



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 April 2017 – 1:06 p.m.

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Lynne Sheridan
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
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator
Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents:

Item 6	Chair's Report – Chair's Report
Item 8	Update on Communications Strategy – Update on Communications Strategy
Item 15	Activity Management – RFS Reporting, and Question of Activity Management Templates

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence from Cr Aslett, and the apology for leaving early from Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

3 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that the only change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda would be that Item 13 and 14 would be taken after Item 8.

5 Confirmation of minutes

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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 March 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke briefly to his tabled report.

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That the Chair's Report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 April 2017 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Progress with Strategic Intentions

The Committee suggested that this should be a standing item on all future agendas, with a brief update on progress with any of the projects.

8 Update on Communications Strategy

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/024** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the update on the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 April 2017 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 1.15pm / 1.21pm

13 Clear Water Package 2017

Ms Webb-Moore narrated a presentation on the Ministry for the Environment's 'Clean Water' package – a package of Government initiatives which seek to improve our fresh water.

The Committee discussed the following points that should be included in Council's submission:

- Classification of bodies of water need to reflect actual conditions, year-round.
- Identify proximity of stock feed-pads to Rangitikei District Rivers as a contributing factor to water quality, as well as proximity of stock grazing behind break-fencing.
- Maps are needed to identify priority areas for improvement.
- Not just an issue of making water-ways 'swimmable'; also need to improve the whole ecosystem.

The draft submission will be circulated to all Committee members for further comment before inclusion in the Order Paper to Council's meeting on 27 April 2017.

Cr Rainey left the meeting 1.20pm / 1.24pm

14 Proposed Urban Development Authority

Ms Gray narrated a presentation on proposed Urban Development Authorities - proposed legislation that would allow nationally or locally significant urban development projects to be built more quickly.

The Committee discussed the following points that should be included in Council's submission:

- Would like to see Territorial Authorities have overriding say over projects considered.
- Limitations placed around the potential to use Maori Land for development (relating to the use of the Public Works Act to seize land).
- The cost implications of creating as many Authorities needs to be taken into consideration.
- Need to ensure that the establishment of these Urban Development Authorities doesn't erode the environmental bottom-line that underpins the Resource Management Act.
- Plant the seed in Central Government's mind that development outside of major centres (where less expensive land is available) as a solution to lack of housing/commercial space in growing urban populations.

The outline of the submission will be included in the Order Paper to Council's meeting on 27 April 2017 for further discussion, with a view to seek delegation to this Committee to approve the final submission for His Worship the Mayor to sign.

Cr Ash left the meeting 2.21pm / 2.24pm

9 Update on Legislation and Governance Issues

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the progress with the Local Government Act Amendment Bill and the Resource Management Act Amendment Bill. Further information on the latter will be provided in the next update to the Committee.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/025** **File Ref** 3-OR-3-5

That the report 'Update on Legislation and Governance Issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 April 2017 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

10 Geographical Review of Census Spatial Units

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Committee discussed the following points:

- Potential use 'Raumai' instead of 'Parewanui' and 'Murimoto' not 'Otiwhi', but need to seek the view of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti on the final names used for the Census spatial units.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/026** **File Ref** 1-LTP-4-2

That the memorandum "Geographical review of Census spatial units" be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

11 Policy and Bylaw work schedule 2016/17 (update) and 2017/18 (proposed)

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Committee discussed the following points:

- More appropriate name for the Urban Forest Policy; could be confusing for the community when thinking about urban trees as a forest.
- Need to prioritise the workload. The Committee requested that the list be brought to a future meeting with a priority element and timeframes added.
- Providing the Finance/Performance Committee's next meeting with a preliminary draft of a policy on incentives for new home builders/developers.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/027** **File Ref** 5-EX-3-2

That the memorandum, "Policy and Bylaw work schedule 2016/17 (update) and 2017/18 (proposed)" be received.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Afternoon Tea 3.02pm / 3.17pm

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 3.02pm

12 Review of Community Outcomes

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the discussion document.

The Committee discussed the following points:

- Resourcing is an issue to completing some of the desired work, outside of Council's core-business. Needs to be a balance between desired outcomes and resources (the more desired outcomes the more resources needed, and therefore a higher cost).
- The current Community Outcomes are simple and easy for the Community to comprehend, but may need to be expended slightly to include some of the desired outcomes identified in Council's Strategic Intentions.
- Communication and Economic Development need to be worked into the current Community Outcomes, to give a fuller picture of Council's desired outcomes.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to produce a paper on Council's current position regarding engagement, promotion and economic development within the District.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/028** **File Ref** 1-LTP2018-28

That the discussion document "Review of Community Outcomes" be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Sheridan. Carried

15 Update on Youth Development – March 2017

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum, highlighting the main issues facing the Youth Development Co-ordinators.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/029** **File Ref** 4-EN-12-4

That the memorandum 'Update on Youth Development – March 2017' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Platt. Carried

16 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and Other Community Development Programmes – April 2017

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the responses to questions raised around the external grants applied for.

The Committee suggested that there may be a need to review Council's Policy on External Grants, as it may be restrictive to Council staff being able to apply for external grants.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/030** **File Ref** **1-CO-4**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – April 2017 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

17 Activity Management

The Activity Management Templates were each discussed individually:

- Community leadership
- Environmental services
- Community well-being

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/031** **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for March 2017 for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being and the memorandum 'Questions on activity templates' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Ash left the meeting 4.11pm / 4.14pm

18 Late Items

Nil

19 Future Items for the Agenda

Policy on Abandoned Vehicles

20 Next Meeting

Thursday 11 May 2017, 1pm

21 Meeting Closed – 4.35pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____