



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 November 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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(Note: In absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, His Worship the Mayor chaired the meeting for items 1 to 7.)

**Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Rebecca McNeil

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental & Regulatory Services Team Leader  
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager  
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy/Planner  
Ms Laura Richards, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** None

## 1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor chaired the meeting as Cr Sheridan (Chair) had put in an apology and Cr Aslett (Deputy Chair) had indicated he would be late arriving.

## 2 Apologies/leave of absence

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/107**                      **File Ref**

That apologies for absences from Cr Peke-Mason and Cr Sheridan and from Cr Aslett (for lateness) be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. Carried

## 3 Confirmation of order of business

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

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/108**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 15 October 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. Carried

## 5 Chair's Report

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/109**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 12 November 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

## 6 Queries raised at previous meeting

There were no queries raised.

## 7 Resource Management Act reform

Mr Hodder informed the Committee that Local Government New Zealand had extended the date for feedback to 30 November 2015. This meant that Council could review the proposed feedback at its meeting on 26 November 2015,

Ms Gray, Mr Cullis and Mr Hodder took the Committee through a presentation which suggested points for including in Council's feedback. Councillors raised issues throughout the presentation around the role of local governments in the RM process, amendments proposed, common rules for regulations, and tiered systems of consenting notification.

Cr Aslett entered the meeting. 1.38 pm.

Cr Ash left the meeting at 2.18 pm, re-entered at 2.29 pm.

## 8 Activity Management

The non-financial reporting templates for October 2015 are attached, covering the following groups of activities:

- Community leadership
- Environmental and regulatory services
- Community well-being

The Committee discussed the profile given to the recovery work from the June 2015 rainfall event.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/PPL/111</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-3-2</b>
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That the activity management templates for October 2015 for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-being be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 9 Update on legislation and governance issues

Mr Hodder noted the introduction into Parliament the previous day (11 November 2015) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Bill.

In considering the outline of the Law Commission's review of the Burial and Cremation Act, the Committee noted the recommendation that anyone should be able to apply to a local authority for permission to establish a cemetery for burial on private rural land, and wondered what (if any) grounds for refusing such a request had been proposed.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/PPL/112</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-OR-3-5</b>
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That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 12 November 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/113**                      **File Ref**                      **5-OR-3-5**

That the Policy/Planning Committee supports the devolution to territorial authorities the power to make local bylaws to permit retail trading on Easter Sunday in all or any specified part(s) of their districts.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried.

## **10 Bulls Multi-purpose Community Centre-project update**

Mr Hodder informed the Committee that a meeting had been arranged with Horowhenua District Council who had experience in similar developments (and securing external funding).

## **11 Update on communications strategy.**

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/114**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the report 'Update on communications strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting of 12 November 2015 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried.

## **12 Quarterly reports from MOU Groups**

The Committee received and discussed the quarterly report from the MOU Groups.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/115**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That the memorandum "First quarter 2015/16 reports from Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei.com and Taihape Community Development Trust and Annual Accounts for 2014/15" be received.

Cr McNeil / Cr Gordon. Carried.

## **13 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative**

The Committee discussed the report and queried staff about various items.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/PPL/116**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4**

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

Cr Aslett / Cr McNeil. Carried.

## **14 Late items**

There were no late items.

## **15 Future Items for the agenda**

There were no future items for the agenda.

## **16 Next meeting**

11 February 2016, 1.00 pm

## **17 Meeting closed – 3.58pm**

Confirmed/Chair:

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Date:

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