

- Status:** Final
- Present:** Kate Pearce (Chair), Kelly Buehler, and Joy Liddicoat (*video*).  
Keith Davidson
- In Attendance:** Jordan Carter, Ellen Strickland, Brent Carey, Emma MacDonald  
Diane Robinson (minute taker)
- Apologies:** None.

*The Chair opened the meeting at approximately 12:04pm.*

## **1. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting 30 October 2018 were ratified.

*(Cr Bueher /Chair)*  
*Abstained K Davidson*

## **2. Domain Name Abuse Forum**

The staff and committee members that attended the Domain Name Abuse Forum provided a verbal update on the three sessions held:

Registration Abuse (registrant details and contactability),

Infrastructure Abuse (phishing, malware, attacks on DNS),

Content Abuse (harmful digital content):

### *Verbal Update*

- The forum exceeded expectations around how many organisations were in attendance. From an outreach initiative it was a very positive engagement with attendance from High Tech Crimes, Commerce Commission and Netsafe.
- Conversations held by attendees were passionate and it was important to ensure that all the views were out on the table.
- Valuable to staff for meeting up with stakeholders and hearing new perspectives.

- Registration Abuse
  - Do more validation (address details correct, data quality)
  - Focus on data quality (rather than domain name take downs after the fact)
  - People did not want registrations to slow down.
  
- Content Abuse
  - Government agencies would like more tools.
  - There was a broadly held view that some adjustments made were needed; these would need to be very clear and measured.
  - There were a lot of perspectives tabled, this was good, and less evidence tabled and information.
  - Community direction - more space to move into a tighter practice, which is the existing policy framework and some consideration of the policy issues that arise (a pilot, for key enforcement agencies).
  
- A blog by Jordan Carter, CEO and Brent Carey, Domain Name Commission was written and communicated to the Committee to read through:

<https://internetnz.nz/blog/safer-nz-%E2%80%93-finding-solutions-abuse-handling-illegal-activity-and-free-flowing-information>

### **3. .nz Policy Review Discussion**

Ellen advised that the Council had approved the .nz Policy Review in November and further work had progressed in developing the detailed project plan and timeline. Ellen provided a verbal update on the project plan phases:

- Staff will communicate the .nz Policy Review on dotNews, that will provide a high-level overview.

#### *Project Plan*

- Establishing the Advisory Panel (INZ lead) - Jan/Feb
  - Communicating the review to stakeholders
  - Finalised terms of reference
  - Chair recruitment
  - Report to Council for agreement
  - Chair and Panel appointment
  - Recommendations about the size and a matrix of competencies to Council
  
- Defining the issues and finding solutions (Panel lead) - March/April
  
- Public engagement (Panel lead) - March/April
  - Discussion paper - what are the issues?
  - Discussion paper - how do we solve the issues
  
- Reporting and Analysis (Panel lead development, INZ writing)
- Handover (Panel to INZ)
  - Report to INZ
  - Report to Council for Agreement
  - Finalised .nz report
  - Develop new policies and implementation

*Other*

- Recruitment of a Policy Expert (INZ staff) and steward of the process.

Noted that the 12-month timeframe might be optimistic for the review.

THAT no decision was made at this meeting, the recommendations were discussed for delivery at the next Council meeting in February 2019:

- the size of panel and chair to be considered by Council based on the composition.
- a draft list of potential panel and chair with a matrix of skills.

#### **4. .ac .nz Research Update**

Emma presented a paper that provided an update on the research undertaken on .ac.nz as part of an investigation to ensure that there were no integrity issues or significant security issues of the Register.

There was a request for a .edu.nz second level domain name to be created(2LD). This request was declined in accordance with the current policy.

The research in the paper advised that:

- No significant issues were established.
- The outcome of the research was that no significant security issues during the research had been found. There will be no changes to the status of .ac.nz

No further actions were recommended.

#### **5. Planning for 2019**

The planning will be circulated and calendar invitations to be sent out to the Committee.

#### **6. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **Actions**

- AP01/18 Detailed project plan to be sent by end December 2018.
- AP02/18 Planning to be circulated.
- AP03/18 Calendar invitations for 2019 .nz Policy Committee Meetings to be circulated.

*With no other further business, the Chair called the meeting closed at 12:56pm*

**Date of next meeting: 5 February 2019, 12:00pm**