

Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Monday, 16 April 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Doug Leeder

Deputy Chairman: Jane Nees

Councillors: John Cronin, Tiipene Marr, Lyall Thurston, Paula Thompson, David Love, Norm Bruning, Arapeta Tahana, Bill Clark, Kevin Winters, Andrew von Dadelszen, Matemoana McDonald

In Attendance: Mary-Anne Macleod (Chief Executive) Fiona McTavish (General Manager Strategy & Science), James Graham (General Manager Corporate Solutions), Mat Taylor (General Manager Corporate Performance), Yvonne Tatton (Manager Governance), Debbie Hyland (Finance and Corporate Planning Manager), Graeme Howard (Corporate Planning Lead), Mary Norris (Planning Coordinator), Andrew Williams (Planner), Lynne Lawson (Assistant Management Accountant), Tone Nerdrum-Smith (Committee Advisor)

Apologies: Stuart Crosby

1 **Apologies**

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Accepts the apology of Cr Stuart Crosby tendered at the hearing.**

**Leeder/Love
CARRIED**

2 **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

Noted that although Cr Thompson, as a Trustee of Envirohub, would attend the hearing of the submission, she would abstain from any deliberation and vote.

3 **Consultation process for the Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Consultation process for the Long Term Plan 2018-2028;**

Leeder/Bruning
CARRIED

4 **Hearings for submissions on the Consultation Document for the proposed Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Receives the report, Hearings for submissions on the Consultation Document for the proposed Long Term Plan 2018-2028;**
- 2 **Agrees to receive the late submissions.**

Winter/von Dadelszen
CARRIED

5 **Karakia**

Cr Marr opened the meeting with a Karakia.

6 **Hearing of Submitters**

Noted that an updated list of speakers had been provided.

6.1 **Robert Siveter, OL122**

The submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

6.2 **Mary Rose, OL74**

Key Points

- Main concerns related to the use of non-renewable fuel, such as oil and the impact of climate change
- Sustainability was a key issue
- Noted the Labour Government had ceased new oil and gas exploration permits
- An alternative use to fossil fuel was important for the future and the LTP should reflect this.

6.3 **Mike Williams, OL94**

The Submitter read **tabled item 1** in full.

Key Points

- Sought equity with regards to user pays in areas such as public transport and flood control.
- The existing rating system did not provide for equality and fairness.

9.50 am - Cr Love **withdrew** from the meeting.

6.4 **Colin Hewens, OL99 and OL187, Whakamarama Community Inc.**

Key Points

- Important to make allowances for future climate change
- Supported preferred public transport option, however sought additional park and ride facilities along SH2 to alleviate traffic congestion
- Supported Option3 of Biosecurity as concerned regarding degradation of the environment under recent pressure from pest and climate change
- Sought funding by BOPRC towards a publicity campaign to attract volunteers as this was an ongoing challenge.

6.5 **Jo Wills, EM45, Sustainability Options**

Key Points

- Goal for transport: Easy, safe and fun to travel by foot or public transport
- Sought more investment in public transport
- Liveable city focussed on people and connectivity, rather than private transport
- More movement improved health and wellbeing, as did less emissions
- Increased use would reduce the cost of public transport, encouraging use by more members of the community, including those in outer suburbs
- Sought review of prioritisation and increase the emphasis on public transport
- Low emission production, e.g. horticulture, rather than agriculture could be encouraged
- Sustainability initiatives in schools and communities should be more strongly supported by Council.

6.6 **David Marshall, OL146**

The Submitter did not appear.

6.7 **Elizabeth Nicholls, OL22**

The Submitter did not appear.

6.8 **Anita Gray, OL59**

The Submitter did not appear.

6.9 **John Beveridge, OL75**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

6.10 **Jan Mayston, OL82**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

6.11 **Marilyn Roberts, OL148**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.15am and reconvened at 10.45am

6.12 **James Hughes, OL150**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

6.13 **Karen Summerhays, OL186**

Key Points

- Suggested that Quayside Holdings' KPIs should include requirement for reporting back on ethical investment; meaningful sustainability and activities taking place on Port of Tauranga land
- Sought increased communication regarding the Kaituna catchment development
- Concerned regarding lack of naturalisation of waterways in Eastern Bay of Plenty and encouraged further investment in drainage that supported healthy waterways
- Sought resourcing within pollution prevention in industrial areas and that an industrial neighbourhood programme for pollution prevention be developed
- Council should be engaged in GMO implementation and control, i.e. adopt a Council Policy
- Concerned that lack of cross-boundary thinking within SmartGrowth was causing issues for the affected communities, in particular in the Te Tumu area
- There was a lack of information centre/go-to place in Te Puke for visitors and encouraged support from Council to rectify this.

6.14 **Barbara Cook, OL159**

Key Points

- Sought reduction in emission and encouraged Council to lead proactive initiatives at a regional level
- Supported budget increase to address climate change challenges and to work in partnership with Central Government.

6.15 **Ross Goudie, OL180**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2852015

Key Points

- Dairy farmers spent significant effort and funding on ways to minimise effluence and emission
- Recognised the damaging effect of carbon emission and the need for mitigation
- Suggested the planting of 4000ha of trees per annum and to challenge other councils to do the same
- Planting of trees would counteract carbon emissions from vehicles
- If insufficient land was available for tree planting, Council could enter into private/public partnerships
- Planting Douglas Fir had proven successful in the South Island.

6.16 **Ngarangi Walker, OL179**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

6.17 **Ian Noble, EM94**

Key Points

- Flood events were well documented and Council needed to be prepared for increased flooding in the future
- Welcomed the planned Biosecurity review as it was ineffective in its current form
- Changing climate patterns meant the occurrence of weeds would increase
- Effluent from fowl was considered seven times more damaging than that from cattle

- Encouraged less private vehicle use, e.g. parents driving children to school; however recognised that it would require a culture change for public transport to be a viable alternative
- Council should provide leadership in wallaby management, as this would encourage an uptake in private initiatives
- Shading beside streams drew cattle towards the water, which increased pollution
- Provide public education of the damage caused by wallabies and start active poisoning programmes
- Council should take on a strong enforcement, rather than advisory, role with regards to management of pests.

11.30am – Cr Love **entered** the meeting.

6.18 **Glen Crowther & Debbie O’Byrne, OL145, Sustainable Business Network**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854356

Key Points

- Supported action on climate change
- Cross party collaboration, budget, infrastructure investment were all essential in addressing the consequence of climate change
- Outlined the Bay of Plenty Climate Change Action Plan
- Sought funding towards a 1-year project: Shift towards a circular economy
- Recognised the existing core funding of the Sustainable Business Network and sought continued funding for the next three years as part of the LTP
- Vast majority of European countries applied circular, rather than linear, economies
- Auckland Council had commenced to define and understand what a circular economy would look like in a city
- Revenue opportunities within waste streams encouraged
- Waste streams in a linear economy was categorised as technical or biological
- Electricity industry were reluctant to progress infrastructure changes until clear direction had been provided by Central Government

6.19 **Glen Crowther, OL144**

Key Points

- If the plan to reduce emission by 2030 did not eventuate, there could be catastrophic consequences for the future
- New Zealand was one of the worst performing countries in the world with regards to climate change and reducing emissions; which also had a reputational, and as a consequence, economic impact
- Evidence showed that investing in sustainable project had a positive economic impact
- Adaption was an insufficient measure, rather active mitigation was required
- Concerned that rigid commitment to an emission reduction target could prove ‘stifling’ and overwhelming for the individual organisations. Suggested that a more co-operative approach would reduce such pressure and provide a positive result.

6.20 **Riki Nelson, OL83, Ngati Te Wai Hapū**

Key Points

- Noted the cultural values that inspired the submission
- “Water was life and the lifeblood of the environment”
- Both water quality and quantity needed to be protected to remain healthy

- Recognised the flood threat at Bowentown and the Otawhiwhi Marae
- Council should future-proof infrastructure in preparation for climate change.

6.21 **Chris Emmett, EM16, Surf Lifesaving New Zealand**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854357

Key Points

- Outlined services provided in the wider Bay of Plenty region
- Supported option 2, topic 4: Emergency Management
- Sought extended funding through the Community Initiatives Fund
- Did not receive funding from Rotorua District Council
- Outlined how the funding from Council was allocated within Surf Lifesaving
- 95% of funding was directly applied to beach services
- Tauranga City Council had increased its funding over the last five years based on recognised demands.

Action for Staff:

- Provide information regarding targeted rates applied in the Waikato for inclusion in the LTP deliberations information.

Key Points - Staff:

- Introduction of a targeted rate that had not been consulted on as part of the draft LTP 2018-2028 was not feasible. However, it could be proposed as part of the next draft Annual Plan.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm and reconvened at 1.00pm.

Chairman Leader had **withdrawn** from the meeting and Cr Nees **assumed** the Chair.

6.22 **Tanya Trass and Gordy Lockhart, OL73, the Incubator Creative Hub**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854359

Key Points of Presentation

- Community outcomes and values
- The vision – a creative hub for the Bay of Plenty
- Filling a gap
- An amazing opportunity
- The Hub – a detailed strategy has been developed over the last 12 Months
- Not art for art's sake
- Committed to cultural consultation and engagement
- The arts build social cohesion and resilience
- As a region, we need to get on the chart
- What next?
- Conclusion
- The Board and team

Key Points

- Sought a total of \$150,000 Council funding over a period of three years
- Incubator represented grassroot artists, rather than the 'elite'

- Recognised and encouraged a cohesive approach within the arts sector
- Sought an increase in funding of 15% compared to the current budget.

6.23 **Richard Hart, OL69, Bay of Plenty Regional Parks Establishment Group**

Key Points

- Recognised regional parks as a significant visitor drawcard
- Papamoa Hills Regional Park was an important asset to the region, yet less known and used than Mauao
- Sought a preliminary spatial plan around the management of the Te Tumu residential development by the Kaituna River
- Noted the Ohiwa Harbour Regional Park development which was popular and well used
- Encouraged the possibility of applying for World Heritage Status for Papamoa Hills.

6.24 **Mary Dillon, Emma Woods and Laura Wragg, OL153, Envirohub Bay of Plenty**

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2855084 and **tabled item 2***

Key Points

- Drainage: Option 2 – not unreasonable to borrow funds towards capital works to protect against flooding.
- Strong emphasis on public transport and walking/cycling initiatives
- The most important way to alleviate congestion was for reduction in the use of private vehicle and increased use of public transport
- Biosecurity: Option 3 - the matter of biodiversity should be taken into consideration
- Climate change would become a significant issue in relation to biodiversity
- Suggested a targeted charge, specifically aimed at climate change. This could be developed in co-operation with the territorial councils
- Council should take the role of leaders in climate change, be the ‘angels’.

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854384

Key Points - Presentation

- Umbrella organisation
- Regional environment network
- Grassroots community groups
- Training opportunities
- Arranged Hui
- Trained volunteers
- Newsletter/events page
- Online community – connected and engaged
- Annual environmental/sustainability sector survey
- Iwi/Hapū engagement
- Rongoa project
- Local Rangatahi planting native plants
- Sustainable backyards
- Beach and estuary clean-ups throughout the Bay
- Movie screening and documentaries
- KatiKati Environmental
- Predator Free BoP
- Sustainable Art Challenge

- Backyard Beekeeping
- The Tremendous Tree Plant
- Sustainable Backyard Bitesize
- Effects of climate change costly and devastating
- Envirohub – more than just about hugging trees
- Sought continued funding of \$100k pa for the next three years.

Key Points

- Received funding from Bay Trust and was actively seeking funding from alternative sources, e.g. Lotteries Commission.

6.25 **Phil Shoemack & Hayley Adamson, OL161, Bay of Plenty District Health Board and Lakes District Health Board**

Key Points

- Public Transport was a key public service and tied in well with Council's responsibility to look after the environment
- Using public transport meant travellers would have to walk to and from the bus stop, which encouraged physical health
- Public transport catered for those unable to drive a private vehicle
- DHB supported the option for funding of public transport as put forward in the LTP
- Language was important: i.e. talk positively about investing in public transport
- Did not understand the rationale behind separating out emergency management and funding through a targeted rate, as it was a core business of Council
- Recognised Council's commitment to mitigate the effects of climate change.

6.26 **Justine Brennan, EM64, Bay Venues Ltd**

Provided **tabled item 3**

Key Points

- Supported funding through the Community Investment Fund of BVL's facilities for the benefit of the wider community
- Council was not legally required to fund third party infrastructure
- BVL had put forward four major projects in Tauranga City Council's (TCC) LTP 2018-2028, with the main being the proposed Tauranga CBD Recreation & Leisure Centre
- There were currently three aquatic centres on the Tauranga side of the harbour and two of those (Otumoetai and Memorial pools) did not meet the required standards or the need of the community
- Significant capital and operational expenditure would be required to keep these facilities operating, with limited opportunity for increased revenue
- There was significant need and opportunity for aquatic facilities development in the CBD or immediate surrounds
- A \$150,000 feasibility study funding was included in the TCC draft LTP 2018-2028, with a further CapEx allocation of \$30m in years 3-4
- Demand in the aquatic sector was driven by the changing population demographics, i.e. a much wider need than competitive lane swimming

6.27 **Carole Gordon, EM18, SupaNz**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854384

Key Points of Presentation

- Challenges

- SupaNZ – provides collaborative thought leadership of longevity and population-aging
- Today-tomorrow-together
- Today's challenge
- Why – because the silver economy is powerful?
- Happiness is well-being
- Submission Focus – Regional Council's role in policy leadership
 - Integrated planning for longevity, population aging and the demographic transformation
 - Future focussed sustainability
- What do we value
- Use Treasury model now
- Considerations – integrated social and human capital dimensions
- Recommendations
- Community Initiatives Fund – Engage older people in transportation planning
- Innovation and Opportunity.

6.28 Laura Wragg (supported by Michelle Elborn), OL167, Envirohub BOP on behalf of Predator Free BOP Stakeholder Group

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2851371

Key Points of Presentation

- Predator Free BoP
- Back yard trapping (an idea stolen from Wellington)
- BoP Collaboration formed
- What we are doing
- Matua and Merivale were pilot suburbs in the deployment of rat boxes through active engagement and involvement by the local community
- Wider outcomes
- We welcome your ongoing support – let's get trapping.

Key Points

- Currently focussed on Western Bay of Plenty, however intended to expand into the wider Bay of Plenty
- Sought funding of \$300,000 over a three year period to cover the 1500 homes envisaged
- As the target audience was urban backyards, poison bait, as a higher risk method, meant a trap box would still be required
- Trapping of predators provided an opportunity to collect valuable data.

