

**FISH & GAME NEW ZEALAND
NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FISH AND GAME COUNCIL HELD AT
10AM ON 3 OCTOBER 2023 AT 66 CHAMPION ROAD, RICHMOND.**

Present: Owen Baigent
Jean Willis
Bill Cash
Carey Cudby
Ian McLeod **Left meeting at 1.30pm**
Nev Gane
Nick King
Guy Gardiner

In Attendance:

Rhys Barrier	Manager
Karen Crook	Secretary
Lawson Davey	Field Officer until 11.30am
Darran Kerei-Keepa	Ngai Tahu Representative

Darran Kerei-Keepa was welcomed to the meeting, and introductions were made around the table.

1. APOLOGIES Sebastien Den Doncker, Tom Kroos, Felix Borenstein, Steve Holmes, Chris Golding (DOC)

C1/10/23 MOVE THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED
N King/B Cash
CARRIED

1 against Councillor Willis thoughts were noted, - if Councillors repeatedly miss meetings, then they should be asked to resign if there was no legitimate reason, noticing that 1 meeting this year has already been cancelled due to a lack of a quorum and this meeting having to be rescheduled from 26 September again due to a lack of a quorum.

At this time there was acknowledgment of David Haynes resignation as a Councillor.

It was noted that the timing of meeting will be further discussed later in the meeting when the 2024 meeting dates will be set.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS AND AGREEMENT ON AGENDA ORDER

No urgent business was identified.

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Councillor Gardiner related that he had attended the governance training that NZC had provided and one thing that came from this training was that urgent business and late agenda items are to be strongly discouraged. There was no change to the agenda order.

3. ANNUAL AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No change to the Annual Agenda:

- Game Committee meeting 15th of November at 7.30. The Blenheim Councillors would zoom in.

Councillors were asked to identify any topics to be discussed at this meeting that they perceive to be a potential conflict of interest. No conflicts were identified.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

**C2/10/23 MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2023 MEETING BE
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.**
J Willis/B Cash
CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JULY MINUTES/ ACTION REQUIRED SCHEDULE

The manager was asked to write to MDC to get clarification as to why all access points downstream from Selmes Road on the Wairau River to the sea now have locked gates on them and to negotiate a solution with the MDC so that anglers and hunters can get access to the river.

Action Manager

6. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

The Health & Safety Report was tabled and accepted.

It was noted that the boat has had its mid-term survey and staff had completed the boat competency refresher and these can now be removed from the list.

Moved J Willis/B Cash

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

**C3/10/23 MOVE THAT THE JULY AND AUGUST 2023 ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT TOTTALLING \$107,423.10 BE CONFIRMED FOR PAYMENT**
J Willis/N King
CARRIED

The cost of maintaining the boat was discussed and will be reevaluated at the end of this financial year.

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The question of whether Para Wetland and Top Valley are eligible for carbon credits was asked, the Manager will make some enquiries.

Action Manager

The Financial report was tabled and noted.

8. DOC Liaison

Chris Golding put in his apologies for this meeting, the chair was going to ask Chris what the protocol for access up the Branch will be this season for anglers as logging has started up the Branch on DOC land, and it is expected to continue over the next 3 years. The manager said he would speak with the Renwick branch and or write to the department on this matter.

Action Manager

9. DRAFT NZ COUNCIL 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE & NM COUNCIL 2024 MEETING DATES

Both the NZC and NM Meeting schedules were discussed, and it was agreed that NM meeting dates would move from a Tuesday to a Monday to work in better with Councillors other commitments.

C4/10/23 MOVE THAT THE DRAFT NZ COUNCIL 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE BE APPROVED AND THE NM COUNCIL 2024 MEETING DATES ARE APPROVED AS AMENDED IN THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION.
G Gardiner/B Cash
CARRIED

The question on whether co-opted members and iwi representatives could have voting rights was discussed, noting that this council had already given voting rights to Keepa our last iwi representative and it is taken that this would carry over to any iwi representative on this Council. The Manager would inquire with other regional managers to see what happens in their regions regarding co-opted and iwi voting rights.

Action Manager

10. NZ COUNCIL DRAFT SETTING NATIONAL POLICY

Read and accepted – **G Gardiner/C Cudby CARRIED**

11. NZ COUNCIL DRAFT CONFLICT OF INTERESTS POLICY

Read and accepted – **G Gardiner/I McLeod CARRIED**

12. NZ COUNCIL DRAFT STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT

Read and accepted – **B Cash/G Gardiner CARRIED**

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13. OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN REPORT.

The manager expanded on items in the report when asked.

The manager advised he had just received a request from The Whale Trail that we sign an agreement to grant an easement over part of para wetland for the cycling and walking trail from Picton to Kaikoura. As this has just been tabled it was agreed to pass this topic over until the next meeting and requested staff to prepare a background options and risk assessment paper.

Councillor Cudby suggested staff investigate options with licence sale agents around provision of a QR code or similar to make licence holders aware of where to find the fisheries report, alternatively, investigate the option of selling off printed copies through agent outlets.

Compliance with our fisheries regulations at the Wairau Bar was also raised by Councillor Cudby and follow-up discussion with the Marlborough based Field Officer and Councillor Cudby was recommended.

15. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair reported on the chair's monthly meeting.

16. NZ COUNCIL REPORT

The NZ Council meeting summary for the 18th & 19th of August was tabled and noted.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The upcoming Cost Optimisation and Resource Allocation Project was discussed with concerns expressed about the cost of \$100k and the brief needs to be tighter, the Chair will relay these concerns to the NZ Chair.

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business.

MEETING CLOSED 2.10 pm

Chair D. F. Baigent Dated 5. 12. 2023