
Rural Advisory Panel

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel held in the Civic15 Meeting Room, 1 Greys Avenue, Auckland on Friday, 4 April 2014 at 1.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson South

Deputy Chairperson North

Members

Cr Bill Cashmore

Alan Cole

Thomas Grace

Marie Appleton

Wendy Clark

Trish Fordyce

Richard Gardner

Chris Keenan

Brian Mason

Andrew McKenzie

Roger Parton

Geoff Smith

Peter Spencer

Bronwen Turner

Keith Vallabh

Cr Penny Webster

Glenn Wilcox

Franklin Ward Councillor

Franklin Local Board Member

Rodney Local Board Member

Rural Women NZ

Federated Farmers

NZ Forest Owners Assoc

Federated Farmers

Horticulture NZ

Landowners & Contractors Protection
Assoc Inc

Beef and Lamb NZ

Rural Contractors NZ and

Aggregate & Quarry Assoc

Equine Industry

NZ Forest Owners Association

Western Rural Property Owners

Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Assoc

Rodney Ward Councillor

Independent Māori Statutory Board

APOLOGIES

Bill Bourke

Helen Moodie

1 Apologies

Resolution number RUR/2014/7

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

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **accept the apologies from Bill Bourke and Helen Moodie for absence.**

CARRIED

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number RUR/2014/8

MOVED by Cr WB Cashmore, seconded by Member AQ Cole:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **confirm the minutes of its meeting, held on Friday, 7 March 2014, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

3 Additional items for consideration, not on the agenda

- Approval process for rural events
- Tabled email to the Rural Advisory Panel regarding delivery of service on unsealed rural roads
- Impact of legacy rules on the ability to get resource consents.

4 Update on the Rural Broadband Initiative

Craig Young, Head of Industry Relations, Chorus Telecommunications provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A copy of the presentation has been placed on the official minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number RUR/2014/9

MOVED by Cr WB Cashmore, seconded by Cr MP Webster:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **thank Craig Young for his presentation on the Rural Broadband Initiative.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Craig Young - Rural Broadband Initiative PowerPoint Presentation

5 Implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

There were presentations by staff on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management:

- Grant Barnes and Andrew Schollum – overview / strategic direction
- Andrew Millar – policy response
- Viv Sherwood – operational response

A map and memo were tabled and a PowerPoint presentation was provided.

Copies of the tabled documents and presentation have been placed on the official minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as minutes attachments.

Attachments

- A Freshwater maps
- B Grant Barnes memo NPS Freshwater Management - National Objectives Framework
- C Andrew Millar and Viv Sherwood PowerPoint Presentation

6 Land and Water Aotearoa (LAWA) water quality monitoring

Martin Neale provided a YouTube video of the LAWA water quality monitoring tool:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIL7maRqEQY>

and a demonstration of the tool on the LAWA website:

<http://www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/auckland-region/>

A memo was tabled. A copy of the memo has been placed on the official minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Attachments

- A Martin Neale - LAWA memo

7 Community and Environment Incentives

Viv Sherwood provided a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

A recommendation regarding Community and Environment Incentives will be made at the Panel's 2 May 2014 meeting.

Resolution number RUR/2014/10

MOVED by Member WB Cashmore, seconded by Member AQ Cole:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **agree that the Community and Environment Incentives item lie on the table until the 2 May 2014 meeting of the Panel.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Viv Sherwood - Community and Environment presentation

8 General Business

The following items identified at Item 3 were briefly discussed:

- Rural events – work is being done regarding a standardised approval process, information will be coming back to Crs Penny Webster and Bill Cashmore, which will then be taken to Council. Work is being done towards improvement.
- Standard of service on unsealed roads email – this is appropriate for consideration as part of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) process. Auckland Transport will be requested to present to the June meeting of the Panel about the contract process, how it is managed and what the criteria is to seal or not seal rural roads.
- Impact of legacy rules on the ability to get resource consents – the Panel has tried to ensure that the Unitary Plan enables a variety of economic activities.

Next month topics:

- The Sea Change Project
- Aquaculture
- Best practice working collaboratively (Chris Keenan)
- Sites of significance to mana whenua (Glenn Wilcox and John Duguid)
- Resolution on Rural Awards

- Sustainable catchments programme (June meeting)
- Auckland Transport rural roading (June meeting).

The next meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel will be held on 2 May 2014.

3.58 pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE RURAL ADVISORY PANEL
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....