
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, 4 September 2015 at 12.29 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Bill Cashmore	Franklin Ward Councillor
Deputy Chairperson North	Thomas Grace	Rodney Local Board Member
Members	Marie Appleton	Rural Women NZ
	Wendy Clark	Federated Farmers
	Viv Dostine	Northern Equine
	Richard Gardner	Federated Farmers
	Chris Keenan	Horticulture NZ
	Brian Mason	Landowners & Contractors Protection Assoc Inc
	Callum McCallum	Aquaculture Industry
	Andrew McKenzie	Beef and Lamb NZ
	Roger Parton	Rural Contractors NZ and Aggregate & Quarry Assoc
	Geoff Smith	Equine Industry
	Bronwen Turner	Western Rural Property Owners
	Keith Vallabh	From Item 6, 1.03 pm.
	Glenn Wilcox	Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Assoc
		Independent Māori Statutory Board

ABSENT

Deputy Chairperson South	Bill Bourke	Aggregate & Quarry Assoc
	Alan Cole	Franklin Local Board Member
	Trish Fordyce	NZ Forest Owners Assoc
	Helen Moodie	Dairy NZ
	Peter Spencer	NZ Forest Owners Association
	Cr Penny Webster	Rodney Ward Councillor

ALSO PRESENT

<u>Incoming Members</u>	Dean Blythen	Federated Farmers
	Tracey Bryan	Fonterra
<u>Alternate (for Alan Cole)</u>	Mike Chilton	Aggregate & Quarry Assoc
	Jill Naysmith	Franklin Local Board Member

1 Apologies

Resolution number RUR/2015/24

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

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) accept the apologies from Bill Bourke, Deputy Chairperson South Alan Cole, Trish Fordyce, Helen Moodie, Peter Spencer, and Cr Penny Webster for absence, and from Bronwen Turner for lateness.

CARRIED

Secretarial note: New members Dean Blythen and Mike Chilton were introduced to the Panel.

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number RUR/2015/25

MOVED by Chairperson WB Cashmore, seconded by Member R Parton:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Friday, 24 July 2015, as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Additional Items for Consideration

4.1 Additional Items for Consideration - Consultation for stormwater priorities for the Hibiscus Coast / East Coast Bays

The reason this item was not included on the agenda is that the matter came to our attention after the close of the agenda.

The reason for urgency is that the consultation period for stormwater priorities closes before the next meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel.

The meeting agreed to consider the report entitled 'Consultation for stormwater priorities for the Hibiscus Coast / East Coast Bays' under item 12.1 Consideration of Extraordinary Items.

Precedence of Business

Resolution number RUR/2015/26

MOVED by Chairperson WB Cashmore, seconded by Member G Wilcox:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) agree that Item 6: Auckland Council Investments Ltd (ACIL) – ACIL's objectives for 2014/15, performance to date and objectives for subsequent years be accorded precedence at this time.

CARRIED

6 Auckland Council Investments Ltd (ACIL) - ACIL's objectives for 2015/16, performance to date and objectives for subsequent years

Member Bronwen Turner entered the meeting at 1.03 pm.

Gary Swift, Chief Executive, Auckland Council Investments Ltd, was in attendance to present to the Rural Advisory Panel.

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.

Resolution number RUR/2015/27

MOVED by Chairperson WB Cashmore, seconded by Jill Naysmith:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) thank Gary Swift, Chief Executive, Auckland Council Investments Ltd, for his presentation.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 4 September 2015, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 6 Auckland Council Investments Ltd (ACIL) - ACIL's objectives for 2015/16, performance to date and objectives for subsequent years, Managing Auckland's strategic equity assets.

5 Ballance Farm Environment Awards

Member Keith Vallabh left the meeting at 1.27pm and returned to the meeting at 1.34 pm.

Phil Brown, Land and Water Advisory Team Manager, provided an update and advised of appointments to the Ballance Farm Environment Awards Management Committee.

