

HAWKE'S BAY FISH & GAME COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT THE GAME FARM ON TUESDAY 9th February 2021 at 6.00 PM

PRESENT:

Messrs: Bates, (Chair), Bowcock (arrived 7pm), Lumsden, MacKay, Niblett, Hern and Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jesse Friedlander (Manager), Sam Robinson (Governance Advisor)

APOLOGIES

Cr. Duley, Wayne Taylor (East Coast Conservation Board)

WELCOME

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that Sam Robinson was not present when the details of his employment were discussed. The minutes should reflect this. Cr. Duley arrived late and this should be shown in attendance.

That with the above amendments made, the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th December 2020 are a true and accurate record. (21/2/3.1) *Mackay/Niblett*

CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTER

The conflict-of-interest register was signed by all Councillors present. Cr. Niblett disclosed his conflict, being a previous gamebird hunting guide and still involved in the industry.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

That the health and safety report is accepted. (21/2/7.1) *Mackay/Niblett*

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Discussion centred around potential uses for our backcountry fisheries reserve and enhancement of signage/information for public land gamebird hunters. The manager is to send out the current Council priorities to be ranked before the next meeting.

That Council reviews the priorities for the 2020/2021 year and identifies any changes to priorities or projects for incorporation into the draft operational work plan for the 2021/2022 year. (21/2/8.1) *Mackay/Lumsden*

ANGLER NOTICE REVIEW

No submissions have been received so far, however some of the angling clubs may not have met since receiving notification that submissions are due.

- 9.1 *That Council agrees to the consultation process and time frame for considering changes to the 2021/22 Anglers Notice. (21/2/9.1)*
- 9.2 *That Council identifies any issues for further discussion in the initial "Issues and Options" paper to be prepared in April. (21/2/9.2)* **Mackay/Lumsden**

At this point it was decided that the Council evaluation would take place at the end of the meeting as staff would be excluded from this discussion.

IWI AND HAPŪ ENGAGEMENT ADVISOR

Jesse provided Council with an update on work carried out so far to identify a suitable candidate for this role and requested Council to consider whether the proposed workstreams reflected what Council would like to get out of this project. Jesse requested an additional \$3,000 be approved for the employment of an advisor. \$3,000 will be taken from the existing contract budget, bringing the total allocated to \$6,000.

Tipene Cottrell will be invited to attend the next meeting of Council.

11.1 *That Council approves additional \$3,000 expenditure for the 2020/2021 financial year for the employment of Tipene Cottrell in an advisory role. (21/02/11.1)*

11.2 *That Council discusses the proposed workstreams and provides direction for staff. (21/02/11.2)* **Lumsden/Hern**

GAMEBIRD GUIDES WILDLIFE ACT PROVISIONS

Cr. Niblett declared a conflict of interest with this agenda item.

That Cr. Niblett should remain and be allowed to speak on this matter but will not have voting rights. **Hern/Lumsden**

Cr. Bates has contacted the acting NZC CEO, Paul Shortis regarding this matter. If the legislation is removed, the status quo will remain (No gamebird guides licence required to guide clients while hunting gamebirds, only a regular hunting licence).

Cr. Lumsden enquired as to whether this would create an issue in bringing in the fishing guides licence. This is a separate issue and will not be affected.

That Council agrees to the removal of the provisions in the Wildlife Act relating to the licensing of game bird guides. (21/02/12.1) **Bowcock/Mackay**

THEFT AND FRAUD PREVENTION POLICY

That Council approves the Theft and Fraud Prevention Policy. (21/02/13.1)

Lumsden/Williams

CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-DISCOSURE POLICY

That Council approves the Confidentially and Non-disclosure Policy. (21/02/14.1)

Lumsden/Bowcock

Liaison Officers Reports

Jesse provided Council with an update on the NES submission process and implications for Fish and Game. Items of most concern to Hawke's Bay Fish and Game are restrictions on building of maimai and wetland restoration works/planting.

Management Report

Jesse informed Council that so far 500 mallard/greyduck have been banded. We are hoping for a further 200 this season.

Finance Report

That the payments for November and December 2020 totalling \$83,807.63 be approved. (21/02/16.2)

Niblett/Lumsden

That the Finance Report be accepted for the 2 months ended 31 December 2020. (21/02/16.2.1)

Bowcock/Mackay

Licence Report

That Council accepts the licence sales report. (21/02/16.3)

Bowcock/Mackay

Council Evaluation

Councillors have filled out an online survey form provided by Sam Robinson. Results from this self-evaluation were discussed. Four areas were determined as 'work-ons' which will be revisited at subsequent meetings.

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting for Council to confirm the past public excluded session minutes and discuss the audit of Hawke's Bay Fish and Game. (21/02/10.1)

Mackay/Bowcock

8.45pm

That the public meeting of the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council resumes. (21/02/10.2)

Mackay/Bowcock

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.



Bruce Bates – HBFGB Chairman

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