



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Date: Monday 12 June 2017

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER

Present: R Graham - Chairman
P Bailey
R Barker
P Beaven
T Belford
A J Dick
D Hewitt
N Kirton
F Wilson

In Attendance: M Mohi – Chairman – Maori Committee
G Woodham – Interim Chief Executive
E Lambert – Group Manager External Relations
P Drury – Group Manager Corporate Services
L Hooper – Governance Manager
Submitters as noted throughout the Minutes

1. Welcome/Prayer/Apologies/Notices

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those submitters speaking to their submissions, and Mr Mike Mohi offered a karakia.

Resolution

That the apology from Cr Kirton for lateness is accepted.

**Barker/Belford
CARRIED**

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

There was discussion about the length of meetings, and quality of debate, with general agreement reached that councillors would consider – once all submissions were heard – whether to continue through to deliberations immediately or adjourn the meeting and schedule deliberations to another time.

4. Submissions Received on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

The Council began Hearing submissions made by members of the public.

Richard Karn (72) queries if staff presentations like the recent one about Lake Tutira can be publicised and public invited. Cr Bailey to be the Councillor 'sponsor' for the environmental hotspots initiatives for Lake Tutira.

CHB Forest & Bird (87), Grenville Christie (91), and Sharleen Baird (92) applaud Council's focus on the environment, concerns about RWSS flushing flows, concern that beach raking only occurs when and where allowed to protect nesting birds. Exhaust other avenues of funding before rates to pay for environmental hotspots initiatives, mixed views of where tourism money is spent, support councillors environmental mandate, suggestions for restoration of Lake Whatuma.

Trevor Le Lievre (89) commends council for returning to core business, but not through rates rise and does not support 9.88% increase. Opposed to RWSS. PC6 needs more council resource for implementing its requirements and monitoring for impacts. Suggests practical measures like planting and sinking lid policy for resource consents to address environmental issues.

Councillor Kirton arrived at 9.50am

Trevor Le Lievre (89) continued – views imprudent council investment decisions as the cause for negative public perception and resultant lack of funds for core business

Te Taiao Hawke's Bay Environment Forum (88) (Amelia McQueen & Vaughan Cooper) congratulations on return to core business, clarify to the public that freshwater improvement funding to address legacy issues has been applied for to leverage Council funding for hotspots initiatives, hotspots initiatives are core business and should be funded through existing budgets, suggests \$1.5M dedicated funding required for biodiversity strategy implementation to get the ball rolling and set up the Trust; Ahuriri Estuary protection and enhancement as a wildlife refuge.

E R Taylor (101) Very concerned about public access to riverbank areas, beach raking in spring, dumping of rubbish and other waste (tyres, hazchem containers, tree stumps, concrete, plastic pipes) alongside the Tukituki River between the stopbanks, and provided photographs of dump sites as well as a watering hole dug

into the riverbed.

HB Tourism (Annie Dundas) (102) acknowledges support of Council in relation to HB Tourism strategic plan, on track for 7% overall growth level in the tourism sector.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 and reconvened at 10.50am

4. Submissions Received on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

The Council recommenced Hearing submissions made by members of the public.

Gerard Pain (86) chose option 1 – no rates rise, doesn't believe \$1M funding for hotspots initiatives is sufficient for the amount of work required if RWSS goes ahead. Opposed to RWSS.

June Graham (85) is a member of Forest & Bird, Ahuriri Protection Society and Te Taiao and expressed concerns climate change, HBRIC's using Napier Port as collateral for borrowing, and especially about Ahuriri degradation, specifically in relation to NCC's development plans and pollution.

Barrie Crabbe (124) support rates rise as long as Council gets on with the solutions, not more investigations. Specific practical solution of using settling ponds or 'scrape lakes' to stop contamination from the roads getting into the water bodies adjacent.

Wairoa District Council (93) Mayor Craig Little introduced Paul Kelly and Fergus Power WDC supports the increased investment in environmental hotspot work but not the rates rise and feels more should be done in the Wairoa area. Population of Wairoa has started to increase - large land area representing 30% of the region. Opportunities for Regional Park development including wetlands including Whakaki.

WDC Maori Standing Committee (93) explained Maori world view, and Wairoa River's importance to the community, significance of lakes in the area and effects from forestry, floods and the Waihi Dam. Solutions for opening the bar at the right times, project at Opotiki currently keeping an eye on how it works.

Audrey Jones (70) doesn't support any rates rise as feels Council should not be involved in business other than its environmental responsibilities. National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management requires minimum flows for rivers – and does not believe council has met the requirements re Genesis resource consent. Lives beside unsealed SH38 which creates dust and air quality issues and residents have been fighting for years to have it sealed, to no avail. Reports seeing Forestry slash in the river and having witnessed dumping of effluent into a roadside culvert.

5. Staff Internal Submission to the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan

Mr Drury introduced the item, which Council considered in the order the carry forward requests were listed in the report.

RC82/17 Resolutions

That Council:

1. Receives and considers the "Staff Internal Submission to the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan" report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made on the issues submitted to the Draft Annual Plan 2016-17 are made after the provisions included in section 82(a)(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 have been followed.

**Kirton/Barker
CARRIED**

3. Approves the carry forward in project 191 (Coastal Planning) -2380 and 191-2660 of \$40,000 from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with

preparing any necessary plan changes to the Regional Coastal Environment Plan (e.g. re-definition of coastal hazard zones) that may emerge from the Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazard Management Strategy project when completed during 2017-18 period.

**Dick/Beaven
CARRIED**

4. Approves the carry forward in project 192 (Strategy & Planning) -2380 of \$135,000 from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

**Barker/Bailey
CARRIED**

5. Approves the carry forward in project 192 (Strategy & Planning (Energy Futures) -2385 of \$130,000 from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with preparation of a plan change regulating oil and gas activities in parts of the region.

**Belford/Bailey
CARRIED**

6. Approves the carry forward in project 339 (Regional Land Research & Investigations) -2380 and 339-2325 of \$133,000 of expenditure from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with undertaking Mohaka catchment land use/nutrient transport modelling, regional peat soil/organic soil characterisation and sustainability survey and ecosystem mapping and prioritisation and also carry forward revenue of \$46,550 relating to the associated section 36 charges.

**Barker/Belford
CARRIED**

7. Approves the carry forward in project 341 (Air Quality) -2380 of \$77,000 of expenditure from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with. Air Quality Roadside Monitoring and Awatoto Source Apportionment.

**Bailey/Barker
CARRIED**

8. Approves the carry forward in project 876 (Contingency Funding Support) -2385 of \$40,000 of expenditure from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with undertaking the capital structure review.

**Beaven/Bailey
CARRIED**

9. Approves the carry forward in project 380 (Sustainable Land Management) - 2360 of \$100,000 of expenditure from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with the incentivising of FEMPs in the Tukituki Catchment.

Hewitt/Dick

For: Dick, Hewitt, Wilson

**Against: Beaven, Bailey, Belford, barker, Kirton, Graham
LOST**

10. Approves the carry forward of \$250,000 from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs for the Bus Service Ticketing System, noting that this is being funded through internal loan funding.

**Bailey/Beaven
CARRIED**

11. Approves the carry forward of \$40,000 from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with the replacement of the Raffles Street roof and ceilings.

**Barker/Bailey
CARRIED**

12. Approves the carry forward of \$100,000 from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs

for the Tutira Regional Park forestry easement

**Barker/Beaven
CARRIED**

13. Approves the additional cost of \$50,000 in project 876 (Contingency Funding Support) -2385 in the 2017-18 Annual Plan to cover costs for the capital structure review

**Beaven/Barker
CARRIED**

14. Approves the carry forward of \$150,000 from 2016-17 to 2017-18 to cover costs associated with drilling of groundwater monitoring bores, noting that loan funding of \$150,000 to fund this capital has been drawn down in the 2016-17 year.

**Beaven/Bailey
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm and reconvened at 12.55pm

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

The Council continued Hearing submissions made by members of the public.

