



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 February 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Rebecca McNeil  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental & Regulatory Services Team Leader  
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst  
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** **Item 8** Draft submission on the cost recovery section of the proposed regulations under the Food Act 2014

## 1 Welcome

Then Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr Peke-Mason, and the apologies for leaving early from Cr Ash and Cr McNeil, be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair indicated that there would be no change to the order of business from the set out in the agenda.<sup>1</sup>

## 4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/PPL/001	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 13 November 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

## 5 Chair's report

The Chair spoke briefly to her report, asking the Committee for their views on a potential review of the Rates Remission Policy and ideas to support economic development within the District. Main points during discussion were:

- The current policy aims to assist diversification and start-ups – do more established businesses need a rates remission or are there other way to recognise the stronger contribution to the local economy and local employment?
- Path to Well-being Initiative is a good conduit for information flows – could gain a deep economic perspective by forging stronger links with CRIs, Massey, Forest Research and Beef & Lamb.

The Committee asked for a report to its April meeting which would examine the approaches other councils took with rates remissions to stimulate business activity.

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequently, item 9 was taken after the afternoon tea break, with item 7 resuming after that. Items 12, 13, 14 and 15 were not considered as the meeting was closed at the conclusion of item 11 because the meeting no longer had a quorum.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/002**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 February 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil. Carried

## **6 Proposed District Plan Changes - Commercial Zone Feedback and Rural/Rural Living Zone Discussion**

Ms Gray spoke to the report and gave a brief overview of the outcome of the workshop session at the last Committee meeting. She then facilitated a workshop session on the items proposed for a Council initiated Plan change.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/003**                      **File Ref**                      **1-PL-2-4**

That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes - Commercial Zone Feedback and Rural/Rural Living Zone Discussion' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/004**                      **File Ref**                      **1-PL-2-4**

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the proposed rule changes for the District Plan as outlined in the Section 32 Report, as amended, presented to the meeting on 12 February 2015 and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. Carried

Cr McNeil left Chambers 2.57 pm / 3.00 pm

The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea 3.10 pm / reconvened 3.18 pm

## **9 Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review**

Ms Bannister spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the proposed changes to the policy made through the review process. The Committee asked consultation to specifically include local builders.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/005**                      **File Ref**                      **3-PY-1**

- 1        That the report "Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review" be received.
- 2        That the proposed Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy, Statement of Proposal, Summary of Information and Submission Form be recommended to Council for formal adoption for public consultation using the special consultative procedure prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

## **6 Proposed District Plan Changes - Commercial Zone Feedback and Rural/Rural Living Zone Discussion continued...**

The workshop session reconvened after item 9.

## **7 Activity management templates**

Ms Servante and Mr Cullis spoke briefly to the activity management templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/PPL/006</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-4</b>
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That the Activity Management Templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for November and December 2014, and January 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **8 Update on Legislation and Governance issues**

Mr Hodder spoke to the report focusing on the cost recovery section in the proposed regulations under the Food Act 2014 and narrated a PowerPoint presentation to explain these.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/PPL/007</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-OR-3-5</b>
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- 1 That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting of 12 November 2014' be received.
- 2 That, with respect to the Cost recovery section of the proposed regulations under the Food Act 2014, the Policy/Planning Committee requests the Mayor sign the Committee's submission (with any amendments following consultation with the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive) and have it included for information in the agenda for the 26 February 2015 meeting of Council.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Ash left Chambers 4.15 pm / 4.20 pm

Cr Ash left the meeting 4.32 pm

## **10 Submissions to the Draft Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/008**                      **File Ref**                      **3-PY-1-13**

- 1            That the memorandum 'Submissions to the Draft Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings' be received.
- 2            That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the draft Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings be adopted without amendment.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **11 Update on the 2015/25 Long Term Plan (February 2015)**

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/009**                      **File Ref**                      **1-LTP2015-2**

- 1            That the report "Update on 2015 -25 Long Term Plan (February 2015)" be received.
- 2            That Policy/Planning Committee endorses the Engagement Plan for the 2015/25 Long Term Plan.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr McNeil left the meeting 4.53pm (leaving the Committee without a quorum)

## **16 Late items**

There were no late items.

## **17 Future items for the agenda**

Discussion item on a potential review of the Rates Remission Policy

Discussion on cycleway/walkway along Rangitikei River as a possible World War 1 commemoration project.

## **18 Next meeting**

Thursday 12 March 2015, 1.00 pm

## **19 Meeting closed**

4.53 pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_