

Minutes of a meeting of the Waikato District Council held by Audio-Visual conference on **TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2020** commencing at **9.31am**.

Present:

Cr AD Bech (Chairperson)
Cr JA Church
Cr CA Eyre
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr RC McGuire
Cr FM McNally
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Ms S Danks (Waikato Business Manager, Watercare)

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mr I Cathcart (Special Infrastructure Projects Manager)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr K Abbot (Projects & Innovation Manager)
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Ms C Nutt (Waters Contract Relationship Manager)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)
Ms G Brady (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Sedgwick)

THAT an apology be received from His Worship the Mayor.

CARRIED

WDC2006/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Lynch)

THAT the agenda for an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Tuesday, 9 June 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 5 which shall be considered with the public excluded.

CARRIED

WDC2006/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

The Committee acknowledged and congratulated Clint Baddeley, former Waikato District Council Councillor, on becoming a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

REPORTS

LGNZ Remit – Remote Meetings for Local Authorities
Agenda Item 4.1

Tabled Document: Updated draft LGNZ remit

The Democracy Manager introduced the report and highlighted changes to the remit following discussions with Mayor Sanson and Cr Smith. The Chief Executive explained the rationale for keeping the remit as simple as possible, and clarified that the purpose of the remit was to protect the gains experienced during the Covid-19 lockdown. The following matters were discussed:

- Members' attendance for duration of a meeting; and
- Utilisation of remote meetings for hearings.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Thomson)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT the Council approves the draft remit to LGNZ in relation to members attending public meetings remotely being included in the quorum for such meetings (as detailed in the attachment to the staff report), subject to any amendments;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council notes that Mayor Sanson and/or the Chief Executive will seek the support of five other councils in order that the remit can be submitted to LGNZ for consideration in accordance with LGNZ policy.

CARRIED

WDC2006/03

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 5

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Patterson)

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item 1.1 – Amendment of the Agreement Relating to the Supply of Water and the Collection and Treatment of Wastewater (C14/486)	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item 1.2 - Meremere Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Funding		

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
1.1	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
	7(2)(h)	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
	7(2)(i)	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
	7(2)(j)	To prevent the disclosure or use of official

information for improper gain or improper advantage.

- 1.2 7(2)(b)(ii) To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- 7(2)(h) To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
- 7(2)(j) To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

AND THAT Ms Sharon Danks be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of her knowledge of Watercare matters. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of Watercare's involvement in the public excluded items.

CARRIED

WDC2006/04

Resolutions WDC2006/05 – WDC2006/07 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

Having concluded the public excluded meeting and there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.51am.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day 2020.

AM Sanson
CHAIRPERSON