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FYI Requests

Email: John Chapman fyi-request-20158-6ae7cf9c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear John,

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL 14 NOVEMBER 2018

I refer to your official information request dated 6 August 2022 for any and all correspondence between Cr. Doyle and all other members of Council at the time and the Chief Executive Clive Manley with regards to this motion.

The information you have requested is enclosed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Tasha Paladin
GOVERNANCE MANAGER

Attachments *Email correspondence dated 7 and 8 October 2018.*

The Ruapehu District ... where adventure begins!



From: Don Cameron <Don.Cameron@ruapehudc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 8 October 2018 8:36 AM
To: Murray Wilson <murray.wilson@ruapehudc.govt.nz>
Cc: Karen Ngatai <karen.ngatai@ruapehudc.govt.nz>; Ruapehu District Councillors <RDC-Councillors-Sec@ruapehudc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Resolutions from National Park Community Board to Council

Agree Murray
Particularly an embuggarance fee!
Sent from my iPhone

On 7/10/2018, at 8:24 PM, Murray Wilson <murray.wilson@ruapehudc.govt.nz> wrote:

I believe It is time to put our foot down due to the numerous time consuming actions that JC has instigated. His request was copied to all NPCB members.

Firstly the information requested does not directly relate to JC's role as a CB member so I am unsure the request is valid in that sense.

Secondly if the request is to be considered then then documents could be available for inspection rather than sent out for further distribution for whatever purpose.

Thirdly, as the information may have some commercial sensitivity redactions may be necessary.

If copies of documents are demanded then a fee per document might reasonably be charged. On top of that a general embuggarance fee appeals to me.

Cheers

Murray

On 7/10/2018, at 7:42 PM, Karen Ngatai <karen.ngatai@ruapehudc.govt.nz> wrote:

So what do we do to fix it and make sure our CEO is not overwhelmed by this. I got the feeling at the workshop the other day that John does not have an understanding of his role on the NPCB and also governance. If he wants to be a decision maker he should stand for Council.

Sent from my iPad

On 7/10/2018, at 9:52 AM, Don Cameron <Don.Cameron@ruapehudc.govt.nz> wrote:

John is becoming being a serial complainer via email but does not raise them at Community board meetings or face to face with either Clive or me.

You were cced in to emails from both John and Simon where they attacked Stuart following his explanation to the community board why it took so long to establish their own email address. His explanation was perfectly reasoned (have to obtain permission from DIA to use a variation to govt.nz address) and real concerns around cyber security. I could add to that their loose tongues where they clearly try to act as governance, not as their role as "recommenders". It was obvious that neither John or Simon had an appreciation of these risks and contributed little (Simon) and nothing (John) to the discussion. Simon also attacked ISite staff at Whakapapa - again without discussing with Clive or senior staff or bringing it up at the board meeting. If any councillor acted this way you would be immediately called in to discuss with me at least, and possibly a Cof C if continued. This has not happened as both Clive and I operate an "open door" policy and will act on

any complaint or query. Interesting to note that we get more queries from WWCB at their meetings and/or through personal approach, than from NPCB members.

Another email complaint from John and Simon accuses the staff secretary of not recording the full discussion of their meetings, hence their push to video their meetings. The meeting minutes record any main points relating to the agenda item- not the often wide ranging discussion that may have relation to the topic, but does not impact the resolution (unless further information is required so the item lies on the table). They also believe their recommendations are not raised at our meetings. In the case of helicopter service we received their recommendation verbally but decided to leave it - they had sent a letter to the Minister and 3 Mayors had had an audience directly with the Minister. The news outlets were also keeping this alive through direct interviews or recording my views. There were no other actions we could do.

My main reason in keeping you informed is that they are tying Clive up unnecessarily with their demands. On top of this, Chapman has gone to the Ombudsman over his CofC complaints, accusing Clive of bias (not yet heard of the outcome). He is now put in a LGOIMA demanding all correspondence etc around our association with the company helping us with the WWMP. My concern is that the request is not just his information but to be shared with others in other organisations.

I will be sharing my concerns directly with both Chapman and O'Neill.

Regards
Don

Sent from my iPad

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