



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 February 2016 – 1:09 p.m.

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

**Also present:** Cr Ruth Rainey

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

**Tabled documents:**

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| <b>Item 7</b>  | <b>Issues proposed for Council-initiated Plan Change</b> – Signage Worksheet and District Plan References sheet   |
| <b>Item 14</b> | <b>Horizons Pest Management Plan Review</b> - Submission                                                          |
| <b>Item 12</b> | <b>Update on Legislation and Governance Issues</b> – Submission to the Proposed Residential Tenancies Regulations |

## 1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 1.09pm and then adjourned the meeting. The meeting reconvened 1.30pm.

## 2 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr Ash be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that Greg Carlyon (Catalyst Group), Paul Chaffe (Rural Fire and Emergency Management Officer for Rangitikei District Council) and Craig Davies (Horizons Regional Council) would all make presentations to the meeting.

## 4 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/001**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 12 November 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. The Committee asked that the issue of homelessness within the Rangitikei District, as highlighted in the Chair's Report, be referred to the Safe & Caring Community Theme Group.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/002**                      **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee request the Safe & Caring Community Theme group to consider the question of homelessness in the Rangitikei and subsequently report back to the Policy/Planning Committee.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/003**                      **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 February 2016 be received.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## 6 Queries raised at previous meeting

The Committee noted that there were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

## 7 Issues proposed for Council-initiated Plan change

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the report provided in the order paper. Ms Gray and Mr Carlyon (Catalyst Group) narrated a presentation on the Council-initiated Plan Change.

A document was distributed to the Committee outlining the proposed changes to the District Plan and a page reference within the current plan for each proposed change.

The following were the main points discussed by the Committee:

- Refining the rules around signage to better provide for local businesses and to limit promotion on the state highways to before the next town;
- Restoring flexibility in villages having a 'rural settlement' zoning in the 1999 District Plan by allowing for retail activities there;
- Differentiating between temporary signage (e.g. for an event) and permanent signage (e.g. for a business);
- Applying fixed-fees for local businesses;
- Considering the potential to expand the commercial zone in Bulls;
- Considering potential sites in Marton and Taihape to be re-zoned as industrial land;
- Allowing residential activities to occur in the commercial zone;
- Allowing offsets to be considered when a heritage building is proposed for demolition; and
- Including a list of heritage values in Marton.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/004**                      **File Ref**                      **1-PL-1**

1. That the report 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received.
2. The Policy/Planning Committee recommends that Council adopts for consultation the proposed District Plan as discussed at the Committee's meeting on 11 February 2016.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr Gordon left the meeting 2.14pm / 2.16pm

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 2.17pm / 2.27pm

Cr Rainey left the meeting 2.20pm

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting 2.30pm / 2.35pm

Afternoon Tea 3.08pm / 3.25pm

## 8 Revised Rural Fire Plan

This item was deferred for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

## 14 Horizons Pest Management Plan Review

Craig Davies, Horizons Regional Council, outlined the new requirements for the review of the Horizons Pest Management Plan, and highlighted the changes that are relevant to the Rangitikei District. The main points discussed were:

- the desire for a proactive rather than a punitive relationship between Horizons and territorial authorities – roadside weeds were a significant issue and the objective was best-practice management.
- priorities in the plan were set having regard for the extent of infestation.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/005**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-12**

That the memorandum 'Horizons Pest Management Plan Review' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/006**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-12**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends that, following consideration by His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive, the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council, the submission as amended to Horizons Regional Council on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan, and that the Chief Executive provides that signed submission to the next meeting of Council for formal confirmation by resolution.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 9 CDEM National Capability Assessment Report

The Committee noted the report attached for their information.

## 10 Update on communications strategy

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/007**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the Update on communications strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 February 2016 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 11 Activity Management:

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/008**                      **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for Community Leadership, Environmental and

Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being (November 2015-January 2016) be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 12 Update on legislation and governance issues

His Worship the Mayor told the Committee that he had been informed by Minister Flavell about proposed changes to the Local Government (Rating) Act, specifically around the rating of unused and unoccupied Maori land. He informed the Committee that there is to be a meeting held at Parliament next week and information from this meeting will be brought to the next Committee meeting if possible.

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the points on the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill, the First principles study of Urban Planning and the proposed regulations under the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill.

Ms Gray then narrated presentations on the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill and the First principles study of Urban Planning.

The Committee asked that the submission on the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill be forwarded to Pahaia Turia for comment prior to Council confirming the submission.

Mr Hodder then narrated a presentation on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill.

| <b>Resolved minute number</b> | <b>16/PPL/009</b> | <b>File Ref</b> | <b>3-OR-3-5</b> |
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1. That the 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the 11 February 2016 meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee be received.
2. That, in terms of Council's delegation regarding a submission to the proposed regulations under the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill, the Policy/Planning Committee authorises the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the Council, the tabled submission as amended.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 13 Update of Local Governance Statement

This item was deferred for consideration at the Committee's next meeting

## 15 External risk to Council's roading network

The Committee noted that a report will be provided to the Committee's March 2016 meeting.

**16 Dog Control and Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw Review**

This item was deferred for consideration at the Committee's next meeting

**17 Bulls Multi-purpose Community Centre – project update Including progress with the fundraising plan for the Bulls Multi-purpose Community Centre**

This item was deferred for consideration at the Committee's next meeting

**18 Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – February 2016**

This item was deferred for consideration at the Committee's next meeting

**19 Late items**

None

**20 Future items for the agenda**

To the next Finance/Performance Committee meeting – potential to roll-over the Small Projects Grant Scheme for Community Committees and Community Boards.

**21 Next meeting**

Thursday 17 March 2016, 1.00 pm

**22 Meeting closed – 5.35pm**

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

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