6.29 Jon Sadler, OL192, Bay Learning Academy

The Submitter had withdrawn as a speaker.

6.30 Roger Montgomerie, OL195, Kaimai Ridgeway Trust

Key Points

- The purpose of the Trust was to rebuild walking tracks and tramping facilities in the Kaimais in co-operation with the Department of Conservation
- Had assumed responsibility of 150km of back-country tracks, all tramping huts and was in the process of building four new huts in the Kaimai
- Sought Council's support towards roading access into the start of the tracks
- Concerned regarding the state of the main accessways, e.g. Hot Spring Road

- Had to date undertaken more than 9000 volunteer hours in the Kaimais.

6.31 **Allan Sole, OL183, Waihi Beach Community Board**

Key Points

- Some concerns that Waihi Beach was the 'forgotten township'
- Recognised the need for ongoing flood protection and mitigation and the impact on rates, however was seeking a slightly slower pace and that all parts of the Bay of Plenty region be considered
- Public Transport: concerned there was a lack of representation of Waihi with regards to public transport, however supported the initiative by Council in that public transport from Waihi to Tauranga could become a viable option
- Biosecurity: Supported Option2.
- Emergency management: Waihi Beach had actively implemented emergency management initiatives and measures, with the support of Council
- Waihi Beach, as a smaller community with a lesser population base, paid a proportionally large part towards the overall rate take.

6.32 **Stephen Fawcett, OL163, Vector Group Charitable Trust**

The Submitter had withdrawn as a speaker.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.05pm and reconvened at 3.25pm. Cr Tahana **withdrew** from the meeting.

6.33 **Julie Shephard, EM68, Pirirakau Incorporated Society**

Key Points

- The purchase of Tahataharoa cultural site was of the highest significance to Piriakau
- Intended to restore the wetlands, cultural and ecological heritage of the land
- Piriakau had consented to fill being transported onto the land for development purposes and had recorded the original land levels as part of the process
- Noted that Western Bay of Plenty District Council had applied for \$400,000 from BOPRC in its submission
- Intended to 'tap into' \$50,000 as part of this funding (if granted) and sought the difference funded through BOPRC
- Would seek \$150,000 from BOPRC for an integrated air discharge plan
- Recognised the significant effort by BOPRC's Maori Policy Department.

6.34 **Michelle Elborn and Julian Fitter, OL40/EM91, Bay Conservation Alliance**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2851370

Key Points of Presentation

- Who we are
- What we're about
- Our aims.
- Community connections with nature
- Our opportunity:

- Stage 1 – develop initial member education offerings
- Stage 2 – Value adding education & contribution
- Desired outcome to education & engagement
- Budget – sought \$30,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund
- Relevance to Regional Council outcomes.

Key Points

- Bay Conservation Alliance represented a collaborative approach, representing various organisation with the Bay of Plenty
 - Looking to develop support services currently not available, e.g. support towards how to manage funding requests, education requests etc
 - Sought \$30,000 per annum from BOPRC, with an overall funding of \$61,000 per annum which was mainly intended for a resource to implement the initiatives
 - The risk of duplicating work already being catered for in other organisations was counteracted by the positive effect of being able to lodge separate applications for eligible funding
 - The various organisations contribution to the Alliance were too small to individually take on a number of the desired initiatives and project
 - Ongoing support of initiatives was required beyond the implementation phase
 - Sought to build the more local network before actively pursuing further opportunities in the wider Bay of Plenty
 - Recognised the opportunities to work with Envirohub, in particular in the education sector and training of volunteers
 - Envirohub was a small organisation with limited resources, as was the Alliance, so working together in a complimentary manner would be beneficial
 - There was opportunity to work with Iwi and Hapū in the conservation sector, and this had always been the intention.
- Elected Members - Key Points
 - Council would have the opportunity to direct applications for funding to other avenues, e.g. the Environmental Enhancement Fund, during its deliberations.

3.59pm – Cr Clark **withdrew** from the meeting.

6.35 **Clare Crickett, EM42, Waikato Regional Council**

Key Points

- Supported increased funding of biosecurity as it was a significant issue, in particular managing the wallaby invasion
- Concerned that flood pump infrastructure contributed significantly to fish mortality
- Sought funding from BOPRC towards Waikato Regional Council's planned investment in opportunities for reducing fish mortality.

6.36 **Jo Gravit, EM17, Tauranga Community Housing Trust**

Provided **tabled item 4**

Key Points

- Suggested that at minimum one new objective be added to the LTP 2018-2028 relating to housing
- Treasury Living Standards Framework – Strengthen the network and collaboration between the different service providers
- The parameters of the regional infrastructure development activity should be broadened to take into consideration increased, affordable housing

- Suggested modification of the LTP 2018-2028 to include a fourth objective relating to 'well house'
- Recognised that Council had worked with a number of organisations in identifying opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing
- Encouraged Council to work with developers to provide fit for purpose accommodation for students as it complimented Council's investment in the University of Waikato campus.

6.37 John Garwood, EM37, J Garwood & KatiKati Fruitgrowers Assoc

Key Points

- Submission related to water availability and was based on information provided by Council
- There should be no restriction on water for the horticultural sector if based on theoretical research, rather than factual information
- Significant developments were expected in the kiwifruit and avocado growing sector in the future
- Sought Council funding towards water source research.

6.38 Nigel Tutt, EM31, Priority One

Key Points

- Noted that the BOPRC Chief Executive, as a member of the P1 Board, had not participated in the preparation of the submission
- Council was considered a key contributor towards economic development in a regional sense and urged Council to become more involved with a wider mind set
- Recognised the need for stronger, more urgent action in the transport sector
- Commended the cooperation with TCC in the Centre of Transport in the CBD
- Acknowledged the support by BOPRC to the University of Waikato which had already provided economic benefits
- SmartGrowth was important as it represented invaluable long term planning
- Bay of Connection was important for joint economic development on a regional level
- Three areas for funding had been outlined in the submission:
 - Groundswell Festival of Innovation
 - Marine Prescient project
 - Regional Labour Market Study
- BOPRC played a key role in regional growth
- Key aspect of economic development was to understand what the requirement was for skills requirement in the future and be prepared for this.

The meeting adjourned at 4.36 pm

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7 **Hearing of Submitters – *Continued***

7.1 **Mary Dillon and Glen Crowther, EM21, Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group**

Key Points

- Relatively small organisation , driven by strong interest in carbon reduction, which was not an issue that could be tackled by the public sector alone
- First step: Measure emissions, then work on reduction
- Refrigeration – co-operation between local and Central Government could assist in creating better guidelines and options
- Lack of industrial targets and direction provided uncertainty and a regional target would be a key goal
- The impact of climate change on biodiversity should be further addressed
- Public/private partnerships to leverage off infrastructure investments were being investigated in both the national and international arena
- The goal was to reduce carbon footprint by 30% by 2030 through a combination of increased tree planting and reduction in emission
- Sought BOPRC to work with landowners and TCC to ensure that the concerns raised by BOPRC in regional transport matters were identified and addressed

7.2 **Jeff Fletcher, EM33, Te Tumu Landowners Group**

Key Points

- Supported Transportation Option 2 and the passenger transport initiatives in the draft LTP 2018-2028
- Sought further cooperation between BOPRC and SmartGrowth in transport matters
- Important to provide a sustainable roading network that supported multi modal means of transport
- Sought increase in the transport planning budget over the next two years, in particular in the eastern corridor, to allow for anticipated growth
- Congestion was a sign of robust economy, however planning for reducing private vehicle use was essential
- Encouraged Council to take a lead in the transport developments in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

7.3 **Maru Tapsell, EM38, Waitaha Ngāti Tūnohopū**

Key Points

- Supported the resourcing to remediate flood damage in Edgecumbe, following the floods in 2017 which had left the community in despair
- Equity for the Port of Tauranga came from the industry in areas such as Tokoroa and Kawarau, and should accordingly be used to rebuild the townships
- Build transport services that took into account where and when people worked, so the needs of the community were well met
- Sought public transport to cater for Te Puke residents who would make use of the new University of Waikato.

