

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 17TH December 2014,
At Horticultural Society Hall, Christchurch
Commencing at 8.55pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Martin Clements (Chairman), Bruce Kelly, Peter Robinson, Trevor Isitt, Cavan O'Connell, Malcolm Gilbert, Serge Bonnafoux, Jonathan Brooks,
Staff: Rod Cullinane, Debbie Ambler, Tony Hawker, Scott Pearson,
Public: Ron Stuart, Keith Gibbs

2. Apologies

Councillors: Paul Farrow, Steve McNeill,
Staff: Steve Terry, Dirk Barr, Andrew Currie (NZC Media Liaison).

"That the apologies be accepted"

Moved: Cr Isitt

Seconded: Cr Robinson Carried

Note: Cr Ken Lee advised subsequent to the meeting that he did put in an apology but this was not conveyed to Council

3. Notification of General Business

Northern Pegasus Bay - Cr Robinson
Access to Waimakariri River - Cr Isitt

4a. Minutes from the Previous Meeting Dated 15th October 2014

"That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted with the amendments below."

Moved: Cr Kelly

Seconded: Cr Bonnafoux Carried

Under 6i - Amend title/author of recommended reading to 'Tenure Review" by Anne Brower. Delete the rest of the sentence "about high country living".

Under 7 a iii Youth Programme - Add note in minutes - "Applied to the Sunrise Rotary who granted \$2,750.00 towards the tanks with possible future funding from other Rotary branches".

Under 8g - Under Public Relations - delete "An email to be sent out regarding the use of black magic jelly bean baits".

Under 9e - Amend action sheet - delete "S Terry and T Hawker tasked to conduct an experiment on the matter". Add "That the matter be referred back to the Salmon / Trout Sub Committee".

4b. Matters Arising /Action Sheet

The following item be deleted from the Action Sheet:

From meeting 15th October - No 6 - Brown Trout Brood Stock.

7. Meeting Business

7 a i Lake Coleridge Rainbow Trout Spawning Survey

Both the drift dive count and the trout spawning activity showed decreases from previous years' results. However the last five surveys have shown a steady increase in both the numbers of trout and redds observed since 2010.

"That NC F&G continues to undertake the spawning survey in the last week of September each year".

"That NC F&G continue with the survey each year to gain an understanding of trends in the Lake Coleridge fishery and monitor the success of rainbow releases into the spawning streams."

Moved: Cr Robinson
 Seconded: Cr Bonnafoux Carried

7 a ii Rakaia River Fishing Competition

"That North Canterbury F&G Council give approval to the Rakaia River Promotions Committee to hold the Rakaia River Fishing Competition - 27th February to 1st March 2015".

Moved: Cr Robinson
 Seconded: Cr Isitt Carried

R Cullinane to reply with decision.

7 b i Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust

After discussion on the paper submitted by Cr McNeill, R Cullinane to come back to next Council meeting with clarification on the Trust's charitable status and the minimum activity required for the Trust to keep this status. Cr Brooks suggested that income for the Trust could come from grants rather than sponsorship.

7 b ii Clearwater Golf Resort Angling Access

The following was tentatively agreed between the parties subject to Council approval regarding access to the Clearwater Lakes.

- Lake 5 open to the public on the eastern shoreline between markers (approx 100m)
- Lake 4 open along the western roadside (approx 300m)
- Lake 3 open to the public for a small area adjacent to Lake 4 access in the bay (approx 50m)
- Lakes 4A, 2 & 1 closed to all angling

It was decided that the subject required further discussion and that R Cullinane seek advice from B Johnson on the matter. The matter required to be a special case in the regulations.

8. Reports

8a. Chairman's Report

Cr Clements reported he continued to have meetings with R Cullinane and that there had not been any requirement to attend any external meetings.

8b. Staff Report

1181 Gamebird Sub-Committee

R Cullinane to contact Cr Lee (convenor of the sub committee), to find out what the status of the Committee was and bring back a decision to next Council meeting. Cr Brooks volunteered to be the Convenor of the Gamebird Sub-Committee if necessary.

Fish and Game Controlled Land (1221)

The meeting at this point went into "In-Committee" at 9.35pm to discuss the sale of Boggy Creek.

The meeting reconvened to a Council meeting at 10.15pm

8c. Financial Report

R Cullinane reported the accounts were tracking as they should.

The licence comparison has reported significant increases in family licences which was possibly due to the Youth Programme initiative. D Ambler to supply international licence sale figures to Councillors.

8d. Youth Programme Report

As reported at the Annual General Meeting. Cr Robinson to send a letter of thanks to the Sunrise Rotary in appreciation for the donation towards fish tanks.

8e. Building Update

R Cullinane reported the process was at the point of submitting resource consent.

8f. National Council Report

Cr Brooks reported on the managers'/chairmans' meeting held in Wellington recently.

8g. Compliance

Cr Isitt reported rangers were very active and in good heart. R Cullinane stated rangers had been recently reminded to provide full and accurate information if an offence notice was written out. Cr Isitt to talk to sub-committee regarding a councillors'/rangers' get together.

9. General Business**9a. Access to the Waimakariri River**

Cr Isitt reported that ECAN was restricting access as significant areas were being closed off. Attendees at the next ECAN/Councillor meeting in 2015 to raise this issue.

9b. Northern Pegasus By Law Review

Cr Robinson stated that a gate at Kairaki beach was to be put in to stop vehicle access. R Cullinane to look into a submission when publicly notified which was due in January 2015.

9c. Environmental Excellence Awards

M Gilbert thanked F&G on behalf of Federated Farmers for the positive move regarding these Awards.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

Chairman: _____ Dated: _____

Next Meeting: Date: 18th February 2015, Time: 6.30 p.m., Venue TBA