

Minutes of the Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee Meeting held in The Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council, Civic Administration Building, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua on Tuesday, 27 June 2017 commencing at 2.00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: N Bruning

Appointees: Councillor K Winters, Dr T Petch, G Rice, E Hughes

In Attendance: G Fleming (Consultant Negotiator); Bay of Plenty Regional Council: C Ingle (Acting Chief Executive); H Creagh (Rotorua Catchments Manager); L Goldsmith (Rotorua Catchments Manager (Fixed Term)); R Cross (Team Leader Land Resources); S Omundsen (Acting General Manager Integrated Catchments); Te Taru White (Incentives Programme Director); R Garrett (Committee Advisor)

Apologies: Dr T Kingi

1 Opening Karakia

G Rice.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That the Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apology tendered by Dr T Kingi.**

**Bruning/Winters
CARRIED**

3 General Business and Tabled Items

Nil.

4 Declaration of conflicts of interest

Incentives Programme Director Te Taru White declared a conflict with Public Excluded Agenda item 7.3 *Landowner Agreements*, and noted he would leave the room during the discussion on one of the agreements included in that item.

5 Minutes

5.1 Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee minutes - 05 April 2017

It was noted that:

- An update on the communications strategy would be provided at the next Committee meeting;
- The Lake Taupō Protection Trust would like to present to the Committee regarding their Catchment Monitoring Plan;
- Rotorua Lakes Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council were working to develop a joint approach around subdivision opportunities and implications for the Committee;
- Council had yet to receive the recommendations report from the independent hearings panel for Proposed Plan Change 10.

Resolved

That the Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Confirms the minutes of the Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee meeting held on 5 April 2017.**

**Winters/Rice
CARRIED**

6 Reports

6.1 Update from Rotorua Catchments

Rotorua Catchments Manager Linda Goldsmith updated the Committee on the current status of the Advice and Support Service, the Gorse Scheme and the Low Nitrogen land Use projects. Ms Goldsmith advised members that 126 farming enterprises are now registered with Advice and Support and noted that there has still been reluctance to engage without the decision on Proposed Plan Change 10 being available. Ms Goldsmith also noted significant progress with the gorse programme and emphasised the usefulness of the dNITRO tool for landowners; and summarised progress made with various Low Nitrogen Land Use projects.

Members asked staff to provide a catchment map illustrating current land use for reference.

Members acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the Advice and Support Service staff.

Resolved

That the Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update from Rotorua Catchments;**

**Winters/Hughes
CARRIED**

6.2 Verbal update on Incentives Board KPIs

Incentives Programme Director Te Taru White updated members on progress to date against various key performance indicators. Mr White noted nitrogen reduction achieved to date, advised that a communications and marketing strategy was now in place, that an appropriate due diligence framework for agreements had been

developed and that the Expressions of Interest process for small nitrogen purchases was now operative.

Discussion was had regarding the utility of the models developed by Park and Matheson. Mr White advised that the models had limited application for use in his day-to-day business; members acknowledged the role the models could play in setting strategic goals and identifying future “pipeline” opportunities.

Resolved

That the Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the verbal update, Incentives Board KPIs;**

**Petch/Winters
CARRIED**

7 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
7.1 Public Excluded Lake Rotorua Incentives Committee minutes - 09 February 201	Good reason for withholding exists	Please refer to the relevant clause in the meeting minutes
7.2 Nitrogen Calculation Update	Good reason for withholding exists	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
7.3 Landowner Agreements	Good reason for withholding exists	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
7.4 Verbal Update on Landowner Negotiations	Good reason for withholding exists	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

**Bruning/Winters
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.