

Northland Regional Council meeting – 16th April 2013

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It was getting onto 1303hrs when Chairman Craig Brown called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

1.0. APOLOGIES

Item No.1.0 and there was an apology for Cr Joe Carr, Cr Bronwyn Hunt and Cr Bill Rossiter; these apologies were duly moved by Cr John Bain, seconded by Cr Graeme Ramsey.

Craig continued and explained the 'house rules', explaining the emergency exits and position of rest room facilities.

2.0. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Craig Brown reminds them that any '**Declarations of Interest**' were to be advised item by item as they progressed through the agenda and they would be dealt with accordingly and then decided what, if any action is to be taken case by case.

Cr Graeme Ramsey asked was it really 'Declaration of Interest' or had **Conflicts of** mistakenly been missed out.

Item No. 3.0. PRESENTATIONS

It was advised there will be no presentations at today's meeting.

Craig Brown informed the meeting that there were a number of additional items for today; Item 8.3 had additional material that had been tabled.

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Item 9.2 and Item 9.3 in the confidential section of the meeting.

These additions were moved by Cr Ian Walker, seconded by Craig Brown.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL (Pages 1-2) 1305hrs.

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr John Bain.

There was no discussion on this item.

Cr Graeme Ramsey thanked the chair for attending a meeting at Dargaville that he had been unable to attend to.

5.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL (Page 3-60)

Item No. 5.1. Community Representation and Engagement (Page 3)

Item No. 5.2. Economic Development (Page 5)

Item No. 5.3. Resource Management (Page 7)

Item No. 5.4. River Management (Page 16)

Item No. 5.5. Hazard Management (Page 21)

Item No. 5.6. Transport (Page 22)

Item No. 5.7. Support Services (Page 27)

These reports were moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Ian Walker with the time now at 1306hrs.

There was some discussion in relation to the reports above.

CEO Malcolm Nicholson gave some details and advised there were a couple of changes to advise of. There was some discussion on the Economic Development report (Page 5).

Oyster farming was the topic for discussion in this item (Page 1, 10, 49 & 50) and how they wanted more time to debate the oyster bonds.

Craig Brown advised that they were cleaning up a mess after this issue had been before the Environment Court.

Cr Tony Davies-Colley asked if it (*environment*) is any more at risk from it than it was a month ago and was told "No".

It was moved by Cr Ian Walker, seconded by Cr John Bain that they be given until the end of the financial year to get it sorted.

More suggestions in how the issue can be assisted to a satisfactory resolution were discussed.

Craig Brown informed that after 30th June there will be no more extensions, it had to be settled.

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Time now at 1323hrs. Item No. 6.1 Item left on the table from previous council meeting 21 March 2013: Item 6.2 Environmental Management Committee Minutes – 19 February 2013 (Page 61-70)

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Graeme Ramsey.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

Time still at 1324hrs. Item No.6.2. Minutes of the Council Meeting – 21 March 2013 (Page 71-80)

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Ian Walker.

There was no further discussion was had on this item.

Time at 1325hrs. Item No.6.3. Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee – 26 March 2013 (Page 81-90)

Moved by Cr John Bain, seconded Cr Graeme Ramsey.

Craig Brown confirmed that the movers and seconders were for both, Recommendations 1 & 2.

Cr Graeme Ramsey replied that he was happy to be a “Friend of the Accord”.

Cr Tony Davies-Colley claims ‘he was sure that he was at the meeting as he had passed some motions’. *Don’t really want to play on words but could you not have passed motions somewhere else?*

There was more debate over fencing of waterways.

Cr Ian Walker suggested they get it right as there have been and still presently many hundreds of thousands of dollars being spent on ‘fencing’ waterways as instructed by the Dairying sector.

Craig Brown asked what is ‘a fence’.

Cr John Bain commented that NRC policy says we ‘exclude stock from waterways’.

Fonterra’s policy says fence.

This is a big issue and important issue to preserve our waterways, so please don’t take ‘offence’.

Craig Brown advised that council staff were working on this with Fonterra.

Time now at 1332hrs. Item No.6.4. Minutes of the Annual Plan Deliberations – 26 March 2013 (Page 91-98)

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Tony Davies-Colley.

There was no discussion was had on this item.

Time still at 1333hrs. Item No.6.5. Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee – 3 April 2013 (Page 99-106)

Moved by Cr John Bain, seconded by Craig Brown.

There was no discussion was had on this item.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Time now at 1334hrs. Item No. 7.1. Financial Report – 31 March 2013 (Page 107-122)

Moved Cr Graeme Ramsey, seconded by Cr Ian Walker.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

Time still at 1334hrs. Item No. 7.2. Council Bank Accounts – Cheque Signatory Delegations (Page 123-124)

Moved Cr Graeme Ramsey, seconded by Cr John Bain.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

8.0 DECISION MAKING MATTERS

Time again still at 1334hrs. Item No.8.1. Annual Plan 2013-14 Adoption Date (Page 125-126) (Pages)

Moved by Cr John Bain, seconded by Cr Ian Walker.

Time now at 1335hrs. Item No.8.2 Representation Review Costs – Approval to Incur Additional Expenditure (Page 127-128)

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Tony Davies-Colley.

The recommendation was carried.

Time still at 1335hrs. Item No. 8.3 Urban Whāngārei Flood Risk Reduction Update – Rust Avenue Bridge Replacement and Kotuku Detention Dam (Page 129-130)

It was discussed in general, that the tabled item, was a stupid argument and they should not be wasting time on it.

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr John Bain.

Time now at 1340hrs. Item No. 8.4 Northland Regional Council 2013 Environmental Curriculum Awards (Page 131-132)

It was suggested that for Recommendation No 2 that both Cr Bill Rossiter and Cr Bronwyn Hunt be confirmed as members of the judging sub-committee.

Cr Ian Walker, penetrating the silence, advised “I hear no objections”. *He was 100% accurate; Bill and Bronwyn were not there.*

Cr John Bain claimed he was of the understanding that neither had previously lodged objections to these positions; hence it was duly carried.

Moved by Cr Ian Walker, seconded by Cr John Bain.

Time still at 1342hrs. Item No. 8.5 Environmental Management Committee: Appointment of a Māori Interests Representative (Page 133-136)

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Graeme Ramsey.

There was no discussion on this item.

Time now at 1344hrs. Item No. 8.6 2013 Local Government New Zealand Conference (Page 137-138)

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by.

Cr Tony Davies-Colley suggested that Cr Bronwyn Hunt represent the Northland Regional Council at the LGNZ conference in Hamilton.

There well may have been a fierce scramble for representation if it was being held in the Bahamas or Florence.

There was no added discussion on this item.

The meeting duly finished at 1347hrs, Chairman Craig Brown thanking those of us who attended and then the Councilors went into business with the public excluded.

This exclusion was moved by Cr John Bain, seconded by Cr Ian Walker.

It was quite a jovial meeting today; don't know what was in the coffee but we should all get hooked into it.

9.0 BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED (Pages 139-140)

Item No. 9.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting – 21 March 2013 (Page 141-145)

Item No. 9.2: Recommendation regarding Northland Inc. Director Appointment

Item No. 9.3: Update on Property Purchase for Whāngārei Detention Dam Site

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