Business Hawke's Bay (66) outlined the organisation's key initiatives to demonstrate the role and value of Business Hawke's Bay in the regional delivery of economic development including Matariki REDS, continuing improvement and sustainability of the Business HUB, regional online business events calendar, increased Maori Business engagement, and Incubator and Accelerator start-up business support.

Warwick Marshall (52) expressed concerns about Ahuriri Estuary and the maintenance and monitoring of the drainage functions of the area. Suggests Council considers having Ahuriri declared a Reserve and managed as such, and a targeted rate on those benefitting from hotspots projects to pay for those. Concern about impact of riparian plantings, long term.

Murray Deakin (57) chose option 2, issue isn't the extra rates as much as equity for the Wairoa area and extra he already spends on environmental enhancement projects on his own property. HBRC needs to engage with the community more to achieve better environmental outcomes.

Guardians of the Aquifer (90) Heretaunga Plains in crisis – need good keen governance and staff to fix issues, and practical solution to ensure borehead is above ground, expressed her views and commentary around the inquiry of the Havelock North water contamination event, which she attended, and findings.

Megan Rose (64) no rates rise, believes issues should be able to be resolved within existing budgets with sufficient focus, which should be on the core environmental work. Suggests loss of 'safeguarding the Environment' coincided with loss of organisational focus.

Fred Robinson (51) explanation of how Council could use a local currency (rates voucher) to pay for environmental initiatives as an alternative funding source.

HB Biodiversity Strategy Implementation Planning Group (80) (Charles Daugherty) regional scale, community based initiatives with philanthropic funding, six priority actions for the implementation of the strategy with first priority being establishment of the HB Biodiversity Foundation (Charitable Trust) to source additional funding to initiate projects, gaining momentum and now is a good time to get on with implementing the Strategy.

Steve Thrush (49) supports the environmental hotspots work, but don't waste funding on talking – get out there and get things done.

Sara Gerard (103) congratulates Council on hotspots initiatives and suggests

Council use the funding to fix the most difficult problems.

Rex McIntyre (82) analysis of the Regional Landcare Scheme contributions by farmers to the environment will show that farmers have made significant contributions to the region's environment, doesn't support increasing rates to address hotspots, need to be specific about work to be carried out in hotspots, suggests inflow-outflow for Lake Tutira so that freshwater gets into the lake and circulates, then flushes nutrients out of the lake.

Ron Wareham (83) concerns for Ahuriri Estuary, which needs action taken to prevent further degradation and restore the estuary, his view is that resource consents for discharges to the estuary should not be allowed.

Shelley Burne-Field (62) would like HBRC to fund investigations and research into alternatives for public transport in CHB as well as funding available for operators of community van services and happy that officers response to her submission sought to at least initiate discussions. Was quite a while ago that trial was carried out in CHB so it's time the options were re-examined.

Westshore Residents & Development Association (71) collective goal to find a successful solution for erosion at Westshore and concerned that an offshore sandbar is thoroughly considered through development of the Coastal Strategy. Also offered suggestions in relation to renourishment programme in the meantime, while long-term solution is found.

The meeting adjourned at 3.25pm, to be reconvened on Wednesday 21 June 2017.

Date: Wednesday 21 June 2017
Time: 9.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street, NAPIER

Present: R Graham - Chairman
P Bailey
R Barker
P Beaven
T Belford
A J Dick
D Hewitt
N Kirton
F Wilson

In Attendance: J Palmer – Chief Executive
E Lambert – Group Manager External Relations
P Drury – Group Manager Corporate Services
L Hooper – Governance Manager
I Maxwell – Group Manager Regional Resources

The meeting reconvened at 9am on Wednesday, 21 June 2017, to carry out deliberations on the written and verbal submissions on HBRC's 2017-18 Annual Plan.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and Councillor Hewitt offered a prayer.

Resolution

That the apology for absence from Mike Mohi and the apologies for Cr Alan Dick and Cr Rick Barker for early departure are accepted.

**Barker/Wilson
CARRIED**

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

Council commenced deliberating on the public submissions received, including further submissions and information provided to councillors subsequent to the adjournment.

