

**MINUTES OF THE HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY 22  
SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6:00PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Bates (Chairman), Niblett, Williams, Lumsden, Mackay, Nimon,

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jesse Friedlander (Regional Manager)

**1 Welcome (6.00 PM)**

Cr. Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed those in attendance that the meeting would be audio-recorded.

**2 Apologies**

No apologies received.

**3 General Business**

Cr. Bates requested that Council discuss the appointment of councillors outside of the region in which they reside.

**4 Decision on wage subsidy received due to covid-19 restrictions during the 2019/20 financial year.**

Discussion centred around whether paying the subsidy back would negatively impact our ability to carry out our work. The subsidy would be payed out of the 2019/20 salaries budget and therefore would not impact our current financial year.

HBF&GC did not apply for the most recent wage subsidy as staff believe that the impact on licence sales of the 2021 lockdown will be short lived.

*That Council makes a full and final decision to pay back the \$28,118.40 wage subsidy received during the 2019/20 financial year, effective as at 31 August 2021*

*Niblett/Williams*

**5 General Business**

An ex F&G staff member has put their name forward as a councillor outside of the region in which they reside. This person will now likely be elected to the NZC. Is this appropriate and should the Fish and Game review implementation deal with this issue while making other legislative changes?

Recommendation 8 from the review would partially solve this issue if implemented as it would mean that NZ councillors would be elected independently.

It was broadly agreed that the appointment in question is inappropriate. Cr. Bates will draft a letter to NZC for Council's consideration at our November meeting.

**Meeting Closes 6:45pm.**

  
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**Bruce Bates – Chairman**

*2 November 2021*  
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**Date**