



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 10 August 2017 – 1:00 PM

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The quorum for the Policy and Planning Committee is 5.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

- Present:** Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Graeme Platt  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator
- Tabled Document** Item 4: Chair's Report  
Item 7: Update on communications Strategy  
Item 7: Late Item – Urban Tree Plan Adoption  
Item 8: Late Item – Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership Fund  
Application for Swim 4 All

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/079**                      **File Ref**

That the apology from Cr Dunn be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 3 Members' conflict of interest

The Chair reminded members of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

### Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, the Chair accepted two late items: (i) Urban Tree Plan and (ii) Adoption and Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership Fund Application for Swim 4.

## 4 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read. .

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/080**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the Chair's Report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 10 August 2017 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 5 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/081**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-2**

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning meeting held on 13 July 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 6 Progress with Strategic Intentions

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Ash left at 1:44 to 1:50

## 7 Update on communications strategy

Cr Peke-Mason noted that the Wanganui Chronicle was incorrect in its article stating her view on Maori Wards in the Rangitikei. She considered that involvement of LGNZ could be of benefit when the Council comes to decide on the matter later this year.

Main points in the Committee's discussion were:

- Consultation with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa has occurred, with public preliminary consultation to be actioned late this year or early next year. The recommendation by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is that Council consider having two Maori Ward seats. The merits of having the members of the Komiti join Council in a workshop were discussed.
- How Councillors make decision on representation is at the discretion of the Councillors.
- Any resolution would be subject to a poll should 5% or more of electors demand one.

In regards to the Rangitikei Communication Strategy it was suggested that a Rangitikei phone app could be a useful mechanism for communication with the public.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/PPL/082</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-15-1</b>
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That the update to the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 10 August 2017 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 8 Update on Legislation and governance issues

Mr Hodder spoke to his report highlighting the following

The Ministry of Business, innovation and Employment has yet to provide councils with specific guidelines on the consultation process with the community about priority earthquake-prone buildings.

The Department of Internal Affairs has released a discussion paper on evacuation procedures involving the provision for safety in specified buildings and the provision of evacuation schemes and procedures under the Fire and Emergency Act. A report will be brought before Council as this will impact on the District's building owners.

The recent decision by the Court of Appeal in Wellington in regards to Wellington City Council vs Minotaur Custodians Ltd, gives legal acceptance to the discretion of local

authorities when consulting with relevant stakeholders on Council issues. The Committee discussed the definition of discretion, agreeing that targeting affected parties to ensure consultation with key stakeholders is already common practice and that discretion does not mean the exclusion of anyone. It is the view of Council that any public consultation is open and welcoming of public engagement.

The Ture Whenua Bill has stalled for the time being. The Committee discussed working on a plan B regarding Maori land in particular land-locked land within the District at a Long Term Plan workshop.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/083**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-5**

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 10 August 2017 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **9 Community outcomes in the 2018-28 Long term Plan**

The Committee expressed its support of the expansion on the statements of the strategic intentions of Environmental/climate change, Regulatory performance and Community resilience. It saw no need to integrate these with or review the strategic intentions.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/084**                      **File Ref**                      **1-LTP-4-7**

That the memorandum 'Community outcomes in the 2018-28 Long term Plan' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

## **10 Update on youth development programme – July 2017**

Mr Hodder spoke to the report which had been written by Ms Denise Servante before she left the Council.

Council's decision to employ two part-time in-house youth co-ordinators anticipated co-funding by service agencies. Council has yet to be successful in gaining that external support, and Council's limited resources into youth development can only go so far. The Youth Zones in Taihape and Marton require volunteers to operate the space during opening hours but the take up by volunteers has been limited. All volunteers are required to undergo police checks as part of the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014.

Taihape Youth Zone is currently working towards a more suitable location.

The committee spoke at length on Youth Development within the District with the following highlights and suggestions for improvement:

- The group of 22 youth that attended the Festival for the Future Youth Conference in Auckland with Cr Ash came away inspired and are meeting regularly to continue momentum and evolve their action plan.
- The national Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs is concentrating on expressing to Ministers the high level of importance needed for youth to gain their driver's licence and the scope for that to fit within the national school curriculum.
- Identify the issues that our youth face and tailor making a youth development programme that targets specific problems that either engages youth directly or those supporting youth.
- Identify those councils that have successful youth programmes and tailor make the Rangitikei youth development programme from analysing those.

Cr Platt raised the concern of Rangitikei youth being taken to the Whanganui Court house by police and having to find their own means to return home. Cr Platt has agreed to investigate and produce a business case on the option of reopening the Marton Court house.

Cr Peke-Mason left at 2:00 – 2:03

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/085**                      **File Ref**                      **4-EN-12**

That the memorandum 'Update on youth development programme – July 2017' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

## **11 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – August 2017**

Mr Hodder spoke to the memorandum.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**                      **Gallaghers' sponsorship of swimming lessons**

That a thank you letter be sent to Gallagher's acknowledging their support of the Swim 4 All programme in offering funding towards free swim lessons for 4 year olds in the Marton Swim Centre

The Committee discussed the current list of public toilets due to be built by Council and the merits and requirements of those that have the potential to be funded through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund. It was suggested that the list of toilets be ranked in order of priority, alongside identifying their fund source.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/086**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4**

1            That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other

community development programmes – August 2017’ be received.

- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee approves applications being made on behalf of the Council to the
  - a. Youth in Emergency Preparedness Fund,
  - b. Ministry of Youth Development Partnership Fund – Local Government, and
  - c. Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

subject to details of the applications submitted being provided to the Committee’s next meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 12 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action:

None

## 13 Activity management

Mr Hodder spoke to the continuation of development concepts and plans for Marton, Work is continuing with gathering information about spending by Marton residents in Marton and in nearby centres and spending at Marton businesses by Marton residents and others. Following hard analysis of the data as workshop on Economic Development will provide the space for a robust discussion on what Council will focus on and how it will be resourced.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/087**                      **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for August 2017 for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 14 Late items

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/PPL/088**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-1**

- 1 That the memorandum ‘Urban Tree Plan – Adoption’ be received.
- 2 That the Urban Tree Plan 2017 be adopted.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

- | <b>Resolved minute number</b> | <b>17/PPL/089</b>   | <b>File Ref</b> | <b>6-RF-1-1</b> |
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| 1                             | That the memorandum 'Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership Fund Application for Swim 4 All' be received.  |                 |                 |
| 2                             | That the Policy/Planning Committee approves an application being made on behalf of the Council to the Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership fund to the value of \$5000 + GST for the Swim 4 All programme. |                 |                 |

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

## **15 Future items for the agenda**

Policy approach to prioritising location for new toilets.

## **16 Next Meeting**

Thursday 14 September 2017, 1.00 pm

## **17 Meeting Closed**

2.46 pm

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

Date: