

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 10.00AM**

PUBLIC BUSINESS**PRESENT**

Mayor:	Sue Morris	
Deputy Mayor:	John Compton	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward (from 10.30am)
Councillors:	Bruce Broderson	Taumarunui Ward
	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Ron Cooke	Taumarunui Ward
	Graeme Cosford	Taumarunui Ward
	Cynthia Dowsett	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
	Peter Till	Group Manager Assets/Deputy Chief Executive
	Marion Smith	Group Manager Community/Regulation
	Chris Impson	Team Leader Governance
	Jan Grimbeek	Environmental Health Officer (Liquor Licensing Item)
	Gary Walmsley	Liquor Licensing Officer (Liquor Licensing Item)
	Anne-Marie Wescott	Team Leader Environment (part)
	Erik Lei	Special Projects Officer (Finance) (part)
	Margaret Hawthorne	Team Leader Community Property (part)
	Pauline Love	Team Leader Strategic Development (part)

1 **APOLOGIES** A05-0014

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Cr Ronald Frew and Deputy Mayor John Compton (for lateness) be received and Leave of Absence granted.

2 **446754 – UPLIFTING OF ITEM “LYING ON THE TABLE” – COUNCIL MEETING: 11 AUGUST 2009** A05-0014

Members considered a report regarding uplifting the item entitled “Problems With Council Trees Close To Power Lines, Parapara Road, Raetihi” (Document No 435734) from the 8 August 2009 Council meeting.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Uplifting of Item "Lying on the Table" – Council Meeting: 11 August 2009 be received.*
- 2 *That Document No 435734 - "Problems with Council Trees Close To Power Lines, Parapara Road, Raetihi be uplifted, to enable further discussion to take place.*

3 **435734 – PROBLEMS WITH COUNCIL TREES CLOSE TO POWER LINES, PARAPARA ROAD, RAETIHI** R76-0039

Members considered a report regarding Council trees close to power lines, Parapara Road, State Highway 4, Raetihi. The Mayor and Team Leader Community Property advised that they had had further discussions with Powerco and had come to an agreement with the company. It was requested that a letter be sent to Powerco, thanking the company for its "ex gratia" contribution. It was agreed that a concept plan be developed and discussed with Raetihi Promotions in due course for the redevelopment of the area.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Problems with Council Trees close to Power Lines, Parapapa Road, Raetihi, be received.*
- 2 *That the problem trees on Parapara Road, including the Douglas Fir trees, be felled*
- 3 *That Council accepted the "ex gratia" contribution from Powerco. to the value of \$11,300 plus GST, for the felling of trees on Parapara Road, Raetihi.*

The Deputy Mayor, John Compton, entered the meeting at 10.15am.

4 **CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC-BUSINESS MINUTES: 11 AUGUST 2009** A05-0014

RESOLVED

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 August 2009 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

5 **445210 – MANAWATU-WANGANUI REGIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND TRUST: EXEMPTION AS A COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ORGANISATION** C30-0027

Members considered a report regarding a review of the exemption status of the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust as a CCO.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the report on Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust: Exemption as a CCO be received.*
- 2 *That the exemption granted to the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust from being a CCO be confirmed on the following basis:*
 - *The Trust is a small organisation.*
 - *The nature and scope of the Trust's activities are limited in that they generally only take place after significant adverse events.*
 - *The Trust would incur significant additional costs if it were required to meet all obligations of a Council Controlled Organisation.*

It was agreed that Horizons Regional Council be advised of the above resolutions.

6 **445729 – LIQUOR LICENSING AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008/09** L55-0006

Members considered a report regarding the Liquor Licensing Annual Report for 2008/09. The Environmental Health Officer and Liquor Licensing Inspector were present during discussion on this item.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Liquor Licensing Agency Report 2008/09 be received.

7 **445673 - DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009** A05-0131

Members considered a report regarding the Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2009. The Group Manager Assets/Deputy Chief Executive gave a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of the draft Annual Report 2008/09. Team Leaders were present at appropriate times, to present an overview of their activity.

Note: During discussion on this item, the meeting adjourned from 11.05am to 11.15am, for a fire evacuation practice.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.06pm at resumed informally at 12.55pm. Crs Cooke and Ngatai did not return immediately after the lunch break.

