
MINUTES
of the
REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING

held
1.00pm, Friday, 24 March 2023
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Tasman District Council: Deputy Mayor S Bryant, Councillor C Butler (Chair),
Nelson City Council: Councillors R Sanson and A Stallard

In Attendance: Tasman District Council: Special Projects Analyst – Biosecurity (P Sheldon),
Executive Assistant (R Williams), Team leader - Biosecurity & Biodiversity
(G Coleman), Group Manager - Information, Science and Technology
(S Manners)

Nelson City Council: (Environmental Programmes Adviser) R Frizzell, (Team
Leader Science and Environment) L Marshall

Part Attendance: Democracy Services Advisor (E Stephenson) (Zoom)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Team leader - Biosecurity & Biodiversity, Guinevere Coleman welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered the opening karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence for this meeting was previously granted to Councillor M Kininmonth.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Sanson

RPMC23-03-25

That the apology from Councillor Benge be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for confirmation.

5 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6 REPORTS

6.1 Appointment of a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee

Special Projects Analyst – Biosecurity, Paul Sheldon presented the report which was taken as read.

Mr Sheldon explained that Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council were the only Councils with a Joint Pest Management Plan. Mr Sheldon reiterated that the election of a chairperson was at the discretion of this Committee and noted that it would be good to ensure a balanced representation from both Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

Mr Sheldon explained that Tasman was the lead agency for the Regional Pest Management Plan.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Butler

RPMC23-03-26

That the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee

- 1. receives the Appointment of a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee RRPC23-03-1; and**
- 2. notes that, at its reconvened inaugural meeting on 1 November 2022, Council adopted System B, contained in schedule 7, clause 25(4) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the election or appointment of a chairperson and deputy chairperson of a committee and a representative of a local authority, which requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate during a single round of voting; and**
- 3. elects Councillor Celia Butler as Chairperson and Councillor Rachel Sanson as Deputy Chairperson for the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee, taking into account appropriate representation from each Council and the roles of lead agency and management agency.**

CARRIED

Councillor Butler assumed the chair.

6.2 Regional Pest Management Joint Committee Terms of Reference

Special Projects Analyst – Biosecurity, Paul Sheldon presented the report which was taken as read.

In response to a question, Mr Sheldon confirmed that once the Regional Pest Management Committee had been through the entire review, the Committee would be disbanded. Mr Sheldon also explained the outcome if the Terms of Reference were not approved by the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee.

It was requested that Mr Sheldon and the Environmental Programmes Adviser, Richard Frizzell update the Committee on the history of cat management at Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council. Mr Sheldon and Mr Frizzell outlined the options for cat management, including revising the Regional Pest Management Plan Terms of Reference, enacting bylaws or non-regulatory approaches, such as subsidised microchipping.

With the agreement of the meeting, the officers recommendation was altered to include consideration of additional rules for the control of pest cats.

Moved Sanson/Stallard

RPMC23-03-27

That the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee

- 1. receives the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee Terms of Reference report RRPMC23-03-2; and**
- 2. approves in principle, the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee Terms of Reference, subject to revision of the scope to enable the consideration of additional rules for the control of pest cats; and**
- 3. Request that staff draft revised Terms of Reference to include pest cats in the scope, for consideration by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council for approval.**

CARRIED

7 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

Ms Coleman offered the closing karakia.

The meeting concluded at 2:12pm

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 22nd August 2023.

Moved Councillor Stallard/Councillor Kininmonth

RPMC23-08-28

That the minutes of the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee meeting held on Friday, 24 March 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED