

Rangitīkei District Council

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes – Thursday 20 August 2020 – 9:00 am

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Present: Mr Craig O'Connell (Chair)

Cr Nigel Belsham Cr Dave Wilson Cr Angus Gordon

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also in attendance: Cr Fi Dalgety

Cr Brian Carter Cr Waru Panapa

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager – via

zoom

Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager, Finance & Business Support

Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9.06am.

2 Council prayer

Mr O'Connell read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

4 Extraordinary meeting

This extraordinary meeting was called to consider the Government's three waters reform programme and to advise Council on whether to sign the Memorandum of Understanding

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number 20/ARK/011 File Ref 3-CT-17-2

That the Minutes of the Audit/Risk Committee meeting held on 31 July 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

6 Memorandum of Understanding – Three Waters Reform

The Committee considered the briefing note in the agenda, supplemented by commentary from the Community Services Group Manager, the Chief Executive and His Worship the Mayor. This included an outline of the discussions by Te Rōpu Ahi Kā at its extraordinary meeting on 18 August 2020 which resulted in a set of recommendations to the Committee.

The Summary Proposal (provided to the last meeting), Simpson Grierson legal advice and the Memorandum of Understanding were included in the Order Paper together with 'Three Waters Reform Programme – Guide to stimulus funding for local authorities' which sets out what happens if the Memorandum of Understanding is signed.

Resolved minute number 20/ARK/012 File Ref

That documentation on the Government's three waters reform programme, including the Memorandum of Understanding, to the 31 July 2020 Audit/Risk Committee be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/ARK/013 File Ref

That, in terms of the delegation made by Council at its meeting on 30 July 2020 (20/RDC/255), the Audit/Risk Committee resolves that His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive sign the Memorandum of Understanding, on behalf of the Rangitikei District Council, for the first stage of the Government's Three Waters Services Reform.

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/ARK/014 File Ref

That having regard to the recommendations from the 18 August 2020 meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Audit/Risk Committee recommends to Council to –

- a. advocate that future decisions on water reform include adequate time for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa members to engage with their people/whanau;
- b. note Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's concern for the long term implications of iwi relationship with a future large entity that is unknown at this stage;
- c. consider that some of the \$4.82m offered to Council by signing the Memorandum of Understanding be assigned for the investigation and assessment of District marae drinking water and wastewater; and
- d. consider supporting an application for funding from the Government's \$30m marae and papakainga sub fund.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/ARK/015 File Ref

That the Audit/Risk Committee recommends that Council request the other territorial authorities in the Horizons region to agree to the investigation and assessment of marae and papakainga drinking water and wastewater on a regional basis, using some of the stimulus funding allocated on a regional basis and consider supporting an application for regional funding from the Government's \$ 30 million marae and papakainga sub fund.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

7 Next meeting

Thursday 24 September 2020, 9.00am

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| | 10.03am. |
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| Date: | |