

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 21 August 2019 At 595 Johns Road, Harewood Commencing at 6.30 pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Dave Coll, Stu Henderson, Roy Knight, Ken Lee, Phillip Musson, Richard O'Keefe, Alan Strong (Chair), Bill Southward, Graeme Nahkies, Trevor Isitt, Christopher Brankin (Ngai Tahu)

Staff: Debbie Ambler, Richard Cosgrove

In Attendance: Larry Burke, Greg Tarras, Phil Ball, Alan Rennie, Dougal Matravers

2. Apologies:

Councillors: Daniel Maxwell, D O'Neill, Rex Gibson

"That the apologies be accepted."

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Southward

CARRIED

3. Notification of General Business

Cr Isitt – Membership of the Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust

4. Conflict of Interest:

None

5. Confirmation of Minutes

a. Council Meeting Held 19 June 2019

i. Item 2 – Apologies – Cr Musson was the Seconder. The motion Carried.

ii. Matters Arising –

Promotion of the voluntary season bag limit would be through the Fishing Weekly Report and Reel Life. The Salmon Survey would be more defined relating to trout versus salmon catch so more accurate data on both species could be collected. Ranging volunteers to also promote the season bag limit.

"That the Minutes from 19 June 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record."

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Southward

CARRIED

b. Action Sheet

Items removed due to completion;

- Spraying of waterways – co-ordinated approach to Ecan
- Supply M Bate presentation on Botulism to Councillors
- Supply D Maxwell with fish screen reports
- Put and take fishery – memo to NSRSC
- Crown Pastoral Land Submission
- Botulism/toxic poison added to Councillor to Councillor meeting agenda
- Group buying power – NZC Finance Committee to review

Trout Recovery Programme – E Arthur-Moore to write a report on the Otaukaikino enhancement currently being scoped and bring back to next Council meeting.

6. Health and Safety

Case reported of cryptosporidium, hand sanitiser purchased for all staff to carry and use during all field work. First aid kits updated. Fire extinguishers checked. Uniforms and field equipment being purchased and will become the property of NCF&G.

7. Meeting Business

7a. Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

A Strong reported that Rasmus Gabrielson had been appointed with a start date yet to be determined. This topic will be discussed in the public excluded session.

7b. Draft Council Charter and Governance Policies

D Ambler to re-agenda item for October meeting when the new CEO is in attendance.

7b. For Discussion

7bi Enhancement Workshop

Cr Strong explained the intent of the workshop (to be held on the 12 October 2019) was to involve CSI F&G, Robyn Holmes (Cawthron), staff and councillors from both regions to discuss strategies going forward for habitat and enhancement.

7bii Definition of a Healthy Stream

That healthy rivers be added to the combined work stream for staff between NCF&G and Ecan and be part of the NCF&G habitat strategy.

7biii Resignation of Cr P Hodgson

For personal reasons, Cr Hodgson has resigned from Council. No replacement was possible other than a co-opted member if needed in the future.

7c. For Decision

7ci Glenariffe Fencing

With the support of the NZSAA, Council agreed to assist Glenariffe Station with a 1.7k fencing project on the east branch of the Glenariffe stream. Costs to be shared equally between M Ensor (owner), Ecan and NCF&G.

“That this Council supports the cost of \$10,000.00 towards the fencing project on the Glenariffe stream being funded from the McIntyre Bequest”.

Moved: Cr Isitt Seconded: Cr O’Keefe CARRIED
Two against

7cii Agency Liaison

Cr Isitt volunteered for the liaison between Council and Licence Agencies. When the new CEO is introduced to Agencies, Cr Isitt to accompany for introductions.

“That Cr Isitt and R Cosgrove prepare a Terms of Reference paper clearly outlining what the Agency Liaison co-ordinator would entail.”.

