
Rural Advisory Panel

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel held in Rooms 1 & 2, Level 26, 135 Albert Street, Auckland on Friday, 6 March 2015 at 12.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson North

Deputy Chairperson South Members

Cr Bill Cashmore

Thomas Grace

Alan Cole

Marie Appleton

Bill Bourke

Wendy Clark

Viv Dostine

Richard Gardner

Chris Keenan

Brian Mason

Andrew McKenzie

Roger Parton

Geoff Smith

Peter Spencer

Bronwen Turner

Keith Vallabh

Glenn Wilcox

Franklin Ward Councillor

Rodney Local Board Member

Franklin Local Board Member

Rural Women NZ

Aggregate & Quarry Assoc

Federated Farmers

Northern Equine

Federated Farmers

Horticulture NZ

Landowners & Contractors Protection
Assoc Inc

Beef & Lamb NZ

Rural Contractors NZ and

Aggregate & Quarry Assoc

Equine Industry

NZ Forest Owners Association

Western Rural Property Owners

Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Assoc

Independent Māori Statutory Board

APOLOGIES

Helen Moodie

Trish Fordyce

Cr Penny Webster

For absence

For absence

For absence

ALSO PRESENT

Jill Naysmith, Franklin Local Board

The Chairperson welcomed panel members and provided a brief update on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan process.

1 Apologies

Resolution number RUR/2015/1

MOVED by Chairperson WB Cashmore, seconded by Deputy Chairperson South AQ Cole:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **accept the apologies from Cr Penny Webster and from members Glenn Wilcox, Helen Moodie and Trish Fordyce for absence.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number RUR/2015/2

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson North TP Grace, seconded by Member G Smith:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Friday, 5 December 2014, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Additional Items for Consideration

The following items were requested to be considered under Item 9 General Business:

- Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan Update
- Chris Keenan - Update on the Horticulture NZ research activity, document on water priority
- Keith Valabbh - Pukekohe Hill
- Geoff Smith – Equestrian commentary.

5 Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development Food and Beverage Sector Plan and Innovation Plan

Zahra Champion, Strategic Initiatives Manager Industry Innovation and Entrepreneurship Economic Growth and Wendy Voegelin, Growth Programme Specialist Industry Development Business Delivery & Customer Experience Economic Growth, Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development were present to address the meeting.

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

The Panel thanked Zahra Champion and Wendy Voegelin for their presentation.

Attachments

- A 6 March 2015 - Rural Advisory Panel - Item 4 ATEED Food and Beverage Sector Plan and Innovation Plan PowerPoint

6 Queensland Fruit Fly Update

Phil Brown, Land and Water Advisory Team Manager provided a verbal update on the Queensland fruit fly situation in Auckland

7 Long-Term Plan 2015-2025 Questions

Member G Wilcox entered the meeting at 1.54pm.

Discussion took place on the Long-Term Plan 2015-2025 process.

8 Heritage Incentives Approach

This item was deferred.

9 Kaipara River Update

A brief verbal update was provided.

10 General Business

10.1 Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan (PAUP) Update

Warren Maclennan, Manager Planning - North/West, Lead Officer Support – Rural Advisory Panel provided a brief update on the PAUP.

It was agreed that the Panel would be updated on this matter at each meeting.

10.2 Chris Keenan - update on the HortNZ research activity and to seek a document on water priority that has been associated with the Rural Advisory Panel be tabled and reviewed for broader support or opposition

Chris Keenan requested that a document on water priority, which seem to suggest an endorsement by the Panel, be brought before the Panel and its status be discussed to gain the Panel's view. It was agreed that this would be followed up and researched by Warren Maclennan.

10.3 Keith Vallabh - Pukekohe Hill

Keith Vallabh raised the issue of a drainage problem on a private property in Pukekohe, highlighting that a weather event would cause a flooding problem. It was agreed that this matter would be followed up by Keith Vallabh and Alan Cole.

10.4 Geoff Smith - equestrian commentary

Geoff Smith updated the panel on this issue and it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting with the emphasis on a collaborative approach.

Next meeting

Equestrian issue - ATEED, equine and parks
Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan interim guidance delivery
Chris Keenan – document on water priority
Heritage Incentives Approach – deferred from this meeting.

Meeting schedule

It was agreed that a six-weekly meeting cycle is required, not two-monthly.

Consequently, the 2015 meeting schedule has been rearranged and the new schedule is:

- 1 May
- 12 June
- 24 July
- 4 September
- 16 October
- 27 November.

Future items

Google Loom project - Viv Dostine to provide information for follow up.

3.15 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:.....