

# NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 19 AUGUST 2020  
At 595 Johns Road, Harewood  
Commencing at 6.36 pm**

**1. PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Dave Coll, Richard O’Keefe, Alan Strong (Chair), Graeme Nahkies (via video), Trevor Isitt, Rex Gibson, Phillip Musson, Stuart Henderson, Chris Brankin, Dan Maxwell (via video), Bill Southward, Roy Knight

**Staff:** Rasmus Gabrielsson (CEO), Debbie Ambler

**Public:** Larry Burke, Colin Eaton, Mike Agar, Andrew Wells, Greg Tarras, Dougal Matravers

**2. APOLOGIES:**

**Councillors:** Ken Lee

R Gabrielsson opened the meeting explaining the Covid 19 Rules regarding contract tracing for NCFG. Cr Strong asked Cr Gibson to carry out a Karakia to welcome members of the public to the meeting.

**3. NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Strong – Karakia – Should this be a permanent item on the Agenda?

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**“That the minutes from the Council meeting dated 17 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved: Cr Coll**

**Seconded: Cr Southward**

**CARRIED**

**MATTERS ARISING**

Resolutions from all video meetings over the Covid-19 lockdown (Late March to 30 June 2020) required to be transcribed and circulated. Cr Strong and D Ambler to complete.

**ACTION SHEET**

Botulism/Toxic Poison on Waterfowl – R Gabrielsson send a letter to Sophie Allan stating D Barr was no longer working for NCFG and give a new point of contact for NCFG. Cr Gibson requested regular updates regarding botulism of wildfowl on sewerage ponds.

## 6. MEETING BUSINESS

### 6 a i **Drift Dive Report for NCFG - 2020**

Four rivers in the NCFG region now designated backcountry fisheries, and require anglers to get a 'Backcountry Fishery Endorsement' for anglers licences for those wanting to fish the Hope River, the north and south branch of the Hurunui and Waiau rivers'. The Backcountry Fishery Endorsement is an essential management tool to capture information separate data from licence holders when surveying anglers on angling experience, harvest / catch rates and angling pressure.

**“That the NCFG Council approve the budgeted costs (\$3,000) for the trout fishery drift dive programme and the funds be drawn from the NCFG Non-Resident Reserve for the 2020/21 financial year”.**

Moved: Cr O’Keefe

Seconded: Cr Knight

**CARRIED**

### 6 a ii **Giving Effect to the Treaty of Waitangi**

Council considered an additional “Priority Outcome” acknowledging the Council’s obligation under Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987 –

*This Act shall so be interpreted and administered as to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.*

**“That NCFG Council has a relationship with Iwi in its region consistent with its obligation regarding the effect to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.”**

Moved: Cr Isitt

Seconded: Cr Knight

**CARRIED**

### 6 a iii **Salmon Spring Stream Health Monitoring Proposal**

ECAN has agreed to fund ongoing water chemistry analysis in support of our high-country stream monitoring study. Study sites may include Glenariffe, Manuka Point, Cass Hill stream, the Hydra Waters and Winding Creek. This monitoring programme aims to identify if modifications to farming practices may be needed to achieve long term environmental protection goals and standards.

**“That the NCFG Council approve the budgeted costs (\$4,000) for the bi-monthly monitoring of the high-country streams as listed be drawn from the NCFG Non-Resident Reserve for the 2020/21 financial year”.**

Moved: Cr O’Keefe

Seconded: Cr Knight

**CARRIED**

R Gabrielsson stated that ECAN would be covering most of the costs (NCFG’s contribution was for sampling costs). This would allow NCFG to collect data that aid our collaborate with farmers regarding fencing, and if required conversations about changes to mitigate any negative effects of land use practices on spring creeks and wetland complexes.

### 6 a iv **Health and Safety Report**

R Nahkies stated the need to have good measures in place to mitigate risk and that Governance risks would also be required to be identified. A separate Governance workshop would be required for this.