7.4 **Nigel Billings, EM8, Federated Farmers**

Key Points

- Recognised revenue from Port of Tauranga and the benefit to farmers
- Sought clearly stated policy on the intent with regard to this revenue and how it would be used towards the rating take
- Supporter targeted rates as proposed
- Supported the UAG and that this revenue would be used to the legislative maximum
- Encouraged Council to focus on its core business and that some third party infrastructure funding be channelled towards flood protection
- Supported user pay principles and would be comfortable for farmers to undertake pest control on a cost recovery basis
- Concerns with regards to waterways and quality, and endeavoured as an industry to 'do the right thing'
- Recognised the need for infrastructure development to make the community more resilient climate change
- Recognised the significant pressure on individual farmers and the need for organised support.

7.5 **Barry O'Neil (CE), EM20, Kiwifruit Vine Health & NZ Kiwifruit Growers Inc.**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854364

Key Points of Presentation

- Kiwifruit Vine Health – formed in 2010 following PSA incursion

- NZKGI – formed in 1992
- Kiwifruit provided 20-30% of the regions GDP
- The major issues – Wild kiwifruit
- Wild kiwifruit Te Puke
- Wild kiwifruit Lower Kaimais
- Aerial surveillance: 2016-187 major infestations in the Te Puke area
- 2017 calendar year
- Positive cost benefit
- KVH & NZKGI requests:
 - Adopt Option3: Increase resourcing to allow all programmes with positive cost benefit to process
 - Continue the partnership for funding wild kiwifruit control
 - Would like Council to continue to match the industry contribution
- Additional submission points:
 - Co-fund wild kiwi fruit research
 - Council to continue support MPI for new incursion pests
 - Continue to manage woolly nightshade
 - Council to continue supporting the biosecurity 2025 initiative
- KVH & NZKGI thank BOPRC for support and partnership.

Key Points

- Kiwifruit industry contributed 60% of funding towards wild kiwifruit management
- Wild kiwifruit infestation was at this stage mainly an issue in Te Puke
- When clearing wild kiwifruit, any woolly nightshade would be removed at the same time
- As wild kiwifruit also occurred in Tauranga, ratepayer contribution was justified
- Supported expecting landowners to control woolly nightshade on private land
- The cost to the wider community if a fruitfly infestation occurred, meant a proactive approach towards regional control of woolly nightshade was important
- Wild kiwifruit was lifted/stacked off the ground to prevent re-rooting and allow for native plants to re-establish
- Typically, the surrounding nature meant relying on landowners to manage wild kiwifruit was often not viable due to the need for professional services and specialised equipment
- Introduced insect control of woolly nightshade had been partially successful.

Chairman's Comment:

- Asked presenters to ensure BOPRC staff fully appreciated the significant threat by woolly nightshade as the preferred habitat for the fruitfly.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am and reconvened at 11.00am.

7.6 Peter Maddison, EM13, KatiKati Taiao Charitable Trust and EM58, Uretara Estuary Managers Inc.

Key Points

- Climate change and extreme weather events meant long-term infrastructure planning was required
- Recent surveys of freshwater biodiversity indicated that chemical pollution in particular from the horticultural sector caused significant damage to the waterways and its inhabitants

- Sought a long term plan from Council to address the issue of nutrients entering the harbour
- Encouraged soil improvements and planting that would minimise the need for use of chemicals
- Queried if wastewater discharge was being monitored
- Important to think of the whole picture when managing pests, i.e. slugs and snails would flourish when their predators were minimised, which created a threat to plants.

7.7 **Kia Maia Ellis and Reon Tuanau, EM28, Ngāi Te Rangi**

Key Points

- Located within the Tauranga Moana rohe
- Small unit with two staff only [the presenters]
- Welcomed an opportunity to partner with Council
- Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) application:
 - Development with Rangatahi on environmental matters as succession planning for growing future leaders
 - Biosecurity initiatives, in particular management of Myrtle Rust; sought funding of kaitiaki to undertake work throughout the region
 - Suggested an agreement between Ngāi Te Rangi and Council in the monitoring and management of the harbour from a kaitiaki perspective
 - Kaitiaki monitoring would identify and target sites in the harbour where pollution was occurring on a regular basis
 - Sought funding towards RMA training for Iwi representatives to meet increasing demand for support from councils and developers in the resource consent process
 - Sought involvement in a wide range of Council processes
 - Recommended workshops with Iwi and Hapū across the region
 - Recognised the value of retaining Komiti Māori and Māori Councillors
 - Transfer of the Taniwha responsibility was a more complicated and lengthy process than originally expected
 - Climate change was a real issue and required planned mitigation
 - Sought funding to appoint a dedicated person to provide ongoing support to Hapū in the resource consent process.

7.8 **Keith Hay, EM46, Western Ward Rate Payers**

The Submitter did not appear.

7.9 **Arthur Flintoff, EM47, Ngā Potiki Resource Management Unit**

Key Points

- Sought continued growth of the strong and positive relationship with Council
- Responsible and effective RMA management built strong communities
- Communication in a crisis was critical and the region's marae must be prepared
- Transport and agriculture were the major contributors towards carbon emissions
- Pests (plants and species) were widespread and damaging for the region, and management and education of the community for future control was essential
- Erosion was a real issue with some areas less tolerant than others
- Region was growing at a rapid rate and a robust integrated plan for sustainability and to build iwi responsibility in cooperation with Council was welcomed. However, this would require additional funding and resourcing
- Marae preparedness toolkit still required further development in areas such as carparking, transfer of food and resources, communication etc.

7.10 **Raewyn Bennett, EM29, Ngāti Pikiao k Tai**

Key Points

- There was a lack of resourcing to provide assistance in council processes, however this was not well appreciated by the councils concerned
- Sought funding towards the development and implementation of a number of plans
- It was challenging to deal with resource consent applicants who had limited understanding of the RMA process and requirements
- Sought a user pay system for recreational 'boaties' who required significant monitoring by Council.

7.11 **Raewyn Bennett, EM55, Te Arawa Ki Tai Charitable Trust**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854361

Key Points of Presentation

- Intro
- Flow chart showing the different programmes association with monitoring for the TAKT estuary re-diversion for which funding is sought
- Rangatahi Project
- Rangatahi Part 2
 - Socio-cultural effects that will be mitigated by development of kaitiaki
- Intermittent Monitoring Project
- Kura Kaupapa Māori Schools Project
- Eco warriors Waihere (video clip)
- Budget.

