



Unconfirmed

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 11 December 2019

Time: 1.30pm

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

Present: Cr R Graham – Chair
J Maihi-Carroll – Co Chair *Mana Ahuriri Trust*
K Brown – *Te Kopere o te Iwi Hineuru*
Cr W Foley
Cr C Foss
T Hopmans – *Maungaharuru Tangitū Trust*
N Kirikiri – *Te Toi Kura O Waikaremoana*
Cr N Kirton
Cr C Lambert
M Mohi – *Ngati Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum*
L Munro – Deputy Co Chair *Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust*
Cr H Ormsby
P Paku – *Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust*
A Tapine – *Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust*
T Waaka – *Ngāti Pāhauwera Development & Tiaki Trust*
Cr M Williams
Cr J van Beek

In Attendance: J Lawrence – Group Manager Officer of the CE & Chair
T Skerman – Group Manager Strategic Planning
P Munro – Te Pou Whakarae Māori Partnerships
J Brown – Māori Engagement Coordinator
A Roets – Governance Administration Assistant

1. Welcome/ Apologies/ Notices

The Chairman, Rex Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and Charles Lambert opened with a karakia.

Notice was given that tangata whenua have elected a new Co-Chair, Joinella Maihi-Carroll, and Co- Deputy Chair, Liz Munroe.

Karauna Brown and Joinella Maihi-Carroll advised that they need to depart at 3.45pm.

Resolution

RPC28/19 That the apology for absence from Cr Rick Barker be accepted.

**Lambert/Van Beek
CARRIED**

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interest declarations in relation to today's agenda items.

3. Call for Minor Items of Business Not on the Agenda

Recommendation

That the Regional Planning Committee accepts the following "Minor Items of Business Not on the Agenda" for discussion as Item 8:

Item	Topic	Raised by
1.	Te Maruata (promoting increased representation of Māori as elected members of local government)	Apiata Tapine/ Charles Lambert
2.	Update on Terms of Reference	Tania Hopmans
3.	Internal review post TANK – to identify what can be done better	Tania Hopmans
4.	Dates for 2020 RPC meetings	Toro Waaka
5.	Oil and gas	Rex Graham

4. TANK Plan Change 9 Options for Notification a Beyond

The item was taken as read, with discussions traversing:

- Tangata whenua strongly agree that it is within the RPC's delegation to set the process and timeframes for the notification pathway
- Role is of the RPC through the notification process
- The Schedule 1 Part 1 process as the default plan-making process if no resolution passed for alternative
- The staff re-stated the staff recommendation to apply to the Minister for the Environment for a modified streamlined planning process 'SPP' (under Schedule 1 Part 5 of the RMA) for the TANK plan change
- It was proposed that a technical approach is taken to revisit the Committee's previous decisions to understand tangata whenua concerns
- Timeframes for a streamlined process are about 18 months while the traditional process could potentially take 5+ years, and there are Central Government policy changes in the pipeline to shorten plan change process timeframes
- Tangata whenua stakeholders key concern is that the modified streamlined planning process has no opportunity for Environment Court appeals

The meeting adjourned at 2.28pm and reconvened at 2.50pm

- It was agreed that the Committee will revisit the previous RPC decisions in a workshop on 19 February in an effort to reach a consensus decision on the TANK

PC9 plan change notification process.

There were no resolutions passed

5. Resource Management Policy Project December 2019 Update

The item was taken as read.

RPC29/19 Resolution

That the Regional Planning Committee receives and notes the “*Resource Management Policy Projects November 2019 Updates*” staff report.

**Maihi-Carroll/Tapine
CARRIED**

6. Statutory Advocacy December 2019 Update

The item was taken as read, with discussion covering:

- the Planning team will be under pressure due to the Freshwater Reform projects generated by Central Government
- Regional Council’s interests have been highlighted through the review of the Napier City Council’s District Plan, and a link to that commentary will be circulated
- Request for a briefing with Mana Ahuriri and the three constituency councils (HDC, NCC and HBRC for those particularly interested in issues relating to Ahuriri Estuary and suggestion that a bi-lateral relationship with Napier City councillors could be of significant value for the Regional Planning Committee.

RPC30/19 Resolution

That the Regional Planning Committee receives and notes the “*Statutory Advocacy November 2019 Update*” staff report.

**Hopmans/Foss
CARRIED**

7. Discussion of Minor Items of Business Not on the Agenda

Item	Topic	Raised by
1.	Te Maruata (promoting increased representation of Māori as elected members of local government) – everyone of Māori decent and working on Māori portfolios and related matters is invited to attend the Annual Conference. The committee meets annually and further information is available at www.lgnz.govt.nz	Apiata Tapine/ Charles Lambert
2.	Request made for an update on the Committee’s Terms of Reference, which will be provided for the next meeting	Tania Hopmans
3.	Learnings and outcomes of the internal TANK process review will be shared with the Committee	Tania Hopmans
4.	2020 RPC meetings schedule to be distributed to RPC members	Toro Waaka
5.	Previously, Council and RPC passed a resolution to progress and plan change to prohibit oil and gas exploration and fracking/drilling in HB, which was put on hold when the Labour Government banned all new offshore oil exploration. There is concern that the current Labour Government might not be re-elected and the leader of the opposition party has indicated they want to re-examine oil and gas exploration so suggested that RPC might, in that situation, want to reconsider progressing a plan change process.	Rex Graham

Charles Lambert closed the meeting with a karakia.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.16pm on Wednesday, 11 December 2019.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: