

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009 AT 10.05AM

PUBLIC BUSINESSPRESENT

Mayor:	Sue Morris	
Deputy Mayor:	John Compton	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
Councillors:	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Ron Cooke	Taumarunui Ward
	Graeme Cosford	Taumarunui Ward
	Cynthia Dowsett	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Ronald Frew	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
	Jeni Kydd	Taumarunui Ward
	Karen Ngatai	Taumarunui Ward
	Murray Wilson	National Park Ward
Staff:	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Siti Mavoia	Group Manager Corporate Services (from 10.20am)
	Peter Till	Group Manager Assets/Deputy Chief Executive
	Marion Smith	Group Manager Community/Regulation
	Chris Impson	Team Leader Governance
	Liezel Jahnke	Policy Planner (part)
	Warren Furner	Team Leader Land Transport (part)
	Erik Lei	Acting Team Leader Finance (from 10.20am)
	Kevin O'Shannessey	Regulation Administration Manager (Item 7 only)
	Louise Cowan	Team Leader Planning (Item 7 only)
	Brenda O'Brien	Team Leader Compliance (Item 7 only)

Prior to commencing the meeting, Members stood for a moments' silence in respect of the late Ani Henry, JP, and recipient of the QSM and two other awards. Mrs Henry was a former Taumarunui Borough Councillor.

1 **APOLOGIES**

M80-0001

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Cr Bruce Broderson be received and Leave of Absence granted.

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** M80-0001**RESOLVED**

That the meeting suspend Standing Orders in order for the Mayor and Members and staff to update Councillors on matters not included on the Agenda.

- Mayor Sue Morris – reported attendance at Mayoral Forum. The Mayor was requested to send a strong letter of objection on the excessive nature of Horizons Regional Council's proposed \$15,000 one day inter-Council forum.
- Chief Executive – reported on attendance at Regional Chiefs.
- Deputy Mayor John Compton – reported on attendance Regional Land Transport Committee (together with Team Leader Land Transport).
- Cr Murray Wilson – proposed cycleway and walkway project instigated by Central Government.

3 **RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS** M80-0001**RESOLVED**

That the meeting resume Standing Orders.

4 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 10 FEBRUARY 2009** M80-0001**RESOLVED**

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2009. are confirmed as a true and correct record.

5 **424668 – RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSIONS: PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT AND ELECTRICITY (CONTINUANCE OF SUPPLY) AMENDMENT BILL** P50-0024

Council considered a report on two recent submissions for ratification.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Ratification of Submissions: Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and Electricity (Continuance of Supply) Amendment Bill be received.*
- 2 *That the Submission on Proposed National Policy Statement (NPS) for Freshwater Management be ratified.*
- 3 *That the Submission on Electricity (Continuance of Supply) Amendment Bill be ratified.*

The Policy Planner and Team Leader Land Transport left the meeting at 10.45am.

6 **425122 – MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2009** R40-0001

Council considered a report on the Financial Statements for the seven months ended 31 January 2009. Reports were requested regarding Bond issues and Investment Statements and GST payments.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Monthly Report for the seven months ended 31 January 2009 be received.*

- 2 *That Council confirm payments of \$2,081,222.49 for the month ended 31 January 2009.*

- 3 *That Council write to Rodney Hide (Minister for Local Government) regarding Council's strong opposition to the requirement of Councils to pay GST on invoice, as opposed to paying on a cash payment basis. The letter to note the disadvantage of paying GST on unpaid rates.*

7 **423830 - SIGNAGE COMPLIANCE PROJECT** R31-0005

Council considered a report advised on progress on signage compliance, which was requested by the Hearings Committee following the 29 January 2009 Hearing in relation to Council's decision to decline consent to two separate applications for commercial advertising signs.

Cr Cosford left the meeting at 11.48 am.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on the Signage Amnesty and Education/Compliance Campaign be received.*

- 2 *That the Signage Amnesty and Education/Compliance Campaign steps, as set out below be undertaken by the Resource Management and Compliance Teams beginning in May 2009.*

<i>Education</i>	<p><i>Launching the Sign Amnesty to encourage people to come forward and fix up any signs they know to be illegal by working through the consent process with staff help. There would still be the consent cost. The amnesty would run for three months.</i></p> <p><i>The amnesty would be accompanied by advertising to the public of the general District Plan rules in relation to signs.</i></p> <p><i>A number of target areas were identified, including temporary signs, Real Estate agents' signs, and commercial advertising signs, both in town (for example on verandas, buildings) or sites to which they do not relate and within the Rural zone).</i></p>
<i>Investigation</i>	<p><i>There is insufficient information held within Council as to what signs are permitted as of right or were legally established, or where these signs are located. As such, it was determined that there would be an initial "amnesty" to allow for collection of</i></p>

	<i>information in relation to what signs were already erected, where these were situated and any other relevant information.</i>
<i>Call Responding</i>	<i>This involves the Customer Service Officers recording the relevant details in relation to signs as the calls come in during the amnesty period, and being trained by the Team Leader – Resource Management in responses.</i>
<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>The consenting status of identified signs would be researched further and the amnesty applied throughout this process.</i>
<i>Compliance</i>	<i>This involved identifying any signs not brought to the attention of Council during the signage amnesty and undertaking assessment in relation to these signs regarding the nature of any compliance issues and how these should be dealt with.</i>

- 3 *That Council prepare a resource consent application to allow for the erection of a blank hoarding for use by community groups for temporary signage.*

8 **425357 – AIRPORT SCOPING**

A30-0006

Council considered a report presenting the proposal for a Feasibility Study for a Ruapehu District Airport in the Waimarino area.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Airport Scoping be received.*
- 2 *That the feasibility study not be progressed.*
- 3 *That this report be referred to the Raetihi community for information.*

9 **425262 – 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 be received.*
- 2 *That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.*
- 3 *That Council agrees the Chief Executive, Group Managers (Asset, Corporate Services and Community/Regulation), Team Leaders (Governance, Community Property and Land Transport) and Quality Control Manager (at the appropriate times), 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: 10 February 2009 (Public Excluded Business)</i>	<i>Reason(s) for excluding the public are included in the Public Business Minutes of the Meeting.</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>424813 – Documents Signed and Sealed</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>425363 – Report – Unitary Authorities</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>425062 – Progress Report – Pukehou Quarry</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>425148 – Audit Management Report for the Year Ended 30 January 2009</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>425139 – Waimarino Museum Request for Funding</i>	<i>To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs the protection of such members, officer, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment.</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>

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.

RESOLUTION BROUGHT OUT INTO PUBLIC BUSINESS

C5 **425148 – AUDIT MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JANUARY 2008** A02-0015

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Audit Management Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2009 be received.*
- 2 *That the Audit Management Report and Management's response to the Audit Management Report be received.*

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- 3 *That this resolution is recorded in the Public Business Minutes of the Meeting.*
- 4 *That the Report is released as publicly available information.*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.05 pm.

Dated at Ohakune this 14th day of April 2009.

SUE MORRIS
MAYOR