



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 April 2015 – 1:10 p.m.

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**Present:** Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Angus Gordon  
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, Senior Policy Analyst  
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst  
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** **Item 9** Activity Management Templates (Community Leadership  
and Environmental Services)  
**Item 15** Review of scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy  
**Item 17** Update on Communications Strategy

## 1 Welcome

That Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr McNeil and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. 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.

## 4 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/021**      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 12 March 2015 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.

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

That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 April 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 6 Heritage Update from the Deputy Chair

Cr Aslett gave a verbal update from the Rangitikei Heritage group.

The following points were discussed:

- More than 200 copies of the DVD 'Rangitikei Remembers' have been sold to date.
- The weekend of the 16-17<sup>th</sup> of May is Rangitikei Weekend.

- The inventories are progressing
- There are a number of ANZAC Day commemorations taking place across the District over the coming month.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/022**      **File Ref**

That the report from Rangitikei Heritage be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

## **7 Proposed District Plan Changes – Overview and Issues in the Residential Zone**

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the discussion item and facilitated a discussion session on the issues identified within the residential zone.

## **8 Rules Reduction Feedback**

Mr Cullis spoke briefly to the report and gave an overview of the feedback taken from the workshop session at the previous meeting.

The Committee suggested an additional issue to be added to the report on rules relating to the disposal of parcels of land with reserve status.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/023**      **File Ref**      3-OR-3-5

That the report 'Rules Reduction Feedback' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

## **9 Activity management templates**

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the activity management templates.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/024**      **File Ref**      5-EX-4

That the activity management templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for March 2015 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

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

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report and informed the Committee that at the 30 April 2015 Council meeting, a presentation would be made by Horizons Regional Council on their 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/025**      **File Ref**      **3-OR-3-5**

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 9 April 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **11 Quarterly reports from Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust (December 2014)**

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/026**      **File Ref**      **3-GF-10**

That the memorandum "Quarterly reports from Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Community Development Trust (December 2014)" be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

## **12 Review of recent changes to the Building Act: Schedule 1 exemptions**

Mr Cullis spoke briefly to the report.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/027**      **File Ref**      **2-BC-3**

That the report on update to changes of the Building Act 2004 Schedule 1 be received.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/028**      **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommend to Council that, with respect to the discretion available under Schedule 1(2) of the Building Act 2004, all discretionary exemptions are withdrawn but delegated authority is granted to the Environmental And Regulatory Services Team Leader to allow exemptions for temporary structures and engineer-reviewed solutions;

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

The meeting was adjourned for Afternoon tea 3.22 pm / 3.39 pm

### **13 Walking / Cycleway along the Rangitikei River**

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Committee suggested that the report be presented to some of the groups that could be involved with the project (including; Rangitikei Tourism, Destination Manawatu, the Treasured Natural Environment Group, the Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei group, the Rangitikei River User's group), with a progress report to the next meeting.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/029**      **File Ref**      **1-CO-4-6**

That the memorandum 'Walking/Cycleway along the Rangitikei River' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

### **14 Review of Heritage Protection Strategy**

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the report and informed the Committee that the report had been forwarded to the Rangitikei Heritage group for comment.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/030**      **File Ref**      **1-CP-5-1**

That the report 'Review of Heritage Protection Strategy' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

### **15 Review of scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy**

Mr Hodder spoke to the report, providing the Committee with some background to the proposed review and changes.

The Committee suggested that a list of criteria/attributes similar to the one used in the Policy on the Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings could be created for the Rates Remission Policy as well.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/031**      **File Ref**      **3-PY-1-18**

That the report 'Review of scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

## **16 Update on the 2015-25 Long Term Plan (April 2015)**

The Committee noted the update on the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

## **17 Update on Communications Strategy**

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/032**      **File Ref**      **3-CTY-15-1**

That the update on the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 9 April 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

## **18 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – April 2015**

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum, noting that the meeting of the Buoyant District Economy group on 24 March 2015 was not included in the memorandum.

**Resolved minute number**      **15/PPL/033**      **File Ref**      **1-CO-4**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

## **19 Late items**

Nil

## **20 Future items for the agenda**

Nil

**21 Next meeting**

Thursday 14 May 2015, 1.00 pm

**22 Meeting closed - 4.57 pm**

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

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