RC82/17 Resolutions

That Council:

1. Agrees that the decisions to be made on issues submitted on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan" are made after the provisions included in sections 83 and 85 of the Local Government Act 2002 have been followed.
2. Receives and considers the verbal and written submissions, and the HBRC Officers' Responses to the points raised in the written submissions.

**Graham/Wilson
CARRIED**

4. **Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan**

Discussions traversed:

- Having a Councillor Advocate for each of the environmental hotspots, or in some instances more than one
- Funding for economic development and HB Tourism will be subject to consultation through the 2018-28 Long Term Plan process

RC83/17

Recommendations

That Council:

3. Considers the submission received from **Hawke's Bay Foundation (1)** requesting operational funding in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year for 3 years, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.
 - 3.1. Refuses the request for operational funding, as Council has no funding available for activities it considers are outside of its core functions
 - 3.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Dick/Barker
CARRIED**

That Council:

4. Considers the submission points received from **Kelly Annand (6), Kathryn Bayliss (47), Dan Elderkamp (60), Robert Malcolm (75), Mayor Alex Walker, CHB DC (79), CHB Forest & Bird Branch (87), Dr Trevor Le Lievre (89), Grenville Christie (91), Sharleen Baird (92), E R Taylor (101), Sara Gerard (103), and John Cheyne (104)** in relation to Lake Whatuma and Tukituki Catchment Environmental Hotspots initiatives, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 4.1. Requests that staff, Councillor Hewitt and all other interested councillors, extend an open community invitation to meet and discuss a coordinated approach to the restoration of Lake Whatuma, with discussions at that meeting intended to inform the environmental enhancement plan for riparian, wetland and biodiversity improvements.

**Hewitt/Dick
LOST**

That Council:

4. Considers the submission points received from **Kelly Annand (6), Kathryn Bayliss (47), Dan Elderkamp (60), Robert Malcolm (75), Mayor Alex Walker, CHB DC (79), CHB Forest & Bird Branch (87), Dr Trevor Le Lievre (89), Grenville Christie (91), Sharleen Baird (92), E R Taylor (101), Sara Gerard (103), and John Cheyne (104)** in relation to Lake Whatuma and Tukituki Catchment Environmental Hotspots initiatives, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 4.1 Requests that staff and Councillor Hewitt, as Councillor Advocate, extend an invitation to the submitters and all interested members of the public to meet and discuss a coordinated approach to the restoration of Lake Whatuma and Tukituki Catchment, with discussions at that meeting intended to inform the environmental enhancement plan for riparian, wetland and biodiversity improvements.
 - 4.2 Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Barker/Graham
CARRIED**

That Council:

5. Considers the submissions received from **Gillian Ward** on behalf of **Gisborne**

Rail Action Group (29) and Don Selby on behalf of **Napier Gisborne Railway Shortline Establishment Group (108)** relating to **support for Napier-Gisborne Rail**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

- 5.1. Thanks the submitters for their support of Council's decision to financially support the re-establishment of the Napier-Wairoa section of the Napier-Gisborne rail line
- 5.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Kirton/Bailey
CARRIED**

That Council:

6. Considers the submissions received from **Kerryann Gibbs Scenic Hotel Te Pania (32)**, **Louise Stobart Birdwoods Gallery (35)**, **Mark Johnson ASURE Colonial Lodge Motel (50)** and **Hawke's Bay Tourism (102)** in relation to **Funding for Hawke's Bay Tourism**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
- 6.1. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Kirton/Wilson
CARRIED**

Councillor Barker was excused at 9.35am

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

Council continued deliberating on submissions received.

Discussions traversed:

- The funding shortfall for Toimata (Enviroschools) as a result of no longer receiving Nina Braithwaite Trust funding
- Rather than specifically assessing the feasibility of a local currency, staff to keep a watching brief how the Christchurch initiative evolves
- Murray Deaking and Audrey Jones sent in photos following their presentation, and these will be provided to Compliance staff so that their complaints can be followed up
- CHB staff and/or councillors need to be involved in discussions about transportation
- Signal to Business Hawke's Bay that funding will be reviewed through the LTP process
- Great deal of work in the Marine area, and key to bring all various stakeholders together to agree on research projects going forward

RC84/17 Resolutions

That Council:

7. Considers the submission received from **Toimata Foundation (39)** requesting increased funding of \$4,400 in 2017-18 and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
- 7.1. Approves the increase, to be paid from Project 895 (general funding-contributions), and amends the Annual Plan accordingly

**Hewitt/Beaven
CARRIED**

That Council:

8. Considers the submission points received from **Fred Robinson (51)** in relation to reforestation to restore water quality and quantity, and infrastructure funding through a local currency (rates voucher) system, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
- 8.1. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

That Council:

9. Considers the submissions received from **Murray Deakin (57) and Audrey Jones (70)**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 9.1. Thanks the submitters for bringing pollution incidents they've witnessed to Council's attention and requests that Council Compliance staff make contact and schedule a visit to the area with the submitters to investigate what action, if any, can be undertaken against the polluters.
 - 9.2. Requests that staff investigate the minimum residual flow levels required to be maintained in the Waikaretaheke River under the Genesis Energy resource consent conditions, and advise the submitters of those levels as well as the options available to them if they believe the conditions of consent are not being met.
 - 9.3. Advises the submitters of the status of achieving the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) in relation to the Waikaretaheke River and its wider catchment.
 - 9.4. Makes no change to the Annual Plan

**Wilson/Bailey
CARRIED**

That Council:

10. Considers the submission received from **Shelley Burne-Field (62)**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 10.1. Requests that staff meet with the submitter, Central Hawke's Bay District Council representatives and with community van providers in Central Hawke's Bay to investigate whether Community vans which provide services for the community, particularly to health facilities, may be eligible for concessionary fare agreements whereby HBRC provides a fare subsidy
 - 10.2. Requests that staff investigate a survey and/or potential trial for the provision of Public bus services in Central Hawke's Bay
 - 10.3. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Wilson/Dick
CARRIED**

That Council

11. Considers the submission received from **Business Hawke's Bay (66)**, and the comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 11.1. Confirms the funding provided for Business Hawke's Bay for 1 year; being the sum of \$100,000 +GST in 2017-18 as consulted on through the 2015-25 Long Term Plan, subject to review once the Matariki delivery model is finalised
 - 11.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Kirton/Dick
CARRIED**

That Council:

12. Considers the submissions received from **Fisheries Inshore New Zealand (69), Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust (73), LegaSea Hawke's Bay (99), and Pania Surfcasting Club (107) in relation to *Marine Research***, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 12.1. Requests that staff and Councillors Debbie Hewitt, Tom Belford and Neil Kirton, as Councillor Advocates for Marine Research, extend an invitation to the submitters, along with recreational, customary and commercial

groups, to meet and discuss proposed Marine Environment research projects, with discussions from that meeting intended to inform an agreed programme of research to enable better management of our marine environment.

12.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Wilson/Bailey
CARRIED**

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

Council continued deliberating on submissions received.

Discussions traversed:

- Ahuriri Statutory Board to take over management of the area, drainage issues as drainage channel no longer maintained, HBRC representative to the Ahuriri Statutory Board will be appointed at a future date
- Option submitted by Westshore group has been passed on to the Coastal Strategy Technical Advisory Group and will be considered as an option through the next phase of development of the strategy, options offered relating to Westshore renourishment to be explored.
- Considerable discussions to be pursued through the LTP process about Tangata Whenua partnerships, budgeting for liaison and engagement, staff resourcing included.

