pas (Objector)  
Ms H Didsbury (Previous owner of Jax)  
Members of staff

**HEARING – OBJECTION TO MENACING CLASSIFICATION – RAEWYN VAN DE PAS**

File No. DOGSI427/19, DOG ID 144567, Person ID 161130

Objection to Menacing Classification by Raewyn Van De Pas for dog Jax.

**INTRODUCTION**

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

**HEARING OF THE APPLICATION**

The objector presented verbal evidence and answered questions of the committee.

**STAFF REPORT**

Legal Counsel advised that there were further incidents by Jax that had become known to Council. The committee and objector were now required to read this evidence before the hearing proceeded.

The hearing adjourned at 9.02am and resumed at 9.30am.

Ms Van de Pas presented verbal evidence and answered questions of the committee.

Legal Counsel gave verbal evidence and answered questions of the committee.

Ms Didsbury answered questions of the committee.

Ms Newell and Ms Davis, Animal Control Officers, presented verbal evidence and answered questions of the committee.

### **RIGHT OF REPLY**

Ms Didsbury presented written testimonials to the committee. Legal Counsel requested that these testimonials be given to the committee, Legal Counsel and the Animal Control Officers for review and comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10.04am and resumed at 10.29am.

Following reading of the testimonials, Legal Counsel presented verbal comments to the committee.

Ms Didsbury gave her right of reply.

The hearing adjourned at 10.34am and the decision reserved.

### **DELIBERATIONS**

The Commissioners undertook deliberations on all evidence presented.

### **DECISION**

**THAT having considered the information presented in writing, and in person at the hearing, the Hearing Subcommittee does not uphold the objection as outlined in the decision.**

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The hearing was declared closed at 11.45am on Tuesday 12 March 2019.