



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 June 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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

**Apologies:** Cr Cath Ash and Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
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  
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** Item 6 Shelterbelts/Dwelling separation discussion worksheet  
Item 14 Considerations in remission of rates as an incentive for business expansion

## **1 Welcome**

That the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2 Apologies/leave of absence**

That the apologies from Cr Ash and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. 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/034**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 April 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **5 Chair's report**

The Chair spoke briefly to her report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/035**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the Chair's tabled report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 June 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil. Carried

## **6 Residential Zone Feedback and Rural Zone Discussion**

Ms Gray spoke to the report. She also tabled a document entitled "Shelterbelts/Dwelling Separation Discussion Worksheet".

Consideration was given to the proposed rule changes to the District Plan.

The issue of shelterbelts/dwelling separation was well canvassed.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/036**                      **File Ref**                      **1-PL-2-4**

That the memorandum 'Residential Zone Feedback and Rural Zone Discussion' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. Carried

There was discussion about campervans parking on residential streets for prolonged periods.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/037**                      **File Ref**                      **1-PL-2-4**

That the feasibility of implementing a freedom camping bylaw be investigated and reported back to a subsequent meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/038**                      **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 and presented to the meeting on 11 June 2015 and attached to these minutes of the meeting.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

### **Motion**

That there be a 2 metre high recession plan rule for shelterbelts.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Lost

### **Motion**

That there be a 5 metre setback for shelter belts on roading corridors.

Cr Sheridan/ Lapsed for the want of a seconder

The Committee asked that the matter be put to the Roding Team for their advice on the potential impact of shelter belts on the roading corridor, including potential for preventing erosion.

## **7 Activity Management Templates**

Mr Hodder, Mr Cullis and Ms Servante spoke briefly to the activity management templates.

His worship the Mayor left the meeting at 2.31pm/entered again at 2.43pm

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/039**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Gordon /Cr McNeil. Carried

The Mayor asked that details of significant consents be included in future reports – not necessarily identified by a dollar threshold.

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

Mr Hodder spoke to the report noting the recent amendment to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act which required Council contractors to provide information. The Government had signalled its intentions with the Buildings (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Bill ahead of the report back from the Parliamentary Committee.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/040**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-5**

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 11 June 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Councillor McNeil. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/041**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-5**

That the proposed outline of a submission to the Building Act Emergency Management Proposals be further developed, with particular regard for clarity and management around unusable buildings following a state of emergency being lifted; the Government to underwrite insurance costs associated with owners of buildings in the case of an earthquake to provide property owner with appropriate assistance and safeguards and included in the agenda for Council's meeting on 25 June 2015, with a view that (when finalised) it be provided to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. Carried

## **9 Draft Heritage Strategy**

Ms Gray spoke to the report and draft Strategy.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/042**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-5**

That the memorandum 'Draft Heritage Strategy' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr McNeil. Carried

Main points raised in discussion were:

- Need to acknowledge historical progression of towns – what is now a heritage building typically replaced another building – how are such elements to be made known?
- Need to take into account the current state of the building, its value (i.e. what it is being used for and its future capability).
- Capacity of museums was also an issue to acknowledge alongside capacity of tangata whenua and Council.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/043**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-5**

That the Committee acknowledges that the draft Heritage Strategy is a work in progress and that further input be sought from parties including Rangitikei Heritage and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, with a further draft provided to the Committee's meeting on 9 July 2015.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/044**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-5**

That the Committee requests an Engagement Plan be prepared for its meeting on 13 August 2015 to seek further public input into this working draft.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3.17pm

The meeting resumed at 3.26pm

## **10 Walking/Cycle/Paddle Trail along the Rangitikei River**

Ms Gray spoke to the report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/045**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4-6**

That the report 'Walking/Cycle/Paddle Trail along the Rangitikei River' be received.

Cr Gordon / Councillor Aslett. Carried

The Committee accepted the proposal for a staged approach, with 'joining the dots' coming later. Upgrades to the present access points to the Rangitikei River could include maps detailing this access, provision of picnic toilets and consideration of remote toilets.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/046**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4-6**

That further investigatory work be undertaken on upgrading the present access points to the Rangitikei River and developing a trail along the disused rail tunnels from Mangaweka to Utiku; with progress being reported back to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **11 Fire Services Review – Discussion Document Suggested Points for Council Submission**

Mr Hodder gave a presentation on the Fire Services review discussion paper. A draft submission would be prepared for Council's meeting on 25 June 2015.

His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive noted the discussion at the recent Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sectors meeting. The Council was not bound by the view conveyed in the discussion document that an annual appropriation had been ruled out.

## **12 Preliminary View of 2018 Census Content**

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/PPL/047</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-CO-2</b>
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That the memorandum "Preliminary view of 2018 Census content" be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/PPL/048</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-CO-2</b>
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That the Committee endorses a submission to Statistics New Zealand on the proposals for the content of the 2018 Census that provides feedback as requested and as outlined in the memorandum "Preliminary view of 2018 Census content".

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## **14. Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – June 2015**

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/PPL/051</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-CO-4</b>
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That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – June 2015' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr McNeil. Carried

### **13 Review of Scope of Council's Rates Remission Policy – Suggested Criteria / Attributes**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the tabled a document on the review of scope of the Council's Rates Remission Policy and.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/050**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4**

That considerations in remission of rates as an incentive for business expansion be received.

Cr McNeil / Cr Aslett. Carried

The Committee asked for a draft policy incorporating the tabled criteria/attributes to be provided to the next meeting.

Cr McNeil left the meeting at 4.52pm

### **18. Next meeting**

Thursday 9 July 2015, 1.00 pm.

### **19. Meeting closed at 4.52: inquorate**

Next meeting

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

Date: