



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 March 2015 – 1:02 p.m.

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Present: Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Rebecca McNeil

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Carol Downs, Executive Officer
Mr Kevin Morris, Policy Analyst
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from His Worship the Mayor and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.¹

4 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

CA / AG. Carried

5 Chair's report

Resolved minute number	15/PPL/010	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

6 Issues proposed for Council-initiated District Plan Change

Ms Gray spoke to the report, providing the Committee with a brief overview of the outcomes of the previous workshop session. It was agreed that there would further research into policies adopted by other councils on dwelling separation and shelterbelts with a report back to the Committee's next meeting.

¹ The order of business was subsequently change to allow for staff availability.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL011** **File Ref** 1-PL-2-4

That the memorandum 'Rural/Rural Living Zone Feedback and section 32 Report' be received'.

Cr McNeil / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/012** **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 without amendment, presented to the meeting on 12 March 2015 and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr McNeil. Carried

7 Workshop session – Rules Reduction

Mr Cullis and Ms Gray facilitated a workshop session on the Rules Reduction Taskforce, considering issues in building control, animal control, liquor control and resource consents. Consideration was also given to the consequences of splitting responsibilities over creating and enforcing regulations.

The written comments on the worksheets would be collated, together with points made in discussion, for further consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

8 Activity management templates

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

The main points raised during discussion were:

- With a new MSD Community Investment Regional Manager, it would soon be evident whether the Marton Community Charter would be implemented;
- Progress with the Treasured Natural Environment Theme Group had a high dependency on the representatives from Horizons and Ngati Apa;
- The Buoyant Economy Theme Group could secure a pan-region perspective by tapping into broader networks such as Beef & Lamb and Massey;
- More promotion needed to be done around the Request for Service (RFS) system as the place for residents to go if they had a complaint or noticed an issue within the District that needed rectifying – perhaps using a cartoon

Afternoon tea 3.07 pm / reconvened 3.22 pm

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/013** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the Activity Management Templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for February 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

12 Update on the 2015-25 Long Term Plan (March 2015)

Ms Downs spoke to the report, giving the Committee a brief overview of the proposed schedule for the consultation meetings for the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/014** **File Ref** 1-LTP2015-2

That the report "Update on 2015 -25 Long Term Plan (March 2015)" be received.

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the Engagement Plan for the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. Carried

14 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs spoke briefly to the update on the Communications Strategy, providing additional information on Council's new website.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/015** **File Ref** 3-CT-15-1

That the report 'Update on the Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

9 Review of Policy on Development Contributions

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum, providing the Committee with further background to the Policy.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/016** **File Ref** 3-PY-1-4

That the memorandum 'Review of policy on development contributions' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/017** **File Ref** 3-PY-1-4

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the current policy on development contributions continue unchanged and that consultation occur simultaneously with the Consultation Document for the 2015/25 Long Term Plan

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil. Carried

10 Update on legislation and governance issues

Mr Hodder spoke to the report and narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed regulations under the Food Act 2014.

Mr Cullis provided the Committee with further detail on how the new system will work under the Food Act 2014 and how much onus will be placed on Council.

A draft submission would be included in Council's meeting agenda for 26 March 2015.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/018** **File Ref** 3-OR-3-5

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

15 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – March 2015

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum, highlighting the points on the Marton Community Charter, the Healthy Families initiative and the Swim 4 All programme.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/019** **File Ref** 1-CO-4

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – March 2015' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

11 Draft regional passenger transport plan

Mr Hodder narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the Regional Passenger Transport Plan, which included suggested issues for inclusion in the Council's submission. The presentation would be made available online and copies of submissions to earlier regional passenger transport plans would be emailed to Elected Members.

A draft submission would be included in Council's meeting agenda for 26 March 2015.

13 Updates on the Town Centre Plans for Marton, Taihape, Hunterville and the Implementation of the Bulls Town Centre Plan

Mr Morris spoke briefly to the memorandum, noting that, since he had compiled the report, a facilitator had been appointed to assist with the next stage of the Taihape town centre plan. He undertook to clarify when the traffic crossing in Bridge Street (Bulls) would be made.

Members suggested sending out blank images of the various buildings featured in the Marton competition to make it easier for people to suggest designs.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/020** **File Ref** 1-CP-7-5

That the memorandum 'Update On The Town Centre Plans for Marton, Taihape, Hunterville and the implementation of Bulls Town Centre Plan - March 2015' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

16 Walking/Cycleway along the Rangitikei River – a possible WW1 commemoration project?

The Chair discussed a potential walkway/cycleway along the Rangitikei River as a possible WW1 commemoration project. The following points were discussed:

- Potentially a regional project with collaboration with several neighbouring groups.
- The use of plaques along the trail to tell the stories of WW1 soldiers.
- Potential link to the disused rail tunnels by Mangaweka
- Volunteer groups to complete/provide plantings.
- The project could be on a similar scale and provide similar impact as the Otago Rail Trails.

It was agreed that further research be done into this proposal and a report be brought back to the next Committee meeting.

17 Late items

Nil

18 Future items for the agenda

Walking/Cycleway along the Rangitikei River – a possible WW1 commemoration project

19 Next meeting

Thursday 9 April 2015, 1.00 pm

20 Meeting closed – 5.52 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____