

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO FISH & GAME



Minutes of a Meeting of Council
held at the NZ Deerstalkers Hall, Wairere Dr, Hamilton
on Saturday 16th November 2024 commencing at 11:27am.

PRESENT:

Chairman: D. Klee / N. Juby.
Councillors: D. Cocks, M. Barker, G. Annan, G. Dickey, T. Clark, A. Sapich, S. Smith, O. Kent, P. Dell.
Staff: D. Klee, D. Le Lievre, A. Daniel, B. Jarvis-Child
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1. APOLOGIES:

A. Brown, M. Barker, E. Williamson

It was moved;

that apologies be accepted.

Annan/Cocks – CARRIED

2. POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM MEETING AGENDA:

Nil.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Mr Klee assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Councillor Annan was nominated by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Clarke.

Councillor Juby was nominated by Councillor Cocks and seconded by Councillor Dickey.

A secret ballot was held, and Mr Klee declared Councillor Juby as Chairman and vacated the Chair.

4. GENERAL EXPLANATION OF VARIOUS LAWS AFFECTING COUNCILLORS /COUNCIL:

In accordance with Standing Orders Mr Klee briefed the Councillors on the relevant sections of:

- Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 – regarding the corrupt use of official information and bribery of officials.
- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 – regarding the access of the public to official information.
- Secret Commission Act 1910 – Councillors acting for the Council cannot take secret commissions.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE TWO VICE CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman called for nominations for the two Vice Chairs.

Councillor Cocks was nominated by Councillor Juby and seconded by Councillor Smith.

Councillor Annan was nominated by Councillor Cocks and seconded by Councillor Smith.

The Chairman asked if there were any further nominations, and there being none Councillors Cocks and Annan were declared Vice Chairmen.

6. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S NOMINEE FOR NZF&G COUNCIL:

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Auckland/Waikato representative on the NZF&GC.

Councillor Kent was nominated by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Juby.

Councillor Williamson was nominated by Councillor Cocks and seconded by Councillor Annan.

A secret ballot was held, and Councillor Williamson was declared Auckland/Waikato's representative to the NZF&GC.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF 12th October 2024:

It was moved;

That the minutes of the 12th October 2024 meeting be accepted as true and correct records with the addition of O.Kent and W.William as members of the public:

Annan/Cocks – CARRIED

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Councillor Juby asked if any progress had been made looking at body cameras for Rangers. Dr Daniel said he had found some for around \$250-\$300 each on Ali Express. The CE suggested that two would be purchased to trial their performance.

Councillor Juby noted the kids fish out day at Lake Te Koutu in Cambridge on the 1st of December. The C.E. acknowledged Waikato Hunting and Fishing who have supplied

around \$250 worth jig heads and soft baits toward the event. There was further discussion around a fish out day at Lake Waiwhakareke and Dr Daniel indicated he was still working with the zoo to see if they were willing to take pest fish caught to feed to their animals.

Councillor Annan noted that the Te Awamutu club were hosting a kids fish out day on the 24th of November and Dr Daniel indicated he would put links on the AWFG Facebook page to help publicise the event.

9. INWARDS COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Council from the Honourable Todd McClay. The council outlined the new access charter announced by the government and that the response to the minister could highlight some of the great outcomes we are achieving for access at next to no cost for licence holders.

The Chair presented a draft response letter he had drafted and circulated to Council. The Chair then took council through the letter and sought feedback.

It was moved;

That the council largely agreed to the content of the letter and with some minor suggested amendments. Councillors would be asked to give approval of the final letter via email prior to responding to the minister.

Dell/Dickey – CARRIED

The meeting rose for lunch at **12.54pm**. Dr Andrew West and Adreinne Murray joined the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at **1.21pm**.

The CE formally introduced Dr West and Adrienne Murray to the meeting. Dr West gave a presentation on governance with the assistance of Addrienne, which was well received.

The C.E. thanked Dr West and Adrienne for their contribution and informed him that a Fish and Game cook book would be delivered in due course.

Adrienne Murray and Andrew West left the meeting **2.45pm**.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S BI-MONTHLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Councillor Dickey raised concerns around the timeframes stipulated in the comprehensive maintenance consents for F&G wetlands and suggested that not enough thought had been put into it. The CE explained that staff had given it lots of consideration. However, to progress the consent through a non-notified process and avoid a potentially

costly and time-consuming hearing, we had to make some concessions. The consent conditions were also aligned with other similar consents. The CE outlined the need to update processes and ensure all wetlands provide a wishlist to staff so these can be prioritised and budget for. He noted that last financial year, habitat work on council land was the major item where we overspent, although this was in part due to needing to make up for works that had to be put on hold while we sought the consent. It was also noted that F&G have multiple contractors that we use for wetland maintenance and restoration activities.

11. STANDING ORDERS

Council discussed the adoption of new standing orders that facilitated online attendance at council meetings. The CE suggested that the standing orders adopted by NZC were a good starting point but had many clauses which were NZC-specific and would need to be altered to make them suitable for regional adoption. It was also noted that other councils have recently been audited which led to recommendations for standing orders and governance policy updates. These should be incorporated.

It was moved;

The CE develop an updated set of standing orders suitable for regional adoption that facilitates online meeting attendance.

Annan/Dickey – CARRIED

12. ADOPTED POLICIES AND POSITIONS REVIEW

The CE explained that these had been reviewed and reaffirmed at the October council meeting and were there primarily for new councillors' information so they could review council's existing policies.

It was moved;

13. MEETING SCHEDULE

Council discussed the draft meeting schedule. The CE noted that the 15th of February clashed with banding and that Councillor Brown is also unable to attend. Alternatives were discussed but no suitable date could be found within the meeting window that suited everyone. Further discussion was had around the proposed timeframes for the mid-week May meeting.

It was moved

Council adopt the draft meeting schedule with the amendment that the meeting on the 22nd of May be scheduled to occur between 6pm and 9pm.

Smith/Annan – CARRIED

14. OSH:

The CE noted there were no accidents or near misses to report.

It was moved;
that the OSH report is accepted.

Annan/Sapich – CARRIED

15. GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Chair updated the meeting on the Whakapapa intake road access issue. It was noted that we are currently working with partner agencies such as NZDA to try and find a resolution.

The CE outlined the performance report process as a process of self-evaluation and that he would present council feedback at the next meeting.

The CE outlined the 150 years of fishing promotion which Otago F&G have invited other regions to participate. This falls on the 1st of December where each region will give out up to 150 day licences at no charge.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 15th of February 2025 at 11am.