

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 18 MARCH 2020 At 595 Johns Road, Harewood Commencing at 6.00 pm

1. PRESENT:

Councillors: Dave Coll, Roy Knight, Richard O’Keefe, Alan Strong (Chair), Graeme Nahkies (Governance Specialist), Trevor Isitt, Rex Gibson, Ken Lee

Staff: Rasmus Gabrielsson (CE), Debbie Ambler

2. APOLOGIES:

Councillors: Phillip Musson, Stuart Henderson

3. Council Charter and Governance Policies

After G Nahkies highlighted some slight changes made to the document, the following was confirmed;

“That the Council Charter and Governance Policies be adopted by NCFGC”

Moved: Cr Isitt Seconded: Cr Gibson CARRIED

G Nahkies stated this document would form part of the handover package to the next incoming Council.

4. Council Work Plan Priorities

That due to Covid-19 the Council Work Plan Priorities had been put on hold for the time being. The Chair would have the final decision on best use of meeting times via virtual means.

5. Statement of Purpose and Priorities for the Period 2019 to 2021

G Nahkies reported the Key Priorities had been reshuffled due to changes in the initial priorities that had been set. They are now;

- a. Priority habitats;
- b. Key Stakeholders;
- c. Sustainable financial position;
- d. Salmon fishery

The need to put in place a marketing strategy was acknowledged as urgent. Look at a marketing expert along with stakeholder assistance.

Concern that IWI was not mentioned in the Statement of Purpose and Priorities paper. G Nahkies to talk to C Brankin regarding IWI input into this Policy as a treaty partner and stakeholder.

That this paper be held over until the April meeting to confirm.

6. Local Adaption in New Zealand Chinook Salmon

On advice from M. Unwin regarding hatchery releases into rivers the following was decided;

“That R Gabrielsson write to NZC with the copy of M Unwin letter attached, advising that the practice of hatchery releases should cease”.

Moved: Cr Coll Seconded: Cr Southward CARRIED
Cr OKeefe against

After further discussion on developing a policy on the sea run salmon closures, the following superseded the previous motion;

“That R Gabrielsson write to the NZC asking that a policy be developed on the basis of the best scientific evidence on sea run salmon releases.”

Moved: Cr Coll Seconded: Cr Southward CARRIED

7. **Addition of Councillors Information to Website**

R Gabrielsson to send Councillors election profiles for updating so they can added to NCFG website after seeking their consent to do so.

8 **Council Updates After Each Meeting**

The need for a marketing plan was raised. Currently email, website, club talks, pod casts etc were being used to engage stakeholders.

A “News Roundup” be posted on the front page of NCFG website once a month to summarise what has been happening.

R Gabrielsson to contact J Kos regarding a review on how the Regulation Guides are currently formatted to make it easier to read and understand.

9. **Co-opt Additional Council Member**

R Gabrielsson to write to fishing and gun clubs within the NC region inviting expressions of interest from female club members to be co-opted onto NCFG Council.

10. **Levy Income from Fishing Competitions**

“That a dedicated Reserve be set up – Fishing and Hunting Promotions – using revenue from fishing competitions to promote sports fishing and gamebird hunting.”

Moved: Cr Isitt Seconded: Cr Knight CARRIED

11. **Contributions Towards Toilet at Lake Sumner**

Lake Station has approached NCFG and DoC to assist in funding a toilet in Home Bay due to high usage by the public for recreational pursuits.

“That Council approve up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 from the NC non-resident licence reserve be used to contribute towards costs of installing a “wilderness toilet” facility at Home Bay in Lake Sumner.”

Moved: Cr Strong Seconded: Cr Southward CARRIED

12. **McIntyre Bequest**

“That the NCFG general reserve be used to repay what is owed to the McIntyre Bequest totalling \$46,408.17.”

Moved: Cr Strong Seconded: Cr Gibson CARRIED

Cr Isitt Against

Discussion on how the General Reserve would be replenished followed.

13. **General Business**

a. Cr Strong on behalf of Council to send a newsletter to rangers updating them on Council decisions and NCFG news.

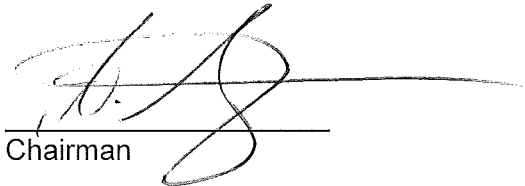
b. A Strong to send Councillors the NCFG 10 Year Salmon Management Plan

c. Covid-19 - Cr Strong to investigate and trial “Zoom” as a communication device between Councillors and R Gabrielsson while in lockdown.

d. That D Ambler investigate “Board Pro” for meeting paper management.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed:



Chairman

Date

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday 15th April 2020
4.30pm
595 Johns Road, Harewood**