Moved: Cr Isitt Seconded: Cr O’Keefe CARRIED

7civ Combined Fishing Clubs High Country Opening Fishing Competition
“That R Cosgrove liaise with B Rule for the collection of data from the Competitions’ catch.”
Moved: Cr Isitt Seconded: Cr Lee CARRIED

7cv Annual Aerial Trend Counts of Paradise Shelduck, Black Swan, Mallard Duck, Shoveler Duck, White Swan, Canada Geese and Pheasant 2019.
Data would be required to be gathered on pukeko numbers before a bag limit was set. Population numbers being compressed due to loss of habitat causing problems in built up areas, as they are a very territorial bird.

“That the Report be accepted. Staff to come back to Council with options on reducing pukeko numbers”.
Moved: Cr Knight Seconded: Cr Coll CARRIED

“That the worth and method of aerial trend counts be re-evaluated. Staff to come back to Council with recommendations”.
Moved: Cr Knight Seconded: Cr Coll CARRIED

7cvi Salmon Monitoring Report
“That the Salmon Monitoring Report be received and accepted.”
Moved: Cr O’Keefe Seconded: Cr Lee

8. Public Session

L Burke thanked NCF&G and S Terry for inclusion in the decision on the Glenariffe fencing and stated the NZSAA had a large group of volunteers ready, willing and able.

L Burke advised that a report on monitoring 22 spawning sites on the Waimakariri and Kaiapoi Rivers would be forthcoming from the NZSAA. Cr Strong suggested the report be shared with NCF&G staff to enable a plan to be worked out going forward.

9 Reports

9a. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman’s Report covered topics already discussed within these minutes.

“That the Chairman’s Report be adopted.”
Moved: Cr Coll Seconded: Cr Knight CARRIED

9b. Finance Report

R Cosgrove to advise C Veitch to include an Executive Summary front page with this Report for future meetings. D Ambler to include the Cashflow status with this report in future.

“The policy on capitalisation of Fixed Assets to be sent back to C Veitch for clarification.”
Moved: Cr Strong Seconded: Cr Isitt CARRIED

“The Council does not accept the finance report for the 11 months to 31 July 2019 and request the addition of debt incurred to NZC be included in the finance report.”
Moved: Cr O’Keefe Seconded: Cr Musson CARRIED

9c. Staff Reports

R Cosgrove to ensure staff report on what they are achieving and not what they are doing.

The Lake Heron project was briefly discussed.

Under Output Area 3 – Key Stakeholders more engaged – staff to formulate a table on who the key stakeholders are, then come up with a strategy to engage and further these relationships.

“That the Staff Report be accepted.”

Moved: Cr Musson

Seconded: Cr Coll

CARRIED

9d. NZC Report

“That the NZC Report be accepted”.

Moved: Cr Isitt

Seconded: Cr Southward

CARRIED

9e. National Sea Run Salmon Committee Report

The paper on Objective Management to Assist Restoration of Salmon be on the agenda for the NC Salmon/Trout Advisory Committee.

“That the NSRSC report be accepted”.

Moved: Cr Knight

Seconded: Cr Southward

CARRIED

9f. Advisory Committee’s Reports

9f i. Executive Committee Report

Use of staff credit card use to be discussed in public excluded session.

Discussion on the relevance of Advisory Committees, what they are used for and what relevance they have either governance or operational ensued. D Ambler to agenda relevance of Advisory Committees on October 19 meeting.

“That the Executive Committee Report be accepted”.

Moved: Cr Isitt

Seconded: Cr Musson

CARRIED

10. General Business

10.1 Discussion on potential Trustees for the Water and Wildlife Trust. Expressions of interest to be circulated. Cr Isitt to send email the NZSAA and Cr Southward.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm and moved into Public Excluded

“That the meeting move into public excluded session at 9.01pm”.

Moved: Cr Strong

Seconded: Cr

CARRIED

“That the Council meeting closed at 9.30pm”.

Moved: Cr Strong

Seconded: Cr

CARRIED

Signed:

Chairman

Date