

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF NEW ZEALAND OIL & GAS (NZOG) - SOUTH TARANAKI COMMUNITY PANEL

Held in Hawera – 30 June 2016 at 3.00pm

Action

**PRESENT:** Gerard Karalus (Normanby Lions); Liz Harrison (Women's Refuge); Vicki Koubaridis (Waverley); Mike Weren (Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust); David More (Nga Ruahine Iwi); Leicester Cooper (Patea Planting Trust)

Andrew Ritson (Halliwells representative/Minute-taker)

**APOLOGIES:** Anna Ririnui, Abbey Luff , Bryce Kaiser, Brent Dallison

## **BUSINESS:**

### Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest

Vicki Koubaridis – member of Waverley Women's Hockey Club

### Actions taken from/since last minutes:

Panel members had provided the Panel with 2 more funding applications for review before today's meeting and three re-submitted applications heard at the last meeting.

Andrew reminded the Panel of the request from last meeting that the Panel members' feedback is sought for the Sustainability report.

## **ANNA RIRINUI (email feedback)**

Funding Amounts: Anna is concerned that, if current applications are all accepted, we will quickly erode the budget for the next financial year. Several Panel members expressed the same concern. The suggestion was made of having timed decisions on funding applications – for example 6 monthly or 12 monthly. It was agreed to put a hold on further funding applications for now. A question was raised whether one successful application precludes further funding for the same organisation.

Report Card (reporting against the Panel's Letter of Expectations) is due for completion over the next few weeks. Halliwells will coordinate feedback from Panel members from 4 – 22 July, but

Andrew gave the 'heads-up' that this will be happening. The completed report card will be added to the Panel's website.

Sustainability Report: Andrew reminded members about feedback for this and handed out the "Community Panel Input – NZ O &G Activities and Impacts" documents again (sent by email from Anna to each member on 31 March 2016 at 2:52pm). **Further feedback is encouraged from panel members.**

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Impact Taranaki (maintenance of community garden) - Resubmission

**Result: Gerard to ask them for clarification on exact project they seek funding for.**

- The Panel was very positive about the concept Impact was putting forward – it was felt that the concept fit well with the funding consideration criteria, but there was general confusion about what project funding was being sought for.

**Gerard**

Waitotara School (new lawn mower) - Resubmission

**Result: Funding declined – Andrew to write to applicant with letter.**

- The school had provided satisfactory email answers to the questions the panel wanted answered, but in the end it was decided that the application didn't fit within the funding consideration criteria, mainly because there was insufficient community benefit.

**Halliwells**

Waverley Primary School (iPad for each student) - Resubmission

**Result: Funding Declined - Andrew to write to applicant with letter.**

- Brooke from the school presented to the Panel and answered the questions the Panel had. She did a demonstration to provide examples of how the ipads enhanced learning. The Panel discussed the application at length, and in the end it was decided that the application/project did not fit within the funding consideration criteria.

**Halliwells**

Waverley Women's Hockey (Protective Goalie Kit) – New Submission

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**Result: Approved (\$1,232.09)**

- Approval unanimous – clear community benefit.

Patea Free Kindergarten (Outdoor renovations) - New submission

Halliwells

**Result: Funding Declined - Andrew to write to applicant with letter.**

- Did not fit funding application criteria

Halliwells to be in charge of writing generic “decline” letter to unsuccessful applicants. Andrew will:

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Let Anna know this; and
- Prepare a draft to Gerard asap and then send it to relevant applicant (cc all Panel members).

Consideration of funding applications engendered discussion of what sort of application to approve (or not approve) in general. It was decided that applicants who receive (or should receive) funding from the Government should not generally be accepted for funding – NGOs should be preferred.

**NEXT MEETING**

End of August. Halliwells to advise in good time so that Mike can book Rotokare rooms for possible next meeting. Mike noted that he was away 6 – 21 August.

**MEETING CLOSED**

At 5:25pm