

North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 15th April 2015,
At DoC Offices, 31 Nga Mahi Place Sockburn
Commencing at 6.30pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Martin Clements, Peter Robinson, Trevor Isitt, Ken Lee Cavan O'Connell, Paul Farrow
Garth Free, Serge Bonnafoux, Jonathan Brooks, Bruce Kelly.
Staff: Rod Cullinane, Steve Terry, Tony Hawker, Scott Pearson, Dirk Barr.
Public: Bryce Johnson (NZC Executive Officer), Don Rood (NZC Communications Manager),
Jeff, Sarah, Michelle, RDU DJ.

2. Apologies

Councillors: Malcolm Gilbert
Staff: Debbie Ambler

"That the apologies be accepted"

Moved: Cr Farrow
Seconded: Cr Kelly Carried

3. Notification of General Business

No general business

4a. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

December 2014 meeting was not able to be approved at the February meeting as not enough councillors were present to form a quorum.

**"That the minutes from the February meeting be accepted subject to R
Cullinane's legal clarification."**

Moved: Cr Bonnafoux
Seconded: Cr Isitt Carried

"That the minutes from the December meeting be accepted without amendment."

Moved: Cr Free
Seconded: Cr Isitt Carried

4b. Matters Arising /Action Sheet

5. Public Session

Bryce Johnson gave an update on the Land & Water Forum with many issues current and outlined the opinion by Government that water is not owned by anyone. Cr Clements raised issue on the letter sent to and not being answered by the NZC. NZC to ensure this be completed to allow North Canterbury Fish and Game Council to send a representative to NZC meetings.

Kakapo Brook

Jeff, Sarah, Michelle, RDU DJ discussed their support for Cr Bonnafoux's opposition the Kakapo Brook dam.

7. Meeting Business

7 a i Building Sub-committee.

Cr Free asked to be included in this committee. Cr Clements agreed and advised that the committee was open to any councillor. R Cullinane gave an overview of the consent process to date and the need for a special meeting to discuss the various options moving forward. Members of the Building sub-committee to include R Cullinane, Cr Clements, Cr Brooks and Cr Free.

7 a ii ECan structure

S Pearson gave a presentation on the ECAN structure changes which proposed 7 elected and 6 appointed councillors. The importance on the need for F&G to advocate for a fully elected council was noted. S Pearson to notify Council when this is up for consultation. Discussion around the use of social media to inform the public on this issue followed.

8. Reports

8a. Chairman's Report

Discussion on letters between NZ Council & North Canterbury F&G Council regarding the NZ Council performance and North Canterbury F&G Council request to appoint independent directors ensued.

Discussion followed on the presentation by Z Moss's relating to _____ at the last NZ Council meeting. Staff to request a copy of the presentation from Z Moss and then circulated to Councillors.

B Johnson noted that Eastern had completed a H&S manual on various field activities.

8b. Staff Report

R Cullinane apologised for tabling the staff report at the meeting. Cr Free noted he did not receive the February meeting papers.

T Hawker gave an update on the size of the trout in the back country this year due to the mouse plague.

R Cullinane updated Council that Boggy Creek had been sold and that ten hunting stands had been kept on the lake frontage.

It was noted that P Gollan had resigned as an honorary ranger and his service needed to be recognised.

8c. Financial Report

R Cullinane gave an update on North Canterbury's financial position which was showing early signs of increased licence sales including non-resident licences. Agenda item for next council meeting - promotion of the up-coming F&G councillor elections.

8d. New Zealand Council Report

No report as no representative at present.

8e. Youth Programme Report

P Robinson updated council on program noting a strong demand to be involved from new schools but that significant expenditure was required. It was advised that staff time from other regions was seen as being the main hurdle for those regions becoming involved.

A presentation on the Programme was to be given by D Rood and A Curry at the next managers meeting. Discussion followed on the need for corporate sponsors and the need for this program to be cemented in the F&G framework.

8g. Portfolio Reports

Compliance - Cr Isitt noted that the rangers were performing well.

Gamebird - Cr Lee noted that Cr Isitt, D Barr & Cr Lee were to meet before the next council meeting.

Media - No update from Cr Farrow.

Salmon & Trout - Cr Free to chair this committee.

Media - Cr Free & A Curry introduced the Environmental Excellence and Supreme Awards. A further meeting with C O'Connell and M Gilbert to be held to discuss these Awards was required.

9. General Business

- 9a. Cr Bonnafoux outlined the proposal to dam Kakapo Brook. S Pearson thanked Cr Bonnafoux for his social media and activity with this case and that North Canterbury F&G would be making a submission opposing the application.
- 9b. Cr Bonnafoux raised the issue of finding an angler on a family licence who was a nephew of the principle licence holder. S Terry to email R Sowman at National Office alerting him to this loophole.
- 9c. Cr Bonnafoux noted he was concerned that the weekly fishing reports included updates on drift dives as this created pressure on rivers. Discussion around what was appropriate to email and no consensus reached.
- 9d. Cr Free asked that the Christchurch Rod & Gun Club be notified of the sale of Boggy Creek. R Cullinane replied that a letter had already been sent.
- 9e. Yarrs Lagoon - Cr Free noted that both sides of the LII would be ideal for young hunter participation. R Cullinane to contact Selwyn District Council regarding access. The development of this idea to be discussed at the Gamebird sub-committee meeting.
- 9f. Remote Cameras - Cr Free asked that staff investigate the option of buying remote activated cameras to monitor such things as the Craigieburn Stream re fish stranding etc.
- 9g. Cr Free mentioned the Salmon Management Report should be discussed in more detail. Cr Clements noted this was appropriate for discussion at the salmon & trout sub-committee.
- 9h. Cr Free asked about the possibility of introducing a rule such as releasing any salmon caught over 20lb to conserve brood-stocks. To be discussed at the salmon & trout committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:30.

Chairman: _____ Dated: _____

Next Meeting: Wednesday
Date: 17 June 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: 32 Ngai Mahi Place, Sockburn