Key Points

- Established following the Rena disaster
- Sought support towards developing and implementing kaitiaki monitoring programmes.

7.12 **Emma Richardson, EM36, Discovery thru Nature**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2851146

Key Points of Presentation

- Outcomes
- Discovery through Nature Ltd (DTN)
- Estuary Monitoring at Matapihi by St Thomas More Catholic School
- What is the Project?
- Why is this Project Important?
- Teachers say
- What do Children and Parents Learn?
- What do the Teachers and the Wider Community Learn?
- How does this Project Continue to the Council Community Outcomes and Objectives?
- Measuring Effectiveness
- Budget
- Conclusion.

Key Points

- Had worked with children and home schools in an organised manner since 2016

- Wanted to extend the estuary monitoring to 10 schools over the next three years and required funding for this to be possible
- Schools would choose a nearby waterway for the monitoring
- Hands-on, real and ongoing experience in the children's' local area
- All ages of pupils were involved and worked together
- Currently self-funded with a small contributions from the schools
- Would also approach Central Government for funding
- The \$56,000 budget was for a period of three years
- Spent approximately one week per month for two schools
- Background as a lecturer within marine sciences
- Had approached the House of Science for possible collaboration.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.10pm

7.13 **Ken Collings, EM51, Tga Rotary Centennial Trust**

Key Points

- Sought a Memorandum of Understanding between BOPRC, TCC and Tauranga Rotary Centennial Trust for the restoration and management of the Kopurererua Valley Reserve
- Suggested the development of Develop an Action Plan that would best meet the aspirations of all stakeholders, including Ngai Tamarawaho
- Sought funding towards the realignment of the Kopurererua Stream as a flood (and sediment) mitigation initiative, as well as funding to improve biodiversity in the Valley.

7.14 **Jim Hitchcock, Ray Hayward, Rick Burke and John MacIntosh, EM39, Ballance Farm Environment Awards**

Read tabled item 5 in full.

Key Points

- Recognised the strong relationship between Council and the Ballance Farm Environment Awards Committee
- The cost of implementing changes to become a sustainable farmer was off-set both financially and through the resulting support from Council
- Lifestyle blocks could be set up to promote sustainability
- Recognised the challenges involved in reaching and monitoring the significant number of lifestyle blocks vs the larger, established farming blocks.

Staff in Response to Questions:

- Monitoring of land conversion from larger farms to smaller life style blocks was reflected in Council's water management plan and provided essential information for future water plan changes.

7.15 **Kristen Price, EM41, Toimata Foundation**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2854363

Key Points of Presentation

- Toimata Foundation
- BOPRC was an early adopter of Enviroschools back in 2002

- In 2018 declining investment from BOPRC means Enviroschools is not viable under the current arrangement
- Enviroschools is specifically designed to meet Local Government outcomes
- A 20-year track record and backed by a 5-year research and evaluation programme
- Collective impact model offers value for councils – councils provide cornerstone investment: 20-25% of the total
- Enviroschools has long-term relationship with councils nationwide
- Regional comparisons
- 2017 Enviroschools Census – low return rate is indicative of issues with Enviroschools in the Bay
- Does BOPRC want to invest in the ongoing development of Enviroschools and play the role of the lead agency in the region
- If yes – key factors for success.

Key Points

- Enviroschools worked with teachers, caretakers and Board of Trustees to create a sustainable, environmental way of thinking that was reflected in the way the school operated
- Bay of Plenty were one of the few areas where territorial authorities were not involved with Enviroschools
- Enviroschools currently received Central Government funding, which was used for research and development on a national level.

7.16 **Richard Comyn, EM56, Te Puna Heartlands Inc.**

Key Points

- Community plan was a result of extensive consultation and should align with the Hapū management plans
- Considered that there had been a lack of consultation in the pre-draft development of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028
- Recognised Council's contribution towards wastewater management plans
- Suggested that Council explore developing the Te Puna side of the Wairoa River (between the Wairoa Bridge and the harbour) as a reserve, recognising that it was flood prone at times.

7.17 **Cathryn McCulloch and Zane Jensen , EM35, Sport BoP**

Key Points

- Recognised the ongoing support and positive relationship between Council and Sport BoP
- A number of sporting activities took place in freshwater environments and within regional parks
- Met regularly with Sport NZ relationship managers
- Bay Oval was now recognised as a national sports venue.

7.18 **Bill Hewitt, EM7, EECA - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority**

Key Points

- Supported the continuation of the clean heat targeted rates scheme
- Attempted to look after lower income residents as part of the warmer, healthier homes initiatives and suggested that Council be involved in targeted rating towards this
- Noted that introduction of a targeted rate for this purpose would require public consultation and could accordingly not be considered as part of this LTP.

7.19 **Nessie Kuka, EM97, Nga Hapū no Ngā Moutere o Matakana me Rangiwāea**

Lodged an application for the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) – **tabled item 6**

Key Points

- Presented the late CIF application, which came in addition to the LTP submission in the agenda
- Matakana Care Group, while still in its infancy, was experiencing significant support by the local community
- Sought more sustainable approach to kiwifruit growing to align with the values within the Hapū Management Plans.

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Accepts the late application to the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) from Nga hapū no Ngā moutere o Matakana me Rangiwāea**

Leeder/Thompson
CARRIED

7.20 **Mark Wassung, EM70**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking and instead provided **tabled item 7**

7.21 **Mayor Garry Webber, Matthew Leighton, Vivienne, Gary Ellis and Webber, EM22, Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

Key Points

- Supported the user pay approach and encouraged further developments in this area
- Increased land values in Western Bay of Plenty meant increased contribution by its ratepayers, however recognised the social impact of doing so
- Supported the investment in public transport, which complimented the park and ride investments by WBOPDC
- Supported the investments within biosecurity
- Sought continued funding of the Surf Life Saving service
- Sought funding towards connection of the Otawhiwhi Marae to the reticulated waste water system
- Sought support towards the Tahatahara site, as it was culturally significant to Pirirakau. WBOPDC wanted the site to be available for public access; for wetland restoration and, potentially, for part of the Omokoroa to Tauranga cycleway.

Action for Staff:

- Provide information regarding progress on the Otawhiwhi marae water reticulation connection.

7.22 **Buddy Mikaere, OL134, Ngai Tamarawaho Environmental Unit**

Key Points

- Sought review and rethinking with regards to congestion and traffic concerns, in particular between Tauranga and Mount Maunganui

- Suggested the establishment of a commuter ferry service across the harbour to reduce road congestion
- Encouraged co-ordination between the various organisations addressing weed/pest control, e.g. for woolly nightshade, to minimise the associated costs
- Concerned regarding sediment deposits into the harbour which occurred beyond the subdivisional stage and into the building stage, and encouraged Council to support TCC during the second stage
- Encouraged establishing alternative power sources, e.g. solar panels, for marae as part of emergency management preparation
- Sought Council's support towards the museum, forming part of TCC's current Long Term Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 2.45 pm

Minutes of the Regional Council Reconvened Meeting held in Whakatāne Baptist Church, 67 Keepa Road, Whakatāne on Thursday, 19 April 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: D Leeder

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Councillors: T Marr, L Thurston, P Thompson, D Love, N Bruning, A Tahana, W Clark, S Crosby, K Winters, A von Dadelszen, M McDonald

In Attendance: M Macleod (Chief Executive), M Taylor (General Manager Corporate Performance), J Graham (General Manager Corporate Solutions), F McTavish (General Manager Strategy & Science), B Crabbe (Acting General Manager Integrated Catchments), S Hey (Manager Chief Executive's Office), A Williams (Planner), G Howard (Corporate Planning Lead), K Gosling (Community Engagement Team Leader), S Hohepa (Māori Policy Advisor), E Sykes (Community Engagement EEF Coordinator), P Sisam (Communications Partner), K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), S Kameta (Committee Advisor)

Apologies: J Cronin

1 **Karakia**

Cr Tahana opened the hearing with a karakia that acknowledged staff member, the late Arch Delahunty.