The application form may be found at the following link:

http://www.nzfeatrust.org.nz/how_to_enter

Resolution number RUR/2015/28

MOVED by Chairperson WB Cashmore, seconded by Member TP Grace:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) thank Phil Brown, Land and Water Advisory Team Manager, for his update on the Ballance Farm Environment awards.

CARRIED

Secretarial note: Item 6 - Auckland Council Investments Ltd (ACIL) - ACIL's objectives for 2014/15, performance to date and objectives for subsequent years was considered prior to Item 5 - Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

7 Review of farm / lifestyle rates

Andrew Duncan, Manager Financial Policy, and Beth Sullivan, Principal Advisor, Financial Policy, were in attendance to present to the Rural Advisory Panel.

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.

Members provided feedback to staff regarding proposed changes to farm / lifestyle rates.

Attachments

- A 4 September 2015, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 7: Review of farm / lifestyle rates, Ratepayer engagement presentation.

8 Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan update - Cultural Impact Assessments

Mark Leggett, Team Manager, Practice & Training, Resource Consents and Jym Clark, Planner, Unitary Plan were in attendance to present to the Rural Advisory Panel.

Two PowerPoint presentations were provided. Copies have been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as minutes attachments.

Resolution number RUR/2015/29

MOVED by Chairperson WB Cashmore, seconded by Member C Keenan:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) thank Mark Leggett, Team Manager, Practice & Training, Resource Consents and Jym Clark, Planner, Unitary Plan for their update on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 4 September 2015, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 8 Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan update - Cultural Impact Assessments, consenting approach presentation.
- B 4 September 2015, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 8: Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan update - Cultural Impact Assessments, Sites and Places of Value to Mana Whenua presentation.

9 Events in Rural Areas

Member Glenn Wilcox left the meeting at 2.50 pm.

Member Geoff Smith spoke to the issues regarding planning requirements for A&P shows, especially with regard to multi-year / multi-event consenting for A&P shows, traffic management plans and health and safety requirements.

Tim Weight, Manager Inspections, Building Control, was in attendance to answer questions regarding consents for A&P shows.

Secretarial note: Issues regarding multi-year / multi-event consenting to be raised at an upcoming meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel.

10 National Policy Statement for Freshwater

Member Glenn Wilcox returned to the meeting at 2.58 pm.

Greg Holland, Manager Natural Environment Strategy, provided an update regarding the National Policy Statement for Freshwater, noting that:

- A review in 2016 is likely
- Unitary Plan is signalling a direction for the urban context
- For the rural context, Auckland Council is working across departments to build understanding, capability and confidence
- Looking at trial areas – current indication is Franklin.

11 Kaipara River update

Wolfgang Kanz, Senior Stormwater Specialist, provided an update on weed control in the lower Kaipara River.

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.

Resolution number RUR/2015/30

MOVED by Chairperson WB Cashmore, seconded by Member TP Grace:

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) thank Wolfgang Kanz, Senior Stormwater Specialist, for his presentation
- b) send a letter to Infrastructure and Environmental Services thanking them for their work on weed control in the lower Kaipara River.

CARRIED

Secretarial note: An update to long-term planning regarding weed control in the lower Kaipara River to be presented by Thomas Grace to an upcoming meeting of the Rural Advisory Panel.

Attachments

- A 4 September 2015, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 11: Kaipara River update, weed control in the lower Kaipara River presentation.

12 Additional Items for Consideration

12.1 Consultation for stormwater priorities for the Hibiscus Coast / East Coast Bays

Warren McLennan raised the issue of consultation being undertaken by Auckland Council's Stormwater Unit on managing stormwater in the Hibiscus Coast / East Coast Bays catchment.

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

Warren noted the opportunity for members of the Rural Advisory Panel to submit feedback on the consultation document.

Secretarial note: The Rural Advisory Panel requested a presentation on this topic for an upcoming meeting.

Attachments

- A 4 September 2015, Rural Advisory Panel, Item 12.1: Consultation for stormwater priorities for the Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays, consultation information document.

3.36 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:.....