RC85/17 Resolutions

That Council:

13. Considers the submissions received from **Fisheries Inshore New Zealand (69), Napier City Council (78), Barry Crabbe (84), June Graham (85), Warwick Marshall (52), Ron Wareham (83), Te Taiao Hawke's Bay Environment Forum (88), Sue Macdonald (100) and John Cheyne (104)** raising points in relation to Ahuriri Estuary, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

13.1. Acknowledges the support for recognition of the Ahuriri Estuary as a site of ecological, cultural and recreational significance and for all reasonable measures to be taken to support these uses and values

13.2. Requests that staff and Councillor Kirton, as Councillor Advocate, extend an invitation to the submitters, Napier City and Hastings District council representatives, the Ahuriri Protection Society, Department of Conservation, landowners and businesses in the area, and Mana Ahuriri Trust to meet and discuss a coordinated approach to the protection and restoration of Ahuriri Estuary, with discussions from the meeting informing Council's programme to clean up water entering the estuary, remove pests and restore its ecological health

13.3. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Dick/Bailey
CARRIED**

That Council:

14. Considers the submission received from **Westshore Residents & Development Association (71)**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

14.1. Refers the submission to the Coastal Hazards Strategy Joint Committee for consideration through the Strategy Development process, including consideration by the Community Panel

14.2. Requests staff investigate the establishment of an effective monitoring programme for the beach renourishment project

- 14.3. Requests staff assess the costs of screening shingle used for the nourishment programme, to remove larger pebbles, and report findings to the August 2017 Council meeting
- 14.4. Makes no change to the Annual Plan

**Beaven/Bailey
CARRIED**

That Council:

15. Considers the submission received from **Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust (73)** and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 15.1. Acknowledges the Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust's support for the Marine Research initiatives proposed in Annual Plan
 - 15.2. Requests that staff initiate, within existing budgets, planning for a site visit from HBRC to Mohaka River, Te Awaawa Stream, Putere Lakes and Native Nursery Raupunga with Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust to discuss finalisation of *Fresh Start for Freshwater Funding* and work on next steps
 - 15.3. Advises that development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan will have a focus on the level of resourcing required to meet the expectations of both Council and tangata whenua in relation to engagement to form meaningful partnerships, and to enable Council to better meet its obligations to tangata whenua generally, and Treaty Settlement Entities specifically.
 - 15.4. Reaffirms that Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust has a special status in terms of gravel extraction in the lower reach of the Mohaka River, and that the proposed global consent for gravel takes will NOT override the formal agreement negotiated as part of Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust's Treaty settlement.
 - 15.5. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Kirton/Graham
CARRIED**

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

Council continued deliberating on submissions received.

Discussions traversed:

- Momentum of work by the implementation planning group, and risk of losing 'good will' associated
- Current budget/resource provision for implementation of the strategy, hotspots biodiversity work will contribute significantly to biodiversity

RC86/17

Resolutions

That Council:

16. Considers the submission received from **Jo Blakeley on behalf of the Department of Conservation (76)**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 16.1. Acknowledges the importance of opportunities to increase the level of collaboration between the Department and the Council to realise benefits to both agencies and help increase the level of evidence to support collective environmental management.
 - 16.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Bailey/Kirton
CARRIED**

That Council:

17. Considers the submissions received from **HB Biodiversity Strategy Implementation Planning Group (80)**, **Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust (73)**, **Department of Conservation (76)**, **CHB Forest & Bird (87)**, **Te Taiao Hawke's Bay Environment Forum (88)**, and **John Cheyne (104)** in relation to the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

17.1. Declines the requests for dedicated funding in the 2017-18 financial year, noting that Council will continue supporting the establishment of the HB Biodiversity Foundation as well as the ecosystem mapping and prioritisation tool for regional biodiversity, that implementation of the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy will be a major work stream for HBRC and resourcing of its implementation will be a focus of the development of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, and that the Environmental kick-start fund will make a significant contribution to accelerating biodiversity enhancement at key biodiversity hotspots in the Region.

17.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Hewitt/Dick
LOST**

The meeting adjourned at 10.45am and reconvened at 11am

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

Council continued deliberating on submissions received.