**“That NCFG Council undertake further work to develop and adopt a risk register and risk management plan during the 20/21 financial year”.**

Moved: Cr O'Keefe

Seconded: Cr Coll

CARRIED

**6 a v Finance Report**

**“That the NCFG Council agrees the wage subsidy was applied for in good faith, and that as the threshold of 30% of loss of income in any one month has been met, NCFG Council agree to retain the government wags subsidy”.**

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Musson

CARRIED

**“That the Finance Report be accepted to the 11 months ending 31 July 2020 subject to issues raised”.**

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Isitt

CARRIED

R Gabrielsson to reply via email on issues raised by Cr O'Keefe.

**6 a vi Glenariffe Stream Protection and Rehabilitation Project**

Glenariffe Stream is seen as a significant salmon and trout spawning tributary in the Rakaia Headwaters. Due to significant pasture development in the catchment, NCFG's objective is to restore and protect salmon spawning habitat.

The Proposal is to:

1. Realign and rehabilitate the East Branch on the Glenariffe Station including fencing;
2. To finance approximately 6.5km of fencing on Double Hill Station required to protect springheads, which are located on a 30ha area of land that the landowners have signalled they may be willing to retire.
3. Twin Waters owners have requested assistance from NCFG to plan a wetland habitat rehabilitation project.

**“That the NCFG Council direct the CEO and the Council Chair to undertake consultation with the NZSAA regarding funding the Glenariffe Stream Protection and Rehabilitation Project from the McIntyre Bequest and report back to Council at the October 2020 Council meeting”.**

Moved: Cr Knight

Seconded: Cr Isitt

CARRIED

D Maxwell suggested that the Landcare Group and Rakaia River Fishing Promotions could be interested in this project and stated he would be happy to assist with possible funding investigations. R Gabrielsson to liaise with D Maxwell.

**6b. FOR DISCUSSION**

**6 b i Snake Creek Update**

Early results indicated sediment on the streambed had decreased and the invertebrate diversity had improved. R Gabrielsson stated the need to pay more attention to sediment issues and the need to communicate the Snake Creek Report findings to the public.

**7. REPORTS**

**7a. Chairman's Report**

Outlined the implications from Covid 19 had on the gamebird and fishing seasons, setting 2020/21 fishing regulations, discussions on NCFG 2020/21 operating budget' and the ministerial review.

**“That the Chairman’s Report be accepted”.**

**Moved: Cr Isitt**

**Seconded: Cr Musson**

**CARRIED**

**“That the CEO end of year review occur by the end of August 2020”.**

**Moved: Cr Musson**

**Seconded: Cr O’Keefe**

**CARRIED**

**7b. Chief Executive’s Report**

Outlined and reported on the four strategic priorities set by Council. Council wanted staff report on outcomes and not outputs relevant to NCFG when reporting on meetings attended. Building relationships with other agencies was discussed. D Maxwell to liaise with R Gabrielsson to arrange meetings within the Hurunui District for those who are keen to build relationships with NCFG.

**“That the CEO’s Report be accepted”.**

**Moved: Cr Musson**

**Seconded: Cr Knight**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Isitt against motion as Report references past Councils.**

**8. PUBLIC SESSION**

Points raised by the public;

- L Burke suggested that Trust Power could be a good funding source for the Glenariffe fencing project;
- M Bate raised the issue of the environmental impacts of weed spraying had on the Halswell River and asked NCFG to look into this. R Gabrielsson stated that once an Environmental Officer was employed, then this issue would be addressed;
- In reply to G Tarras, R Gabrielsson reported that the arrangements for the proposed Trout Symposium / Trout Fishing Festival was well underway, with the event likely to be held prior to Christmas.

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Development of a Karakia for Council Meetings**

**“Cr Gibson and C Brankin be asked to engage with the appropriate person to work on a Karakia and report back at the October Council meeting.”**

**Moved: Cr Strong**

**Seconded: Cr Southward**

**CARRIED**

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 21 October 2020**

**6.30pm**

**595 Johns Road, Harewood**