

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON TUESDAY 7 JULY 2009 AT 1.05PM**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Mayor: Sue Morris

Deputy Mayor: John Compton Waimarino-Waiouru Ward

Councillors: Bruce Broderson Taumarunui Ward

Don Cameron Waimarino-Waiouru Ward

Graeme Cosford Taumarunui Ward

Cynthia Dowsett Waimarino-Waiouru Ward

Ronald Frew Waimarino-Waiouru Ward

Karen Ngatai Taumarunui Ward

Murray Wilson National Park Ward

Staff: David Hammond Chief Executive
Peter Till GM Assets/Deputy Chief Executive (from 1.45pm)
Marion Smith GM Community/Regulation
Chris Impson Team Leader Governance
Liesel Jahnke Policy Planner (Items 1 – 5)
Wendy Botha Team Leader Finance (from Item 5)
Erik Lei Special Projects Manager (from Item 5)

1 APOLOGIES

A05-0014

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Councillors Marion Gillard, Ron Cooke and Jeni Kydd be received and Leave of Absence granted.

2 440027 – DEPUTATION: HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

A05-0014

Garrick Murfitt (Chairman) and Michael McCartney (Chief Executive), Horizons Regional Council, provided an update on Horizons' activities. Ruapehu representative on Horizons, Mike Plowman, was also present. Matters raised were:

- MW-LASS Insurance services review.
- "Across the Region", Horizons' quarterly newsletter, has been delivered to all households in the District.
- Monitoring and measurement.
- Flood map planning and modelling.

- Air quality.
- “One Plan” – Some interim decisions have been loaded onto Horizons’ website.
- Environmental matters – Animal Health Board, Possum Control, Te Amo Taiao (a joint initiative between Work and Income, Te Puni Kokiri, DoC and Horizons to raise capacity amongst Whanganui Maori to undertaken contracting work for future employment/contract opportunities, and to apply to their own lands).

RESOLVED

That the Report on Deputation: Horizons Regional Council be received.

3 **CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS MINUTES: 9 JUNE 2009** M80-0001

Amendment: Item 4, National Cycleways Update – correct spelling to Sarah Gibb (not Gibbs) throughout this item.

RESOLVED

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 June 2009, as amended, are confirmed as a true and correct record.

4 **437965 – COMMENTS ON THE TONGARIRO TAUPO CONSERVANCY STRATEGIC DIRECTION** A53-0092

Members considered a Report regarding Council's submission to the Tongariro Taupo Conservancy Strategic Direction.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Comments on the Tongariro Taupo Conservancy Strategic Direction be received.*
- 2 *That the submission attached to Document No 437965 be sent to the Tongariro Taupo Conservancy.*

5 **438269 – SALE OF ABANDONED LAND: MAY 2009** R20-0018

Council considered a report regarding the outcome of the Abandoned Land sale process.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Sale of Abandoned Land May 2009 be received.

6 **439868 – FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED
31 MAY 2009** R40-0001

Council considered the Financial Statements for the eleven months ended 31 May 2009. Councillors requested that the cheque listing be included in the financial report each month.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Financial Report for the Eleven Months Ended 31 May 2009 be received.*
- 2 *That the Quotable Value Report for period ended May 2009 be received.*
- 3 *That Council confirm payment of \$2,568,561.30 for the month ended 31 May 2009.*

7 **434063 – BUILDING WARRANTS OF FITNESS ISSUES** B81-0006

Council considered a Report regarding a review of Council's Building Warrants of Fitness activity.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Building Warrant of Fitness Issues be received.*
- 2 *That the following amendments be made to the current Building Warrant of Fitness practice:*
 - *Send reminder letter one month before due date, setting out penalties which may be applied under the Building Act 2004.*
 - *Five days after due date - instant fine applied, Infringement Notice and Notice to Fix (including inspection fee).*
 - *If no action from owner, consider the following steps:*
 - (a) *Use Section 124(1) of the Building Act 2004, preventing anyone entering or occupying the building; and/or*
 - (b) *Prosecute.*

8 **438736 – NGATI HAUA INVOICE FOR DOBBS BLUFF CONSULTATION** R75-0139

Council considered a report regarding an invoice received from Ngati Haua relating to consultation on Dobbs Bluff. The Mayor advised that a meeting had been held with representatives from Ngati Haua and it was agreed that the invoice be withdrawn and that, in good faith, Council begin negotiations to establish a Memorandum of Understanding for resource consent consultation.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Dobbs Bluff Consultation be received.*
- 2 *That a Memorandum of Understanding be negotiated with Ngati Haua regarding future resource consent consultation and fees.*

Cr Cosford left the meeting at 3.50pm.

8 **439665 – RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

A05-0014

Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives Council the right by resolution to exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the grounds contained within that Section.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the report on Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Council Business is received.*
- 2 *That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.*
- 3 *That Council agrees the Chief Executive, Group Managers (Asset and Community/Regulation), Team Leaders (Governance and Finance) and Special Project Manager, having relevant knowledge, remain in attendance, to assist the Committee with its decision-making.*
- 4 *That the general subject of each matter to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the 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 S 48(1) for passing this resolution
<i>Council Minutes: 9 June 2009 (Public Excluded Business)</i>	<i>Reason(s) for excluding the public are included in the Public Business Minutes of the Meeting.</i>	48(1)(a)
<i>439628 – Documents Signed and Sealed</i>	<i>To protect the privacy of a natural person</i>	48(1)(a)
<i>435404 – Rateable Value Objection</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	48(1)(a)

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 or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require are listed above.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.59pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 11th day of August 2009

**SUE MORRIS
MAYOR**