Discussions traversed:

- Funding to improve biodiversity and contribute to implementing the Strategy through the \$1M kickstart fund – need to quantify the resource committed to HB Biodiversity Strategy implementation currently
- Significant funding and resource considerations for Biodiversity and implementation of the Strategy to go through the LTP process
- Significant community knowledge to contribute to Tutira hotspots work, similarly Whatuma/Tukituki
- Mr Iain Maxwell provided additional detail in relation to bore security, the HDC resource consents for supply of drinking water, HBRC compliance and consenting actions arising from the Government Inquiry and the Joint TLA-HBRC-HB DHB Drinking Water Working Group discussions

RC87/17 Resolutions

That Council:

18. Considers the submissions received from **HB Biodiversity Strategy Implementation Planning Group (80)**, **Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust (73)**, **Department of Conservation (76)**, **CHB Forest & Bird (87)**, **Te Taiao Hawke's Bay Environment Forum (88)**, and **John Cheyne (104)** in relation to the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

18.1. Agrees to continue support for implementation of the HB Biodiversity Strategy within existing resources, and provides \$50,000 dedicated funding in the 2017-18 financial year.

18.2. Amends the Annual Plan accordingly.

**Kirton/Belford
CARRIED**

That Council:

19. Considers the submission received from **Rex McIntyre (82)**, and any comments

and proposals made by Council officers

- 19.1. Requests that staff provide Mr McIntyre with the figures showing total contributions to date, by landowners and HBRC, to environmental projects funded through the Regional LandCare Scheme.
- 19.2. Invites Mr McIntyre to attend a meeting with staff and Councillor Bailey, as Councillor Advocate, other submitters, Maungaharuru-Tangitu and adjacent landowners to discuss a coordinated approach to the restoration of Lake Tutira, and participate in developing the comprehensive action plan to restore the lake and prevent future contamination from the wider landscape.
- 19.3. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Wilson/Dick
CARRIED**

That Council:

20. Considers the submissions received from **Rex McIntyre (82), Barry Crabbe (84), Te Taiao Hawke's Bay Environment Forum (88), and John Cheyne (104) in relation to Lake Tutira**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

- 20.1. Requests that staff and Councillor Bailey, as Councillor Advocate, extend an invitation to the submitters, Maungaharuru-Tangitu Trust and adjacent landowners to meet and discuss a coordinated approach to restoration of Lake Tutira, with discussions from that meeting providing the platform for a comprehensive action plan to restore the lake and prevent future contamination from the wider landscape.
- 20.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Belford/Bailey
CARRIED**

That Council:

21. Considers the submission received from **Dr Trevor Le Lievre (89)**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

- 21.1. Invites Dr Le Lievre to attend a meeting with staff and Councillor Hewitt, as Councillor Advocate, other submitters, Tamatea Taiwhenua and interested landowners to discuss a coordinated approach to the restoration of the Tukituki Catchment, and participate in developing the environmental enhancement plan for riparian, wetland and biodiversity improvements.
- 21.2. Thanks Dr Le Lievre for his suggestions of where he sees opportunities to expand or enhance Hawke's Bay parks and pathways in Central Hawke's Bay.
- 21.3. Acknowledges Dr Le Lievre's expressed concerns about the resources required to implement and monitor Plan Change 6 requirements, best use of Council's limited resources and the options he provided for consideration.
- 21.4. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Hewitt/Bailey
CARRIED**

That Council:

22. Considers the written and oral submissions received from **Guardians of the Aquifer (90)**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

- 22.1. Acknowledges the concerns expressed about bore integrity, specifically borehead security at the Brookvale bores, and the management and monitoring of bore security.

- 22.2. Advises that HBRC has embarked on a programme, initially targetting bore owners within 1000 metres of municipal supply bores as a priority, of asking Bore Permit holders to update information on their bores, to confirm they are meeting bore security requirements and to advise of any unused or abandoned bores on their property that Council doesn't have records for.
- 22.3. Advises that HBRC is planning to consult on the costs of a broader deep drilling programme for the Heretaunga Aquifer, costing approximately \$8M, through the 2018-28 Long-Term Plan process.
- 22.4. Advises the submitter of the opportunity for submissions on the resource consent applications for drinking water supply, in particular Hastings District Council's application, should one be lodged with Council, and if the application is publicly notified.
- 22.5. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Kirton /Belford
CARRIED**

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

Council continued deliberating on submissions received.

