

Rangitikei District Council

Hearings Panel Meeting

Order Paper – Thursday, 23 May 2019 – 10:00 a.m.



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1 Council Prayer

2 Welcome and introduction from the Mayor

(in the Chair)

3 Apologies / Leave of absence

4 Notice of classification of dog 'Raro' as dangerous

A copy of this notice, issued on 22 February 2019, is attached.

5 Further information

The Chair will confirm whether there has been additional documentation provided to the Panel and Ms Doriguzzi since the distribution of the meeting Order Paper and that it was received. He will also confirm with Ms Doriguzzi and Mr Peterson whether there is any additional documentation to be tabled at the hearing and whether there are any Council witnesses attending whom the Panel may question.

6 Statement from Objector

The Chair will invite Ms Doriguzzi to speak to the Panel. This may include a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms Doriguzzi asks the Hearing Panel to rescind the classification of the dog 'Raro' as dangerous.

7 Questions from the Panel to the Objector

8 Report from Council's Senior Animal Control Officer

The Chair will invite Mr Peterson to speak to the Panel, highlighting points in his written report (but not reading it to the Panel).

The report is attached. It includes Appendices A to N.

Mr Peterson recommends that the Hearing Panel uphold the classification of the dog 'Raro' as dangerous.

9 Further questions from the Panel to the Objector, to the Council's Senior Animal Control Officer and/or to the Council's Witnesses

The Panel may seek views from the Objector, the Senior Animal Control Officer or the Witnesses on any written statement provided or oral statement made at the hearing, but these parties are not permitted to cross-examine each other.

10 Deliberation by the Hearing Panel

The Panel may wish to deliberate in private.

Under section 33B(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Panel may resolve to either uphold or rescind the classification, but must note its reasons for its decision, and these must be conveyed to the owner of the dog. Alternatively, the Panel may, for any reason, resolve to adjourn the meeting until a specified date and time or to a date to be subsequently determined with the Members of the Panel, the Objector and the Council's Chief Executive.

11 Meeting closed