



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 August 2016 – 1:10 p.m.

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

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

## 1 Welcome

Cr Aslett chaired to meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for lateness from Cr Sheridan and the apologies for leaving early from Cr Peke-Mason and Cr McNeil be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. 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**                      **16/PPL/064**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 14 July 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. carried

## 5 Chair's Report

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/065**                      **File Ref**                      3-CT-15-1

That the Chair's Report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 August 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Sheridan arrived 1.19pm, but did not take over as Chair.

## 6 Queries raised at previous meetings

The Committee noted the response from Council's Solid Waste Officer.

## 7 Council-initiated District Plan Change – Update

The Committee noted the update on progress with the Council-initiated District Plan change.

## 8 The 2050 Challenge – future proofing our communities (LGNZ discussion paper)

MR Hodder spoke briefly to the discussion paper and narrated a presentation on The 2050 Challenge. The Committee discussed the following points:

- The positive and negative aspects of isolation.
- Whether or not New Zealand is considered a desirable place to live.
- What parts of Government should be responsible for what aspects of future-proofing our communities (bringing people into New Zealand vs keeping them here).
- The influence of Central Government on Local Government.
- The speed of change.

The Committee was invited to provide further feedback to Mr Hodder in time for a submission to be drafted for Council to consider at its meeting.

## 9 Activity Management

Mr Hodder and Mr Cullis spoke briefly to the activity management templates for Community leadership, Environmental services and Community well-being.

The Committee briefly discussed the transition period for the provision of Youth Services within the District. Concerns were raised around the ability to secure the necessary services to establish a Youth One Stop Shop in Marton and Taihape.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/066**                      **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being (June 2016) be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## 10 Update on Communications Strategy

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/067**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the update on the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 August 2016 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Afternoon Tea 3.02pm / 3.19pm

## 11 Legislation and Governance Issues

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report highlighting the requested approval of the submission to the Fire Emergency New Zealand Bill, as delegated by Council.

The Committee suggested the addition of wording around the potential for isolated communities to establish their own community fire brigades, how FENZ will manage volunteers and potential financial contributions to individuals, brigades or employers.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/068**                      **File Ref**                      3-OR-3-5

That the report 'Legislation and Governance Issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 August 2016 be received.

Cr McNeil / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/069**                      **File Ref**                      3-OR-3-5

That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegated authority from Council, approve (for the Mayor's signature) Council's submissions as amended (to the Government Administration Committee) on the Fire Emergency New Zealand Bill and (to the Department of Internal Affairs) on the discussion paper 'Proposed regulations to support Fire and Emergency New Zealand'.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## **12 Review of Class 4 gambling – discussion document from Internal Affairs**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Committee noted that much of the document lay outside Council's direct knowledge; there was a consensus that the expenditure on machines locally should come back to those communities.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/070**                      **File Ref**                      3-PY-1-5

That the memorandum 'Review of Class 4 gambling – discussion document from Internal Affairs' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr McNeil. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/071**                      **File Ref**                      3-PY-1-5

That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegated authority from Council, approve (for the Mayor's signature) Council's submission to the Department of Internal Affairs on its discussion document 'Review of class 4 gambling'.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

### **13 Older people and community sport – the plan 2016**

The Committee discussed possible ways of encouraging older people within the community to participate in sports and the need to establish non-traditional sports that would be more inclusive of older people within the community (e.g. mobility scooter friendly sports and aquatic sports for the less mobile).

They also discussed the possibility of discounted or free activities for those that could not afford to participate in sports otherwise.

This feedback would be conveyed to Sport New Zealand.

### **14 Proposed changes to Building Code Requirements**

Mr Cullis spoke briefly to the item and narrated a presentation in the proposed amendment to the Building Code.

### **15 Investigation of requested speed limit reduction around Kauangaroa**

The Committee noted that the speed limit assessment was unexpectedly delayed, but is anticipated later this month.

### **16 Complaints Policy – issues to be addressed**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the item.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of a potential complaints policy:

- simple and short;
- outlines the pathway/process that would be followed if a complaint was made;
- potential template for complaints/compliments;
- needs to integrate with the Customer Service Charter developed by the Chief Executive.

### **17 Investigation of a policy on feral cats**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Committee needed to make a distinction between feral and stray cats, and which category this policy would apply to. It was noted that Horizons Regional Council would not get involved with this issue.

The Committee discussed a possible process where residents could hire a trap from Council and then bring back any animal they caught for Council to dispose of. The disposal of these animals when caught was seen as the biggest barrier to the community being able to deal with the issue.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/072**                      **File Ref**                      **3-PY-1**

That the memorandum 'Investigation of a policy on feral cats' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **18 Review of delivery of regulatory services under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 – update August 2016**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum.

There is potential for collaboration within the MW-LASS; discussions around this have been held but there has been no outcome to date.

The arrangement with Whanganui District Council for Policy and Planning services has now ended. Discussions around the extension of this agreement or possible other arrangements resulted in the decision to employ a second Policy Analyst/Planner within the Policy Team. External planning advice will still be sought for technical questions.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/073**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-1-2**

That the memorandum 'Review of delivery of regulatory services under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 – update August 2016' be received

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **19 Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre – project update**

The Mayor noted that there had been a good turnout at the recent public meeting in Bulls to launch the proposed design of the building, with initial feedback being very constructive. A local funding committee is being formed.

## **20 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative**

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/PPL/074**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – July 2016' be received.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## **21 Late Items**

Nil

## **22 Future Items for the Agenda**

Nil

## **23 Next Meeting**

Thursday 15 September 2016, 1.00 pm (this will be the Committee's last meeting for the triennium)

## **24 Meeting Closed – 4.55pm**

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

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