

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **MONDAY, 20 JULY 2020** commencing at **11.30am**.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Chairperson)
Cr AD Bech [*until 12.23pm*]
Cr CA Eyre
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch [*from 11.32am*]
Cr RC McGuire
Cr FM McInally
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr D Whyte (Chair, Huntly Community Board)

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)

Ms E O'Dwyer (Waikato Times)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Sedgwick)

THAT the agenda for an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Monday, 20 July 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;

AND THAT in accordance with **Standing Order 9.4**, the following report be considered after agenda item 4.1 - *Electoral System for the 2022 local authority elections*:

- ***Appointment of a Council representative - Waikato Regional Council's Lower Waikato Flood Protection Advisory Subcommittee;***

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with **Standing Order 9.13** the Council resolves that the following item be added to the public excluded agenda (as Item 2) for discussion, as advised by the Chief Executive:

- ***Chief Executive's Update.***

CARRIED

WDC2007/01

Councillor Lynch joined the meeting at 11.32am during the above item.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Crs Gibb and Sedgwick advised members that they, respectively, would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in item 1.1 in the Public Excluded Agenda – *Approval of the Proposed Waikato District Plan Stage 2 (Natural Hazards and Climate Change) for Notification*.

REPORTS

Electoral System for the 2022 local authority elections
Agenda Item 4.1

The Democracy Manager summarised the report and the options for the Council's consideration. There was discussion on the following matters:

- The legislative process to decide on the electoral system and the wider representation arrangements.
- The advantages and disadvantages of the two electoral systems.
- Voter turnout at local authority elections.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Woolerton)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

CARRIED

WDC2007/02

Resolved: (Crs Smith/McGuire)

THAT pursuant to section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council resolves to retain the First Past the Post electoral system;

AND THAT a public notice be given as soon as practicable (and no later than 19 September 2020) of the Council's resolution and of the right of electors to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used.

CARRIED

WDC2007/03

Appointment of a Council representative - Waikato Regional Council's Lower Waikato Flood Protection Advisory Subcommittee

Agenda Item 4.2

His Worship the Mayor introduced the report.

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Lynch)

THAT the report from His Worship the Mayor be received;

AND THAT the Council appoints Cr Noel Smith as its representative, and Cr Chris Woolerton as the alternate representative, on Waikato Regional Council's Lower Waikato Flood Protection Advisory Subcommittee;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council notes that the Governance Structure will be updated to reflect these appointments.

CARRIED

WDC2007/04

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 5

Resolved: (Crs Eyre/Woolerton)

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 – Approval of the Proposed Waikato District Plan Stage 2 (Natural Hazards and Climate Change) for Notification	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item 1.2 – Chief Executive’s Issues		

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)(j)	To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
1.2	7(2)(g)	To maintain legal professional privilege.

CARRIED

WDC2007/05

Resolutions WDC2007/06 – WDC2007/17 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

Having concluded the public excluded meeting the following items were released into open meeting:

REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Approval of the Proposed Waikato District Plan Stage 2 (Natural Hazards and Climate Change) for Notification
PEX Agenda Item 1.1

It was resolved [*Resolution No. WDC2007/06*] during the public excluded section of the meeting that the report and following resolution be released into the open meeting:

Resolved: (Crs McNally/Henderson)

THAT the report from the Acting General Manager Community Growth be received;

AND THAT the Proposed Waikato District Plan Stage 2 (Natural Hazards and Climate Change) and Variation 2 to Stage 1, as attached to the staff report, be adopted and publicly notified, pursuant to sections 73 and 79 and Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA);

AND FURTHER THAT Stage 2 and Variation 2 be publicly notified on 27 July 2020, with submissions closing on 23 September 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council confirms that, in preparing Stage 2 and Variation 2, due regard has been given to the Section 32 evaluation report and the duty to consider the appropriateness of plan provisions, and that the Council is satisfied with the evaluation;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council confirms that, in accordance with Clause 4A, Schedule 1 of the RMA, a copy of the draft proposed Stage 2 and Variation 2 has been provided to the following iwi authorities (as the representatives of their respective hapuu) and consultation has been completed with them:

- Waikato-Tainui*
- Ngati Tamaoho*
- Ngati Maniapoto*
- Tainui Awhiro and*
- Hauraki Collective;*

AND FURTHER THAT the Council confirms that it has had particular regard to the advice received on the draft district plan provisions from iwi authorities, before notifying the plan and variation, and has recorded this outcome in the Section 32 evaluation report;

AND FURTHER THAT the General Manager Community Growth is authorised to amend the documents attached to the staff report prior to public notification, only to correct any minor errors that do not change the effect or meaning of the provisions, provided all changes are recorded with reasons and circulated to elected members prior to public notification;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council seal be applied to the Proposed Waikato District Plan Stage 2 (Natural Hazards and Climate Change) and Variation 2 and be signed by His Worship The Mayor and the Chief Executive following the resolution of Council and prior to notification;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council resolution and report, including attachments, be released into the Open Meeting.

CARRIED

Cr Smith abstained from voting and requested his abstention be noted.”

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.58pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day 2020.

AM Sanson
CHAIRPERSON