2 **Apologies**

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 **Accepts the apology of Councillor John Cronin tendered at the hearing.**

Leeder/Thompson
CARRIED

3 **Hearing of Submitters – *Continued***

3.1 **Gerard van Beek, EM49**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2857890.

Key Points

- Sought improved management of the Whakatāne River by reducing the use of willow trees for bank stabilisation and better management of sediment build-up;
- Taneatua Community was highly sensitive to flood waters, with 2004 and 2017 flooding in the Taneatua township and at Pekatahi Bridge highlighted;
- Considered Regional Council's practice of utilising willows for bank stabilisation had consequential effects with sediment accumulation and raised river banks restricting river channel capacity and impacting flood levels;
- Requested Council use something else other than willows and to consider making the Pekatahi Bridge longer and for part of the causeway to be removed or made less dominant;
- Similar issues existed for the Rangitāiki and Tauranga Rivers and for appropriate consideration to manage river capacity flows;
- The location of oxidation ponds in Taneatua were in a high flood risk area.

3.2 **Ian Connor, OL120**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

3.3 **Mike van der Boom, OL52**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

3.4 **Wini Geddes, OL188**

Ms Geddes read **Tabled Item 8** in full.

Key Points

- Requested improved guidelines and engagement with tangata whenua groups in relation to CDEM response and recovery
- The Reid Canal Floodway Bifurcation Project had not considered the significant impact on neighbouring residents and properties, who were concerned for their personal safety, properties, tūrangawaewae and cultural significance of wāhi tapū
- Requested the Reid Canal Project cease for other options to be considered
- Sought Regional Council support for a gazetted name change of Thornton Hall Road to Okōrero, the area for which it is known by hapū and Iwi.

3.5 **Richard Hamer, OL64**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

3.6 **Wayne Aramoana/ Maude Edwards, OL193, Te Upokorehe Iwi**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

3.7 **Christopher Clarke, OL164, Te Mana o Ngati Rangitihiri Trust**

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

3.8 Vicki Richards

Refer **Tabled Item 9**.

Key Points

- Presented on behalf of the Edgecumbe Collective who were overseeing development of Edgecumbe's Community Plan
- Priority goals were to implement the red stickered residents' ideas for the new green space, erect a jetty/pontoon to provide safe access to the river, construct an iconic/super-loo and develop a youth strategy and other long term recreational projects
- Requested Council confirm its current plan and process for the new green space, support and provide financial commitment to implement red stickered residents' ideas for the new green space, and support a jetty/pontoon to provide safe access to the river.

Ms Richards thanked Council, in particular Māori Policy Advisor Sandy Hohepa and the Strategic Engagement/Community Engagement teams for their support at community events.

Whakatāne District Council Recovery Manager Barbara Dempsey who was in attendance with Ms Richards advised that Whakatāne District Council supported the submission and acknowledged the work of Ms Richards and the Edgecumbe Collective.

3.9 Mate Heitia, OL177 & EM92, REKA Trust

Key Points

- Chairperson of REKA Charitable Trust which was established in 2008
- Launched projects with marae in Whakatāne and at Ruatahuna focusing on food production, recycling and sustainable living, followed by further projects launched in 2013 with two local kura kaupapa Maori (Te Kura o tea Paroa and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Orini) focusing on maru kai and food forest production.
- Projects were supported by EEF Funding, Maori Policy support and backed by NZ Health Research Council research
- Had launched REKAWhenua project focusing on Iwi food sovereignty
- Working with Maori Land Owners to reconnect them to their whenua to learn about sustainable, healthy living through land development opportunities and sustainable food production
- Seeking a CIF grant to support the REKAWhenua project to develop food production on Māori land within the township
- Iwi and hapū were a significant part of the community, who were struggling with health and poverty, which made this an important kaupapa to support
- A key outcome of the project supported cleaning up the river and waterways
- Supported inclusion of an ecologist and scientist to be part of all rivers and drainage activity to assist with clean-up of waterways and water and land management practices
- Thanked Regional Council for prior EEF funding and staff support.

3.10 Linda Conning, EM2, Eastern BOP Branch Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society NZ

Key Points

- Needed more integrated planning between regional and district plans to provide for climate change as an overarching issue. As an example, Ms Conning referred to Edgumbe's flood history and questioned why floor levels had not been raised to provide the community with greater resilience
- Wanted Council to take leadership and implement catchment plans that include mitigation of effects to the community and infrastructure
- Considered further budget and resource was needed to control wallaby and pest plants with Option 3 preferred. Supported any forms of control to eradicate wallaby and to educate and engage the community on biosecurity
- Appropriate budget was needed to support high value biodiversity
- Council should support infrastructure funding that improved the environment and urged Council to support community irrigation schemes and wastewater upgrades, which came at a high cost to community
- Urged Council to be creative and plan ahead to fix Tauranga's increasing transport issues
- Improved engagement was needed with people living in flood prone areas on how to reprioritise and reconfigure communities to ensure they were protected.
- Did not think communities were aware of the significant cost of river schemes and flood damage and recovery repairs.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.43am and reconvened at 11.05am.

3.11 **Mayor Tony Bonne, Deputy Mayor Judy Turner and General Manager Planning, Regulatory and Corporate Services David Bewley, EM89, Whakatāne District Council**

Key Points

- Requested Council review its targeted rates for Whakatāne District and high deprivation areas where affordability was real. Suggested equalising rates for smaller communities that could not afford high rates hikes, so those communities pay the same across the board. Viewed the proposed targeted rate for public transport could also be looked at if a full rating review was undertaken
- Sought Council's continued support for wastewater solutions for Matatā, Edgumbe, Whakatāne and Taneatua
- Awatarariki Fanhead was a major challenge and Central Government was engaging on a solution.
- Noted the main focus for coastal protection at Matatā was to the protection of life, which experts said could not be mitigated
- Supportive of the river bank sustainability review and urgent focus on sustainable and affordable solutions with collaboration of both councils
- Suggested a more strategic and holistic approach be taken in utilising investment returns to fit the nature of the communities served.

3.12 **Mayor John Forbes, Chief Executive Aileen Lawrie and Engineering and Services Manager Ari Erickson, EM62, Ōpōtiki District Council**

Key Points

- Council's proposed targeted rate increase was a significant affordability issue for a small Ōpōtiki catchment community
- Acknowledged Council's contribution however, needed further assistance

- Sought consideration of how the Waioeka-Otara River Scheme was funded, noting a range of other values the scheme protect and the portion of Department of Conservation estate that was unratable
- 100-year timeframe needed to manage climate change
- Sought support to undertake work to ensure Ōpōtiki District's groundwater resources and land use were managed appropriately
- Acknowledged the relationship Ōpōtiki District Council had with Council
- Supported a regional spatial plan to ensure regional overview of infrastructure, connectivity and identity across the region and the value of being part of a regional voice
- The percentage of non-rateable land within the Waioeka-Otara River Catchment included 51% in public estate (Department of Conservation), 19% Ahu Whenua Trust and 17% non-rateable. Ōpōtiki District provided access into the public estate
- Advised the community would be paying more in targeted rates for the river scheme than what it would be paying for town sewerage rates.

