



Rangitikei District Council

Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 August 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present:

Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)
Cr Richard Aslett (in the Chair for items 1 to 6)
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Angus Gordon
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

Tabled Items:

- Item 3:** Deputy Chair's report.
- Item 5:** Discussion Item "Contextual Framework for Proposed Changes to the District Plan".
- Item 12:** Document entitled "Update on Communication Strategy"

1 Welcome

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number

That apologies from Councillor McNeil, Councillor Peke-Mason and Councillor Sheridan (for lateness) be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

3 Chair's report

The Deputy Chair spoke to his tabled report.

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That the Deputy Chair's tabled report be received.

Cr Aslett / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

4 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.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	15/PPL/072	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 July 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

6 Feedback on Liquefaction/Ground Shaking

Ms Gray spoke to spoke to her memorandum and to the tabled supplementary discussion document.

The Committee considered the key priorities of economic growth; sustainability for towns; protection of the natural environment and responding to climate changed. Discussion was

also held around the specific topics such as the future of small settlements; rural/rural living environment; town centre development; main highway corridors and economic/commercial business development.

Councillor Sheridan entered the meeting at 1.35pm

The Mayor advised that currently mayors around the region were working together to look beyond the boundary of single regions and it was suggested that the Council should look at the specific topics from a regional perspectives.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/073** **File Ref** **1-PL-2**

That the recommendation 'Feedback Liquefaction/Ground Shaking' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/074** **File Ref** **1-PL-2**

That, unless the present liquefaction/ground shaking hazard maps in the District Plan were revised to a more detailed specification, the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the approach of retaining these maps and remove the associated rules.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/075** **File Ref** **1-PL-2**

That the tabled supplementary discussion document entitled "Contextual Framework for Proposed Changes to the District Plan" be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan

Councillor Lynne Sheridan resumed the chair

7 Activity management templates

Consideration was given to the non-financial reporting templates for July 2015, covering the following groups of activities:

- Community Leadership
- Environmental and Regulatory Services
- Community Well-Being

Councillor Ash left the meeting at 2.39pm/2.47pm

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/076** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

8 Update on Legislation and governance issues

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to his report. The Committee sought further information on the process (and costs) if a company sought to undertake fracking in the District.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/077** **File Ref** **OR-3-5**

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 13 August 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Policy in remitting fees for exclusive use of community facilities or for building consents

The context for this item was a request from Council (at its meeting on 30 July 2015) for a draft policy to be prepared on reducing or waiving fees for (a) exclusive use of Council facilities and (b) internal consenting costs. Since March 2015 Council has considered all such applications on a case by case basis.

Mr Hodder spoke to the draft policies. The main points of discussion were:

- clarification that the policy applied to Council-managed facilities (so, for example, would not apply to the Hunterville Town Hall);
- a tighter definition of circumstances when 100% waiver was justified, particularly community commemorations; and
- the normal range of remission being between 25% and 50% (rather than between 50% and 100%).

The Committee agreed to reconsider the draft policies at its next meeting, in the context of information about the nature and scale of use of Council-managed facilities.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/078** **File Ref** **3-PY-1**

That the draft discussion policy on reducing or waiving fees for exclusive use of Council facilities and on reducing or waiving fees for internal consenting costs be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3.35pm
The meeting resumed at 3.50pm

10 Bulls Multi-purpose Community Centre – project management

The Committee noted that an overall project plan was being developed which would bring together the fundraising plan and the building development plan to identify the key milestones for decision-making by Council. This included developing a project team with the requisite skills and experience. Some of these skills would need to be brought in from outside the existing staff team and discussions with external parties were in hand to ensure the right mix.

It was also noted that a full report would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

11 Update on place-making

Mr Morris spoke to his report.

It had been noted that some communities had expressed a view that they did not want the place-making makeovers, raising the question whether this was a Council-driven rather than a community-driven project. Some communities just wanted the funds to do their own makeovers and other communities were embracing the concept.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/079** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-5**

That the memorandum “Update on the Proposed 7 Day Placemaking Makeovers” be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

12 Update on communications strategy

Consideration was given to the tabled report on communications strategy.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/080** **File Ref** **3-CTY-15-1**

That the tabled update on the Communication Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee’s meeting of 13 August 2015 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

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

Ms Servante spoke to the memorandum.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/081** **File Ref** **1-CO-4**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 4.40pm/4.41pm

14 Late Items

Nil.

15 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil.

16 Next meeting

Thursday 10 September 2015, 1.00pm

17 Meeting closed – 4.43pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: