

# Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Operations, Monitoring and Regulation Committee held at Whakaue Kaipapa Marae, Maketū Road, Maketū on Monday, 10 October 2011 commencing at 3.28 p.m.

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## Present:

**Councillors:** R Bennett, J Nees, P Thompson

**Ex Officio:** Council Chairman J Cronin

**In Attendance:** M Macleod (Chief Executive), K Tarboton (Group Manager Environmental Hazards), S Kameta (Committee Administration Officer)

**Apologies:** Councillors J Mansell, D Owens and M Whitaker (Committee Chairman)

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## 1 Election of Committee Chairman

In the absence of the Committee Chair (Councillor Whitaker) and Deputy Chair (Deputy Chairman Sherry), members elected a Chair for this meeting as follows:

### MOTION

**Move:** Cronin      **Second:** Thompson

Nominate Chairman Cronin to preside.

No other nominations were received.

The motion was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

Chairman Cronin assumed the Chair.

## 2 Tabled Item

### Resolved

That pursuant to section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be considered at this meeting.

### 2.1 Emergency Appointment of Maritime Enforcement Officers for the Rena Vessel Grounding Incident

#### Reasons

The report was tabled without public notification because the matter had just come to hand.

## Grounds

The matter cannot be delayed until the next meeting of the Operations, Monitoring and Regulation Committee on 19 October 2011 due to the immediate response required for the Rena Vessel Grounding Incident.

## Resolved

**That the Operations, Monitoring and Regulation Committee:**

- 1 **Agree to accept consideration of the report.**

**Cronin/Bennett  
CARRIED**

## 3 Tabled Item

### 3.1 **Emergency Appointment of Maritime Enforcement Officers for the Rena Vessel Grounding Incident**

Refer to Tabled Document No.1.

Mary-Anne Macleod (Chief Executive) briefed councillors on the current situation of the emergency response operations in respect of the Rena vessel grounding incident and highlighted key points pertaining to the recommended appointment of additional enforcement officers.

Members sought and received clarification on a number of matters. Councillors expressed concern that key stakeholder groups and members of the public were looking to the Regional Council for feedback on the emergency response. Further to this, Committee members requested a media release to provide information on Council's supporting role in the emergency response operation.

## Resolved

**That the Operations, Monitoring and Regulation Committee under its delegated authority:**

- 1 **Receives the report, Emergency Appointment of Maritime Enforcement Officers for the Rena Vessel Grounding Incident.**
- 2 **Appoints under section 650B of the Local Government Act 1974 the positions and persons listed in Appendix 1 of this report as enforcement officers with the specified powers for a term of six months and effective immediately.**
- 3 **Provides the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Harbour Master, Deputy Harbour Master and enforcement officers with warrants pursuant to section 174 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- 4 **Confirms that the appointment of Royal New Zealand Navy and New Zealand Police as enforcement officers section 650B of the Local Government Act 1974 does not interfere with the command and control structure of the national response to Operation Rena currently under the control of the National On-Scene Commander (Maritime New Zealand).**

- 5 Confirms that the significance of the decision has been assessed as LOW, and under Section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) confirms that in light of the level of significance of the decision it does not require: (a) Further identification and assessment of different options under section 77 LGA; (b) Further investigation or consideration of community views under section 78 LGA; (c) Any further written record of the manner in which section 77 and 78 matters have been addressed.**

**Cronin/Nees  
CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.**