3.13 **Eva Herewini, OL10, Wairaka Community Board**

Refer **tabled Items 8-17** and slide photos.

Key Points

- Mātaatua Reserve had been a toxic contaminated site for 68 years and used by the public without any signage of contamination risk
- The non-notified resource consent (refer tabled item 8) had not been presented to the Wairaka community
- The site had had significant impact on the Wairaka community with health issues, sickness and loss of life
- The Wairaka residents and community wanted Council to address the sustainability of the environment and the impact on the community, with the removal of the dioxins from the reserve
- Wanted the waterways to be cleaned-up and eco-systems and wildlife replenished, which had diminished since the reserve had been filled
- Advised that test results undertaken at the reserve by Whakatāne District Council had confirmed elevated levels of PCP, Dioxins and Furans
- Prior to reclamation the area was known as the Taiwhakaea mudflats and was a waahi tapū to Iwi.

It was recommended that the submitter bring matters relating to health concerns to the attention of the Toi Te Ora Public Health Officer.

Staff in Response to Questions

- The site was under the control of the Whakatāne District Council and not under full control of Regional Council.

Action for Staff

- Further information to be provided to Councillors and reported through Komiti Māori.

3.14 **Ruth Gerson, EM6, Eastern Bay Villages: Te Kokoru Manaakitanga**

Key Points

- Goal was to look for solutions to relieve issues of isolation and vulnerability amongst senior members/kaumatua of the community

- The importance of maintaining connections and sense of belonging and to support seniors remaining in their own homes was important to people's health
- Iwi and pakeha community leaders had collaborated on innovative ideas to fill in gaps that existed within agency frameworks, including:
 - Providing a wheel-chair accessible van for people to hire for community/family events, i.e. tangi, hui in partnership with disability resource centre
 - A database had been setup with the help of Lotteries Commission funding grant, to register vulnerable seniors/kaumatua and match them with volunteers who could provide neighbourhood assistance during civil defence and emergency situations as well as small jobs
- Seeking Council CIF grant to assist with developing and growing their initiatives to meet their objectives
- Noted Eastern Bay Villages had applied for Lottery Grant funding of which only 2% of funds went to support older people.

Councillors acknowledged the work of Eastern Bay Villages and in particular, Ms Gerson as a national icon for her voluntary work and support for disability issues.

3.15 Leonie Simpson, EM25, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

3.16 Tracy Hillier, EM11, Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

3.17 Ora Barlow, EM52, Te Whanau-a-Hikarukutai hapū

The Submitter had withdrawn from speaking.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Minutes of the Regional Council Reconvened Meeting held at Sudima Hotel, Rotorua, Friday 20 April 2018, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: D Leeder

Deputy Chairman: J Nees

Councillors: L Thurston, P Thompson, D Love, N Bruning, A Tahana, W Clark, S Crosby, K Winters, A von Dadelszen, M McDonald

In Attendance: Mary-Anne Macleod (Chief Executive), Fiona McTavish (General Manager Strategy & Science), Mat Taylor (General Manager Corporate Performance), Debbie Hyland (Finance and Corporate Planning Manager), Graeme Howard (Corporate Planning Lead), Mary Norris (Planning Coordinator), Andrew Williams (Planner), Lynne Lawson (Assistant Management Accountant), Laverne Mason (Integrated Catchment Programme Manager), Shelley Hay (Manager Chief Executive's Office), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager - Catchment Management - Temporary), Andrew Dixon (Management Accountant Team Leader), Tone Nerdrum-Smith (Committee Advisor)

Apologies: T Marr and J Cronin

4 Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Council:

- 1 Accepts the apology of Cr Tiipene Marr and Cr John Cronin tendered at the hearing.

Leeder/Winter
CARRIED

5 Hearing of Submitters – *Continued*

5.1 Ian McLean, EM50

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2857113

Key Points

- Concerned regarding invasive pests, e.g. Catfish and wallabies
- Climate change and raising sea levels were a real and serious threat
- Recognised the significant pressure from the district councils on BOPRC to support initiatives that were beneficial to the region

- Any projects receiving support should contribute to remediation the significant environmental challenges Council faced
- Main challenges were biosecurity and harbour degradation and sea level rise.

5.2 **Rodney Milne, EM95**

Provided **tabled item 18**

Key Points

- Real life experiences, e.g. overflowing rivers, were more valuable than theoretical documents
- Did not support targeted rates
- Concerned regarding the state of the local rubbish tip
- Sought dedicated field officers to be deployed in the various catchments
- Supported a 'back to basics' approach
- Greatest challenge was affordability vs needs and wants of the community, however there did not appear to be an analysis of affordability in the document.

5.3 **Piki Thomas, EM72, Ngāti Pikiāo Iwi Trust**

The Submitter did not appear.

5.4 **Reynold Macpherson, OL30, Rotorua District Residents and Ratepayers Inc.**

Key Points

- No opportunity for Rotorua Councillors to clarify how local residents were served in the draft LTP 2018-2028
- Noted that draft LTP was available on line, professionally presented and comprehensive
- Main concerns were the environment fresh water and a vibrant community
- The bus service appeared to be indexed against population growth, rather than actual, proven need
- Encouraged budget review and prudence to reduce the projected rates increase of 12%
- Noted the recently identified increase in biosecurity threats.

5.5 **Rachael and Darren McGarvie, OL178 & EM93, RotoruaX**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2856910

Key Points of Presentation

- RotouaX – Who we are
- Our Trustees
- What we do
- RotoruaX Reach
 - Facebook
 - Website
 - Media
 - Emails
 - Events
- What we need
 - Funding.

Key Points

- If funding was granted, it would provide an opportunity for Council to utilise the RotoruaX avenues to increase its reach to the community
- Provided inspiration and knowledge to its members, which represented a point of difference from the Chambers of Commerce
- Not an incorporated society, which meant the members were representative of the wider community.

5.6 Phill Thomass and Jim Stanton, EM34, Rotorua Lakes Community BoardKey Points

- Concerned regarding the ‘explosion’ of Catfish in Lake Rotoiti and encouraged Council to focus on ways to prevent it spreading
- Suggested a separate fund be established for Catfish, rather than it being included in the wider biosecurity budget
- Lake Tarawera sewerage proposal was innovative with positive community support, and should be granted Council funding in the vicinity of \$1.5-2m
- Recognised that although the percentage rates rise was relatively high, the dollar rise was not. However, the year on year increase meant pressure continued to be applied on the rate payers
- A targeted rate for public transport was acceptable. However it should not be spread across the entire region as not all areas were recipients of this service, rather it should be focussed in the CBDs.

5.7 Glen Snelgrove and Libby Fletcher, EM12, Lake Tarawera Sewerage Steering Committee

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2856912

Key Points of Presentation

- Lake Tarawera Sewerage Steering Committee
- Purpose of the Steering Committee
- Goals
- Responsibility and Reporting
- Introduction
- Scheme has high public support
- Restoration Plan
- Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA)
- A presence at Tarawera
- Contemporary times
- Key findings
- Sites of significance
- Key Recommendations CIA
- CIA Stage Two
- On-site Wastewater Capability Project
- Current situation
- Desk-Top Results
- Field Investigation Results
- OSET Colour Grading
- Colour Grading Pie Chart
- OSET Plan Compliance
- Summary and Conclusions
- Proposed Service Area

- Options
- Proposed Water Treatment Plant and Land Disposal System
- Budget - Estimated Project Costs
- Third Party Infrastructure Fund
- Recommendations.

Key Points

- Public health concerns had been recognised as there were contaminants in Lake Tarawera
- Was seeking a combination of grant and funding:
 - Grant \$2.5m – would require an amendment to the Long Term Plan 2018-2028
 - CIF – bring forward project to 2019
- Resource consent was not required for reticulation
- Iwi support had been obtained for transferring waste back to Rotorua, preferred methods were yet to be worked through.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am and reconvened at 10.50am

5.8 Tu O'Brien, EM66, Ngāi Tamawera Hapū and Ngāti Awa

Key Points

- Sought a full time BOPRC Maori resource within the freshwater and science sectors
- Wanted to provide input to the regional emergency management plan to develop robust processes for use of marae
- Maori compliance staff who could communicate and engage with the community was important as some Maori were reluctant to work with non-Maori staff
- Sought support to build hapū and iwi abilities within the resource consent area
- Higher level of strategic exposure was necessary to build understanding of Council processes
- Sought increased funding towards summer studentships
- Sought funding toward Maori RMA commissioner training
- Supported the continued existence of Maori ward representatives and that this be reflected in the current representation review
- Use existing staff to identify new Maori staff who had the required background, skills and connections to fill the roles
- Would like to work with Elected Members, in particular the Maori representatives, in developing strategies and practical methods for increased and successful engagement and involvement in Council processes.

5.9 Tu O'Brien, EM60, Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID: A2854354

Key Points

- Recognised the significant effort of the Eastern Bay catchment staff and encouraged increased funding towards their area
- Sought funding toward interpretive signage along the Ōhope Harbourside Trail
- Sought funding towards seastar research project.

5.10 **Don Atkinson, EM26, Lakes Water Quality Society**

Key Points

- Main concern was biosecurity in the Bay of Plenty
- Council's main focus should always be the environment
- Reinforced the issues raised in the submission, being increased funding for:
 - Catfish incursion
 - Aquatics weed control
 - Lake Rotoehu to address ongoing contamination
- Supported targeted rates for the increasing number of recreational water users
- Biosecurity funding: Supported Option 3.

5.11 **Hilary Prior and Jim Stanton, EM40, Lake Rotoiti Community Association**

Key Points

- Concerned regarding the Catfish threat as it significantly impacted on the Rotoiti community
- Community wanted to assist and support Council in ways to minimise Catfish spreading to other waterways and lakes
- Appreciated the Environmental Enhancement Fund Council made available
- Association had been a strong supporter and leader in the rating equity discussions.

5.12 **Nicki Douglas supported by Trust Members, EM15, Te Arawa Lakes Trust**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID: A2854355

Key Points for Presentation

- Lakes Settlement Act (2006)
- Cultural and Commercial Redress
- What will we measure? Who is it for?
- Thriving together – the way we work
- Te Arawa Cultural Values Framework.

Key Points

- Iwi/hapū engagement: RMA/LGA
- Kaitiaki should form part of the empowerment space of Council's engagement processes
- Sought increased leadership in the management and development of Lake Tarawera and was actively pursuing funding opportunities for this to be possible
- Maraehako management plan framework was close to completed in draft form
- Appreciated the cooperation with Council in the biosecurity sector
- Some of the funding sought would be channelled towards iwi/hapū programmes
- CIF application was angled towards funding over and above existing funding.

Action for Staff:

- Work with Submitter in clarifying the amounts within the CIF application.

5.13 **Mayor Steve Chadwick, Cr Mark Gould and Group Manager: Strategy, Jean-Paul Gaston, EM87, Rotorua Lakes Council**

Key Points

- Sought clarity with regards to the regional rate as it was not immediately obvious what the value was for the Rotorua subregion
- Rotorua Lakes clearly set out rates implications for each property, and suggested that this be better identified in the BOPRC LTP
- Spatial Plan was expected to be completed within a month and had some concerns regarding the growth projection in the BOPRC LTP
- Recognised the inclusion of flood protection projects and funding
- Clearance of channels was an important issue and sought a programme for more effective management
- Both funding and urgency were key in the containment of Catfish
- Suggested a separate budget be set up for Catfish management
- Supported the Tarawera Lakes Sewerage scheme.

5.14 **Shirley Trumper, supported by Wendy, Janine, Marie and Dave, EM63, Rotorua Rural Community Board**

Key Points

- Complimented Council on the readability of the consultation document and the engagement sessions
- Supported the establishment of a rural bus service to Mamaku
- Mamaku was attracting younger families due to its affordability and access to public transport would assist in alleviating congestion in and out of Rotorua
- Transport service would have to be in the morning and at night to be effective and well supported by the local community.

5.15 **John Murdoch, EM3, BOPRC Staff Association**

Read **tabled item 19** in full.

Key Points

- Clarified that the Submitter was not a BOPRC staff member
- Asked Council to ensure there would be sufficient funding in the LTP 2018-2028 to allow for the implementation of its Remuneration Policy
- Concerned that the allocation of funding in the LTP was structured to allow for inflation only.

Chairman's Comment:

- The Chief Executive was the Council's only employee and was responsible for the organisation's staff
- It was the expectation of Elected Members that staff was treated in an equitable manner and that any negotiations between staff and the Chief Executive be conducted with honesty, fairness and in good faith.

5.16 **Sonny Peeters, EM84, Coastguard Eastern Region**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2856909

Key Points

- Provided an outline of the services undertaken by the Coastguard Service
- Sought dedicated funding from Council towards the Coastguard.

5.17 **Deputy Mayor Clout, Cr Baldock, Cr Mason and Chief Financial Officer Paul Davidson, EM88, Tauranga City Council**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective ID A2856911

Noted that, with the permission of the Chairperson, the Submitter was video recording the presentation.

Key Points of Presentation

- Strategic Asset – Port of Tauranga
- Transportation Common Problems
- Investment in Transport for the Region
- Public Wealth – Port
- Summary.

Key Points

- The Port represented almost 100% of the Gross Domestic Product generated through import/export which emphasised the importance of funding of an effective transport network
- TCC faced significant issues regarding transportation, however had limited funding opportunities to address the issue
- There were several options for debt division, e.g. creating a separate entity for this purpose
- Sought the establishment of a joint TCC/BOPRC fund for the purpose of applying for funding from the Provincial Growth Fund
- If the existing transport network was not improved, current and future growth within the import/export sector could not continue
- Recognised that the wider region may wish to seek similar funding opportunities, however the proposal to utilise Quayside dividend recognised and maximised the economic value of the Port to the region
- TCC was in continuing discussion with Central Government regarding funding and financing of transport network improvement.

Chairman's Comments:

- Noted that significant contribution of the cargo to and from the Port occurred via the railway network, rather than the roads.

The meeting closed at 1.08 pm

Confirmed

Chairman Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Date