Before re-opening the formal part of the meeting, the Mayor invited representatives of Horizons to address Council, as follows:

8 **BRIEFING: HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

A05-0014

Cr Cooke returned to the meeting at 1.10pm.

Garrick Murfitt (Chairman) and Michael McCartney (Chief Executive) made a PowerPoint presentation, updating Council on matters being undertaken by Horizons. Mike Plowman, Ruapehu District representative on Horizons, entered the meeting at 1.04pm. Subjects covered by Mr Murfitt and Mr McCartney were:

- MW LASS Limited – shared valuation database, cannister return and debt collection.
- District Liaison – Ruapehu District Plan and mediation process re Pokaka subdivision.
- Transport – regional road funding decisions.
- Air quality monitoring at the Taumarunui Baptist Church site.
- Water quality survey completed recently, indicating high water quality in Ruapehu.
- One Plan hearings beginning on the Water chapter.
- Environmental matters – Animal Health Board, Possum Control programme, Te Amo Taiao (joint initiative between Work and Income, Te Puni Kokiri, DoC and Horizons) – to raise capacity amongst Whanganui River Maori to undertake contracting work for future employment/contract opportunities and to apply to their own land, rook control, annual rabbit surveys, rabbit haemorrhagic disease, Whole Farm Plans, SLUI treatment programme.
- Green rig – refocus of educational messages.
- Unitary authorities – canvassing Ruapehu District Council's views.

Mike Plowman spoke on:

- Concerns about co-management of the Whanganui River with Iwi.
- Biosecurity – tutsen control.

Cr Ngatai returned to the meeting at 1.33pm during discussion on the above item.

The Mayor re-opened the formal part of the meeting at 2.07pm.

7 **445673 - DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**
(continued)

A05-0131

The Group Manager Assets/Deputy Chief Executive and Special Projects Officer (Finance) presented the financial section of the Draft Annual Report 2008/09.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the report on Draft Annual Report for the Year ended 30 June 2009 be received.*
- 2 *That the Draft Annual Report is released for Audit purposes, with amendments by staff to complete the document.*

5 **446066 - ENVIROWASTE**C60-1099/
C60-1100

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

6 **443221 – 2009/10 MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTING** A02-0028

RESOLVED

That the Report on 2009/10 Monthly and Quarterly Reporting lie on the table until the 13 October meeting of Council.

8 **444973 – TWELVE MONTH PROGRESS REPORT - OZONE IMPLEMENTATION** P84-0050

Members considered a report regarding an overview of the implementation of the Ozone system that has now been in operation for 12 months.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Twelve Month Progress Report - Ozone Implementation be received.

9 **445854 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE 2009/10 YEAR** A05-00130

Members considered a report regarding an overview of Capital Projects to be carried forward from the 2008/09 year and new Capital Projects scheduled for 2009/10.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Capital Projects for the 2009/10 Financial Year be received.*
- 2 *That the carry forward amounts on capital projects from the 2008/09 year, totalling \$5,958,000 as follows, be approved.*

<i>Water Supply</i>	<i>1,151,000</i>
<i>Sewerage</i>	<i>1,819,000</i>
<i>Regulation</i>	<i>186,000</i>
<i>Community Property</i>	<i>261,000</i>
<i>Recreation and Community Facilities</i>	<i>149,000</i>
<i>Land Transport</i>	<i>2,051,000</i>
<i>Solid Waste</i>	<i>35,000</i>
<i>Stormwater</i>	<i>306,000</i>
TOTAL	\$5,958,000

12 **445805 – 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 that the following staff, having relevant knowledge, remain in attendance, to assist Council with its decision-making.*

*Chief Executive
Group Manager Assets/Deputy Chief Executive
Group Manager Community and Regulation
Governance Manager*

- 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: 11 August 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>446438 - Sport Wanganui Funding</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>446755 – Environment Court Appeal</i>	<i>The exclusion of the public is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decisions or recommendations in any proceedings before a local authority where a right of appeal lies to any Court or Tribunal against the final decision of the local authority in those proceedings.</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.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.00pm and resumed at 3.42pm, prior to discussion on Public-Excluded Business.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4.18pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 13th day of October 2009.

SUE MORRIS
MAYOR