



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 July 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present: Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Apologies: Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Rebecca McNeil

In attendance Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental and Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Carol Downs, Executive Officer
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

Tabled Item: **Item 14 :** Update on Communications Strategy

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Aslett and Cr McNeil be received.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

3 Confirmation of Order of Business

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

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/051** **File Ref**

That, subject to the deletion of Cr Nigel Belsham's name in the preamble, the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 11 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

5 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke briefly to her report.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/052** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

6 Feedback – Rural Zone and Discussion – Liquefaction/Ground Shaking

Ms Gray spoke to her report and advised that the discussion with Council's roading team around setback for trees on boundary lines had been delayed because of the recent flooding event.

Speaking to her discussion paper, Ms Gray advised that there was a huge area in the District assessed to have a risk from liquefaction. Anyone wishing to build in that identified area needed to have a geotechnical survey carried out prior to getting building consent. The maps used in the District Plan were not necessarily accurate for a specific site.

Five options were outlined in the discussion paper. The Committee supported keeping the liquefaction/ground shaking hazard overlays in the District Plan, but to provide them as advisory only.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/053** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Feedback – Rural Zone and Discussion – Liquefaction/Ground Shaking' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/054** **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 presented to the meeting on 9 July 2015 and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Activity Management:

The Committee considered the non-financial reporting templates for June 2015, covering the following groups of activities:

- Community Leadership
- Environmental Services
- Community Well-Being

Mr Cullis noted the additional information on building consents. The Committee considered that the Community Well-being template should contain more detail on the emergency response to the 19-21 June storms and subsequent recovery efforts.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/055** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

8 Legislation and Governance Issues

Mr Hodder spoke to his report, highlighting the interim report from the Local Government and Environment Committee on the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill. That report contained a summary of recommendations from officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). These addressed a concern expressed by the Council in its earlier submission that the Government was looking at the issue of earthquake prone buildings as one size fits all. Other councils had done the same. MBIE was proposing that the country be divided into three seismic risk zones – high, medium and low. The Rangitikei District was in the high risk area; this meant a shorter timeframe for the Council to undertake the initial investigations to identify earthquake prone buildings and more stringent reporting to MBIE. He suggested that a mapping overlay could differentiate urban centres with fewer than 10,000 residents, with the idea that these would be considered as being in the lower risk area for identification and reporting. A major earthquake in a less dense urban area would lead to fewer deaths.

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 2.24pm/2.53pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2.25pm/2.53pm because of a fire alarm.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/056** **File Ref**

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

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/057** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the proposed outline of a submission to the interim report of the Local Government and Environment Committee on the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill be further developed for signoff by the Mayor and Chief Executive to meet the submission deadline of 16 July 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry

Cr Gordon declare an interest

Ms Gray made a presentation on the proposed National Environment Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES Forestry). Its objective was to increase consistency across local authorities by removing unwarranted variations. The NES Forestry would replace existing rules in the Rangitikei District Plan 2013, necessitating a Plan Change.

Ms Gray advised that proposed NES Forestry would give Council the discretion to apply more stringent rules around places and areas of significant cultural or heritage value and areas of outstanding natural features or landscapes. In general, the proposed NES Forestry was more restrictive than the rules in Council 2013 District Plan, and possibly more restrictive than the One Plan. Council's forestry consultants had questioned the merits and potential compliance costs of having an NES.

Ms Gray suggested that the submission could provide in-principle support for the proposed NES Forestry and perhaps provide comment on rule drafting in areas such as erosion susceptibility; affected party approvals; notice of commencement and definition.

The Committee asked that there be further liaison with Horizons. One particular area of concern was skid sites, from which a considerable amount of debris (including log off-cuts) had fallen onto local roads during the 19-21 June 2015 storms.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/058** **File Ref** **2-EA-2-1**

That the report 'Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

10 Achieving the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre

Mr Hodder spoke to the report advising that its purpose was to develop the process approved in the recently adopted Long Term Plan and confirm the timeline for the project including the preparation of applications to external funding sources.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/059** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That the report, 'Achieving the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre', be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/060** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That the Policy/Planning Committee agrees to funding applications being prepared and submitted to appropriate philanthropic trust funds for any costs associated with the development of the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/061** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That the Policy/Planning Committee receives monthly updates on progress with the fundraising plan for the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/062** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That a further report outlining the overall project management for the achieving Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre be provided to a future meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

11 Management of Place-Making Initiatives in Taihape, Hunterville, Marton and Bulls

Mr Hodder spoke to the report and drew the Committee's attention to the opportunity for community engagement through the support of place-making in the District's smaller villages such as Mangaweka, Turakina and Ratana. He also explained the intended approach and transition process and the proposal that the guidelines for the delegation of funds for community boards and community committees also include place-making initiatives as an example of how the allocations was to be used.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/063** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-5**

That the report 'Management of Place-Making Initiatives in Taihape, Hunterville, Marton and Bulls' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/064** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-5**

That the Policy/Planning Committee confirms the intended approach and transition process outlined in the report for the community-led processes to implement the place-making aspects of the Town Centre Plans in Taihape, Hunterville, Marton and Bulls and to provide place-making opportunities in Mangaweka, Turakina and Ratana.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/065** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-5**

That the Guidelines for delegation to Community Boards for the \$5,000 annual allocation and to Community Committees in committing the \$1.00 per rateable property for 'defined' small local works be amended to include place-making initiatives as one of the examples of how the allocations is to be used.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

12 Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/066** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the memorandum 'Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/067** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the proposed extension of Council's rates remission policy to acknowledge and encourage business expansion be recommended to Council for consultation in terms of the significance and engagement policy.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

13 Update on Heritage Strategy

Ms Gray spoke to the revised draft Heritage Strategy. It was noted that the Strategy would be considered by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's next meeting on 11 August 2015.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting at 4.22pm

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/068** **File Ref**

That the revised draft Heritage Strategy provided to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 9 July 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

14 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs spoke briefly to her tabled report.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/069** **File Ref** **3-CTY-15-1**

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

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

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

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/070** **File Ref** **1-CO-4**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other Community Development Programmes – June 2015' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

16 Late Items

Nil

17 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil

18 Next Meeting

Thursday, 13 August 2015, 1.00pm

19 Meeting Closed – 4.43pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: