
Rural Advisory Panel

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel held in the Civic 15 Meeting Room, 1 Greys Avenue, Auckland on Friday, 7 March 2014 at 1.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Bill Cashmore	Franklin Ward Councillor
Deputy Chairperson North	Thomas Grace	Rodney Local Board Member
Deputy Chairperson South	Alan Cole	Franklin Local Board Member
Members	Marie Appleton	Rural Women NZ
	Bill Bourke	Aggregate & Quarry Assoc
	Wendy Clark	Federated Farmers
	Trish Fordyce	NZ Forest Owners Assoc
	Richard Gardner	Federated Farmers
	Brian Mason	Landowners & Contractors Protection Assoc Inc
	Bruce Parris	Beef & Lamb NZ alternate
	Helen Moodie	Dairy NZ
	Roger Parton	Rural Contractors NZ and Aggregate & Quarry Assoc
	Geoff Smith	Equine Industry
	Peter Spencer	NZ Forest Owners Association
	Bronwen Turner	Western Rural Property Owners
	Keith Vallabh	Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Assoc
	Cr Penny Webster	Rodney Ward Councillor

APOLOGIES

Chris Keenan
Callum McCallum
Andrew McKenzie
Glenn Wilcox

ALSO PRESENT

David G Natzke	General Manager New Zealand Farm Environment Trust
Hew Dalrymple	Trustee of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust
Shayne O'Shea	Ballance Farm Awards 2013, Northland Supreme Award Winner

1 Apologies

Resolution number RUR/2014/4

MOVED by Cr WB Cashmore, seconded by Member W Clark:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **accept the apologies from Chris Keenan, Callum McCallum, Andrew McKenzie and Glenn Wilcox for absence.**

CARRIED

The Chair invited Wendy Clark, Marie Appleton, Geoff Smith and Helen Moodie to present brief biographies as they were not present at the inaugural Panel meeting for this term.

These have been added to the existing biographies provided at the 31 January 2014 meeting; a copy has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

Attachments

A Rural Advisory Panel members brief biographies

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number RUR/2014/5

MOVED by Member WB Cashmore, seconded by Member Clark:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Friday, 31 January 2014, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

3 Additional items for consideration not on the agenda

The Chair advised that an item on Greater Tāmaki Stormwater Network Consent consultation would be considered after Item 6 on the agenda.

1.02pm Cr Webster entered the meeting.

The Chair briefly updated the panel on the issue of sites of significance to Māori in the Unitary Plan.

4 Local Board Plans

Karen Titulaer, Senior Policy Advisor, Local Board Services provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Local Board Plans process. A copy has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

Attachments

A Local Board Plans Presentation

5 Role of Rural Industry Group (RIG)

Discussion took place on the role of the RIG. Lists of the Rural Advisory Panel's priorities and topics for future RIG meetings were tabled. Copies have been placed on the official copy of the minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

RIG objectives were discussed and the Chair noted that this term was about implementation and suggested that the Panel's Deputy Chairs work with Gael Ogilvie and Phil Brown on progressing an April RIG meeting. It was also agreed that Phil Brown organise a Forestry Liaison Group (FLG) meeting and report back to the Panel on this.

Resolution number RUR/2014/6

MOVED by Cr WB Cashmore, seconded by Member W Clark:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **agree that the local board delegates, Alan Cole and Thomas Grace, progress the membership of the Rural Industry Group forward.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Rural Advisory Panel priorities for the current term and topics for the Rural Industry Group meetings

6 Heritage Incentives Policy

Raewyn Sendles, Principal Specialist Natural Heritage, provided a PowerPoint presentation. A copy has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

Attachments

- A Heritage Incentives Policy Presentation

3.1 Greater Tamaki Stormwater Network Consent consultation

Sue Ira, Consultant and Janet Kidd, Senior Stormwater Specialist provided a PowerPoint presentation. A copy has been placed on the official copy of the minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

The Panel was advised that feedback forms were available and that consultation closes on 28 March should any panel members wished to make a submission.

Thomas Grace asked staff for an update via email on how fast the Kumeu River would be cleaned, it was noted that staff would be presenting to the Local Board and a community liaison group on the issue and working through the modelling for this.

Attachments

- A Greater Tamaki Stormwater Network Consent consultation presentation
- B Stormwater priorities consultation information brochure and request for feedback
- C Feedback form

7 Ballance Farm Environment Awards

David Natzke, General Manager, NZ Farm Environment Trust, accompanied by Hew Dalrymple, Trustee NZ Farm Environment Trust and Shayne O’Shea, 2013 Northland Supreme Award winner, provided a DVD presentation on the Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

A partnership proposal for the Auckland Council and the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust was tabled, together with a copy of the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust Annual Report 2013. Copies of the presentation and the tabled documents have been placed on the official copy of the meeting minutes.

Discussion followed in which it was noted that Council’s financial commitment would be \$25,000 per annum for a three year contract. The Chair asked that this issue lie on the table until staff have reported on Community Awards at the next meeting.

The Chair thanked David, Hew and Shayne for their presentation.

8 General Business

Next Month topics:

- Land and Water Aotearoa (LAWA) water quality monitoring
- Sites of significance and high value to mana whenua
- Report back on the implementation of National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
- Community & Environment awards
- Rural events - enabling via proactive consenting
- Update on the Rural Broadband Initiative.

The Chair noted that the Panel’s work programme is fluid, we have a skeleton and can work from that and add or take away on a ‘needs-be’ basis.

3.35 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE RURAL ADVISORY PANEL
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....