
Hearings Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a reconvened meeting of the Hearings Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford Street, Levin, on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 2.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr J F G Mason
Members Cr D A Allan
Cr S J R Jennings
HWTM B P Wanden (ex Officio)

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer Mr K Peel (Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
Mrs A Crawford (Water & Waste Services Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3 Announcements

There were no announcements.

4 Reports

4.1 Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2020

Purpose

To consider the further information requested at the Hearing of Submissions on the Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2020 held on 24 September 2020.

The Chair welcomed those in attendance to the reconvened meeting of the Hearings Committee, with the 24 September meeting having been adjourned for some further legal advice to be sought. She confirmed that the submitters had been notified of today's reconvened meeting, but none had requested a further opportunity to speak. She further confirmed that the legal opinion had been circulated to Members, as had a copy of the amended Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2020.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 20/513 Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2020 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Speaking to the report and further information provided, Mrs Crawford advised, and it was confirmed by Mr Peel, that under the RMA Council could not meter an existing connection to a property, but it could meter new connections. In response to a query if that should be included in the Bylaw, Mr Peel said he had been advised that the Compliance Team would include the requirement for new connections in any consent conditions, which would cover the issue.

With the Chair noting that the word 'new' had been added to 15.7 and with there being no further matters raised by the Hearings Committee, it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT after hearing from submitters and considering the further information requested, the Hearings Committee recommends to the Horowhenua District Council that the Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2020 (Attachment A) be adopted and that on adoption by Council, the Water Supply Bylaw 2014 be repealed.

CARRIED

Thanking all those involved for the time and energy that had gone into the process, Mrs Mason also acknowledged the input from submitters which had focussed the Hearings Committee in terms of what Council could and could not do. For the record, she advised that she had phoned Mr Truebridge, who had raised the RMA issue, and let him know that a further legal opinion had been sought, so like other submitters, he had been notified of the work the Committee had undertaken. All submitters would be notified of the decision and the matter would now go to Council for full ratification, following which the Bylaw would be enacted.

2.06 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE HEARINGS COMMITTEE
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....