Discussions traversed:

- Ongoing discussions with WDC about 'rivermouth opening' and will seek a public meeting with all interested parties, then set about costing possible options to put to the Community and WDC for management going forward
- Mr Taylor's slides to be provided for staff follow-up, and also findings of that investigation to be provided to future E&S meeting

RC88/17

Resolutions

That Council:

- 23. Considers the submission received from **Wairoa District Council (93)** along with the supplementary submission from the **WDC Maori Standing Committee**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 23.1. Thanks the submitter for supporting the intent of Council's proposed environmental kick-start fund, particularly the project to develop a catchment enhancement plan for Whakakī Lake and Wairoa River
 - 23.2. Acknowledges the submitter's note of caution in relation to the impact of a rates increase on the Wairoa community, while also noting that investing in improving the quality of waterways now appears a pragmatic solution.
 - 23.3. Acknowledges the significance of the Wairoa River and Lake Whakakī to Maori and the importance of managing these taonga in accordance with the holistic Maori view and values
 - 23.4. Requests that staff and Councillor Wilson, as Councillor Advocate, extend an invitation to the submitters, hapu and iwi of the rohe and local landowners to meet and discuss a coordinated approach to management of the catchment, with discussions from that meeting informing the development of a catchment enhancement plan to improve the state of its natural resources and ecosystems.
 - 23.5. Makes no change to the Annual Plan.

**Beaven/Wilson
CARRIED**

That Council:

- 24. Considers the written and verbal submissions received from **E R Taylor (101)**,

and any comments and proposals made by Council officers

- 24.1. Thanks the submitter for providing the photographic evidence of refuse dumping on Tukituki riverbanks, and provides those photographs to Council's Compliance staff to enable investigation of Mr Taylor's complaints including visits to the sites photographed. Further, Council requests that staff provide a report of the investigation's findings to the September 2017 Environment and Services Committee meeting.
- 24.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan

**Belford/Bailey
CARRIED**

That Council:

25. Considers the submission received from **Joe Boyce (109)**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 25.1. Thanks the submitter for his suggestions in regard to the management of rivers, and advises that the Water Folio information will be provided to relevant operational staff for their consideration.
 - 25.2. Makes no change to the Annual Plan

**Dick/Belford
CARRIED**

4. Submissions on the Draft 2017-18 Annual Plan

Council continued deliberating on submissions received.

Discussions traversed:

- HDC request was included with 'further submissions' as part of the Agenda for today's deliberations. They have set up a Community Assistance Scheme, provided \$100,000 and request that HBRC contributes to the scheme as well.

Councillor Barker re-joined the meeting at 12.14pm

- Mr James Palmer recommends matching contribution of \$100,000 from HBRC, and that it may be that once the scheme is up and running there may be the need for councils to contribute additional funds
- Councillors expressed general agreement that the CE work with HDC representatives on criteria for applications to the scheme
- Suggestions that \$200,000 would be totally insufficient in the face of the level of some peoples' losses and queries whether the DHB will also be asked to contribute to the scheme
- Support for the 5% to pay for the environmental kick-start projects was 50%, but the majority of submitters supported Council's intention to do the work to action restoration of the environment.
- \$1 million considered minimal in relation to the amount of work that needs to be done
- Public not clear about how the HBRC funding was to be leveraged against central government Freshwater Improvement funding if applications are successful
- Strong support for Council's returned focus on 'environment'

RC89/17 Resolutions

That Council:

26. Contributes \$100,000 to the Gastro Outbreak Community Assistance Scheme, matching the contribution made by Hastings District Council, and amends the Annual Plan accordingly.

**Wilson/Kirton
CARRIED**

That Council:

27. Considers the submissions received relating to **the proposed Rates increase**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers
 - 27.1. Acknowledges the varied concerns and support expressed about the proposed rates increase
 - 27.2. Agrees to develop milestones against which progress in dealing with the hotspots initiatives, funded by the 5% rates increase, will be measured
 - 27.3. Makes no change to the proposed 2017-18 Annual Plan, confirming the total rates increase of 9.88%

Kirton/Beaven

For: Dick, Barker, Belford, Beaven, Bailey, Kirton, Graham

Against: Hewitt, Wilson

CARRIED

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.50pm on Wednesday 21 June 2017.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: