

CONFIRMED MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING - 20 OCTOBER 2021

At the **Inaugural Council Meeting** on **11 Nov 2021** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING
Date:	Wednesday, 20 October 2021
Time:	6:30 pm to 8:24 pm
Location:	NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL, 595 JOHNS ROAD, HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH
Board Members:	ALAN STRONG (Chair), CHRIS BRANKIN, DAVE COLL, PHILLIP MUSSON, RICHARD O'KEEFE, TREVOR ISITT
Attendees:	GRAEME NAHKIES, REX GIBSON, DEBBIE AMBLER, RASMUS GABRIELSSON, STUART HENDERSON
Apologies:	BILL SOUTHWARD, DANIEL MAXWELL, KEN LEE
Guests:	Steve Terry, Niall Coster, Ken Lloyd, Larry Burke, David Kirkness
Notes:	Cr Lee advised lateness.

1. MEETING BUSINESS

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING

R Gabrielsson welcomed Councillors and public with Health and Safety briefing and meeting related Covid-19 work safe guidelines.

Cr Strong welcomed and congratulated the two new elected Councillors - Niall Coster and Ken Lloyd attending this meeting, and those who were re-elected. The first meeting of the new Council was scheduled for 11 November 2021. He stated that tonight's meeting would be the last meeting for this current council.

1.2 NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Cr Gibson - requested time to read an exit statement, he did not stand for re-election.
2. Cr Isitt asked why the FIF High Country Project was not in council papers, R Gabrielsson explained that due to the Privacy Act that matter still needed to be discussed in the public excluded session.
3. Cr Musson - Regulations

1.3 KARAKIA

Cr Gibson for the benefit of the new councillors explained what this Karakia meant.

1.4 CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING 18 Aug 2021, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING 16 Jun 2021, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Minutes from the 16 June 2021 Council Meeting

That the minutes from the 16 June 2021 Council Meeting be accepted.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved



Minutes from the 18 August Council Meeting

That the minutes from the 18 August 2021 Council Meeting be accepted.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: REX GIBSON
Seconder: TREVOR ISITT
Outcome: Approved

R Gabriellsson advised there had been no response from NZC regarding winding up of the National Sea Run Salmon Management Committee

1.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No changes made.

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 North Canterbury Meeting Dates for 2022

Dates for public consultation on any regulation changes for both fishing and game bird hunting would be advised separately when held.

Noted that the meeting dates for 2022 were moved to Thursdays.



Meeting Dates for 2022 Council Meeting Year

That the meeting dates for 2022 are as follows;
3 Feb, 17 Mar, 19 May, 21 Jul, 15 Sep, 17 Nov 2022.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconder: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Outcome: Approved

2.2 Rakaia Term Deposit



Closure of the Rakaia Term Deposit

That the Rakaia Term Deposit account be closed on 5 January 2022 and that the account balance as at that time be transferred to the McIntyre Bequest, which is a Restricted Reserve.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.3 Te Waihora Management Report - Requires Resolution

A question on the intent of use for the Te Waihora Joint Management Fund (Lake Ellesmere) going forward was asked. Cr Brankin advised the parties of the Fund (Ngai Tahu, NCFG and DoC) had yet to finalise refocus and build a programme of work required to be carried out around the Lake, and that this was a priority of upcoming meetings.



Te Waihora Management Report

That the 20/21 Te Waihora Management Report be accepted and \$7,115.65 be transferred to the Mai Mai Reserve.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

2.4 RRF AND NZSAA FISHING COMPETITIONS



RRFP Fishing Competition - 2022

That the RRF fishing competition to be held on the Rakaia River from 24 - 27 February 2022 be approved.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved



NZSAA Fishing Competition

That the NZSAA fishing competition to be held on the Waimakariri river on 19 March 2022 be approved.

Cr Gibson abstained.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

L Burke (Chairman of the NZSAA) stated the committee was looking at new fishing categories for this Competition (kahawai and trout).

2.5 Proposed Expenditure from Back Country Fisheries Reserve



Expenditure from the Non-Resident Levy/Back Country Fisheries Reserve

That Council approve \$12,000 expenditure from the non-resident levy / backcountry reserve to setup one of the replacements 4WD's for high-country field work and river crossings, and to purchase four satellite communicators (GPS locator beacons) to satisfy safety requirements.

Cr O'Keefe against

Cr Musson - Abstained

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Mover: REX GIBSON
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

When looking at the ARF proposed spending, R Gabrielsson explained that the advantages and disadvantages of purchasing a hybrid vehicle for use around town was being examined. With upcoming staffing changes he is also thinking about moving current fleet vehicles to pool vehicles, but is still under consideration.



Proposed ARF Spending for 2021/22 Financial Year

That this Council endorses the ARF movements for the 2021/22 financial year.

Cr O'Keefe Against

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: REX GIBSON
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

3. FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 NZC Regional Structure Consultation Information.

The meeting agreed that the questions being asked by the Implementation Committee were rehashing questions already asked and agreed to by NCFG Council. NCFG Council full support the reduction of regions as proposed, but acknowledged regional boundaries will need closer examination.

Cr Brankin suggested the original NCFG Council statement be referred back to the Implementation Committee.

Differences between a Governance submission and an operational submission by NCFG was discussed. Cr's Strong and Coll be tasked to draft a response to the Implementation Committee.

Circulate copy of Review to new councillors for back ground information at this stage.



NZC Regional Structure Consultation Information

R Gabrielsson to circulate copy of Review to new councillors for back ground information at this stage.

Due Date: 31 Oct 2021

Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

3.2 DRAFT - NZC Meeting and Budget Schedule for 2022



NZC Meeting Dates

That this Council approve the draft dates for NZC meetings for 2022 year.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

The NZC meeting dates sent out for consultation were discussed. It was noted that NZC's proposed budget meeting time table did not appear to include any allowance for a comprehensive review of resource allocation and base line budgets, as NZC has undertaken to do.

Council asked the Chairman to notify NZC, and request more information be provided about the time line for the resource allocation and base line budget review promised.



amendment

question the funding review

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: CHRIS BRANKIN
Outcome: Approved



NZC Meeting Dates

Reply to NZC meeting dates. Ask about special meetings when required.

Due Date: 19 Nov 2021
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

3.3 Saturday-ising the Opening of the Fishing Season

Council decided to keep the status quo for the NC region regarding opening dates/days for the regular (October) fishing season opening day, as well as the November high-country opening day.



Proposal re 'Saturday-ising' Opening of the Fishing Season

R Gabrielsson to write to NZC and Eastern FG stating that NC opening dates/days will remain as is.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: PHILLIP MUSSON
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved



'Saturday-ising' the Opening of the Fishing Season

Write to NZC and Eastern FG stating NC position.

Due Date: 31 Oct 2021
Owner: RASMUS GABRIELSSON

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

4.1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Strong thanked outgoing Councillors - Cr Lee, Cr Gibson, Cr Henderson, Cr Southward and G Nahkies then briefed the meeting on their input into assisting council to achieve their objectives over the period of their term.



Chairman's Report

That the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: RICHARD O'KEEFE
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Cr O'Keefe asked that a brief update from managers meetings be part of the CE Report.
G Nahkies suggested the brief be bulleted headlines on selective subjects on a monthly basis.

Cr Lee arrived at 7.47pm.



Chief Executive's Report

That the Chief Executive's Report be accepted.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: TREVOR ISITT
Seconder: DAVE COLL
Outcome: Approved

4.3 FINANCE REPORT

R Gabrielsson advised the financial aspect to the Statement of Service Performance Report was ready in draft form. The highlight of the Draft outcome has been the ability to financially reset the region and restore NCFG Reserves to above the 30% threshold. This has been able to be effected due to increased licence sales, debts removed by NZC, Winnemem Wintu Project services and delayed replacement of staff.



Confirmation of the August and September 21 Financial Reports

That the August and September 21 Financial Reports be approved.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: REX GIBSON
Seconder: TREVOR ISITT
Outcome: Approved

4.4 NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL REPORT

Cr Coll that there had not been any meetings since August.

He advised that NZC had approved the NCFG loan be turned into a grant and the use of funds from Reserves to (a) carryout salmon monitoring and (b) to implement the Sea Run Salmon Harvest Card regime.



NZC report

That the NZC report be accepted.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: DAVE COLL
Seconder: PHILLIP MUSSON
Outcome: Approved

4.5 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Cr Coll stated that discussions with NZTA regarding an early warning sign for improving safe access to our offices was currently underway.



Confirmation of the Health and Safety Report

That the Health and Safety Report be approved.

Decision Date: 20 Oct 2021
Mover: ALAN STRONG
Seconder: TREVOR ISITT
Outcome: Approved

4.6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

5. PUBLIC SESSION

5.1 PUBLIC SESSION

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 General Business

REGULATIONS

Cr Musson requested clarification on the salmon take for the Rakaia River as information was conflicting. R Gabrielsson acknowledge staff had made mistakes, and confirmed the Gazette had been updated and that he would send Cr Musson a link to this information. He also stated that there would be a revision of the layout to look at simplifying the regulations layout for next season.

REX GIBSON - Reflection on Three Years as a Councillor

Cr Gibson thanked the Council for the experience. He commended Cr Strong on an incredible job at tackling the challenges head on over past three years as Chairman. NCFG very fortunate to have G Nahkies experience and guidance. Re-elected councillors to Council was an endorsement of work well done. He suggested the need for a finance committee to oversee finances and talk to finance reports. He spoke on the relationship with Mana Whenua and how it has progressed and stated this needed to be kept up. Suggested to consider a Treaty Hui with Network Waitangi for the new Council.

GRAEME NAHKIES

Thanked outgoing councillors for their efforts over the past three years and greeted the new Councillors. He thanked Cr Strong for his tireless efforts over a very difficult period for NCFG. He

urged council to be bold, environment degradation to name a cause. He stated the funding issue for NCFG would continue to be a problem and advised there was still a lot of work on this. There also unfinished work regarding Council's governance.

R Gibson and G Nahkies both outlined the criticism being meatered to past Council's surrounding financial outcomes and the lack of funding being given to the NCFG region.

SNAKE CREEK

Cr Gibson congratulated E Arthur Moore on her Snake Creek Report. Council discussed the good and bad outcomes from this Project, including the lack of tangible benefits to the sports fishery.

7. FOR INFORMATION

7.1 FFP Submission on Fresh Water Farm Plans

7.2 Snake Creek Final Report

7.3 NC Region Election Results

7.4 Waimakariri Proposed District Plan - Public Notice

7.5 DRAFT - Sports Fish and Game Management Plan for CSI Region

8. MEETING CLOSED

8.1 MEETING CLOSED

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____