



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 November 2017 – 1:00 PM

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Present: Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present: Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents: Item 8: Submissions to Priority areas for earthquake-prone buildings consultation from Bruce Ward, Gavin Case and Wendy Wagner
Item 10: Traffic and Parking Bylaw – reconsideration of section 16
Item 11: Youth Transitional Blueprint

1 Welcome

The Deputy Chair Cr Aslett welcomed everyone to the meeting and chaired the meeting.

2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Gordon be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. 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

There was no change to the order of business.

5 Chair's Report

Chairs Report¹

The Deputy Chair welcomed the submitters for the Earthquake-prone building priority areas oral hearings to the Chambers.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	17/PPL/107	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 12 October 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

8 Oral submissions to Priority areas for earthquake-prone buildings consultation

¹ The Chairs report was received post meeting and circulated to Committee Members.

Bruce Ward

Mr Ward spoke to his tabled document highlighting that he is opposed to the legislation for earthquake-prone buildings. He suggested that it was unfair to impose the costs on building owners; however, having a levy on all owners of earthquake-prone buildings which would allow payment of \$1 million to anyone killed by falling unreinforced masonry in an earthquake was a reasonable compromise.

Karandeep Singh – The Club Hotel occupier

Mr Singh noted that the vehicular and pedestrian traffic outside his business was minor, likening it to any residential area. Mr Singh disagreed with listing The Club Hotel in the priority area.

Gavin Case – The Club Hotel building owner

Mr Case, spoke to his tabled document, and would like to see High Street removed from the map identifying priority areas for earthquake-prone buildings.

Wendy Wagner

Ms Wagner, a real estate agent in Marton, spoke against the legislation, noting it will impede economic growth throughout the District and will impact on building values. Feedback that Ms Wagner has received from business and building owners is that they do not wish Council to proceed with the priority areas. Ms Wagner is aware that it is a legal obligation by Council to consult on priority areas.

Richard Hogg

Mr Hogg spoke to Council highlighting:

- Due to the population of Marton, it cannot warrant being a high priority area
- Council should oppose this legislation with central Government
- The legislation states that the emphasis is on securing facades vs bringing buildings up to the current building code
- Mr Hogg questioned the wider community engagement on identifying priority areas
- Encouraged Council to lead in positive way, protecting assets and people
- Thinks that Rangitikei should not have any priority areas.

Robert Snijders noted he wished to speak, but could not attend, and provided his speaking notes for tabling.

Upon questioning from the Committee, all speakers considered they would have preferred that Council had set a longer consultation time.

His Worship the Mayor informed the oral submitters that Council will deliberate on the issue at their 30 November 2017 meeting, which is a public meeting.

9 Increasing Delegations to Community Committees/Boards

Ms Gray spoke to her report. Discussion by the Committee highlighted the following points

Community Initiatives Fund

- Ward boundaries will be the areas for where the applications will be considered, apart from Ratana.
- Further information on the funding split based on population should be provided to the Council meeting, along with information about the proportionality of the urban/rural split.
- Council would continue to promote the fund and would administer all applications sending the applications to the relevant Community Board/Committee for decision. Council would provide guidance and guidelines to committees/boards on applications.
- Delegations could be a one year trial for Community Committees/Boards to be the deciding body for the Community Initiatives Fund. A review would follow the trial period to determine whether the arrangement should continue, be modified or cease
- Community Committees/Boards need to seek engagement with isolated communities within their ward.

Parks upgrade Fund

- Concern was raised over lack of 'funding for success' should the fund be split into smaller pots, as park upgrades tend to come with large price tag.
- Adjustment of the application process was suggested, such as the applicant consulting with the relevant Community Board/Committee prior to making submission to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee

MoU Work Programmes

- Cr Ash declared a Conflict of Interest.
- There was general agreement that increased Community Board/Committee involvement would be beneficial.

Community Facilities/Services

- The Committee supported the proposal to have groups such as community park users work through Community Committees/Boards, creating opportunities for organisations to work together.

Other options

- The Committee suggested reports be consistently given to Community Committees/Boards on relevant community matters arising from Council meetings.
- The Committee agreed that inconveniences could arise with Community Committees/Boards meeting every two months in comparison to the monthly Council meetings. It would be an increase in commitment to ask the volunteer members of Community Committees (all unpaid volunteers) to meet formally more frequently.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/108** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-1**

That the report 'Increasing Delegations to Community Committees/Boards' to the Policy/Planning Committee's 9 November 2017 meeting be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/109** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-1**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following matters are delegated to Community Committees/Boards:

- Community Initiatives Fund (consideration of applications from the relevant ward or the Ratana community);
- MoU Group Work Programmes (consideration of annual work programme, recommending this to Council and receiving regular written and oral updates);
- Community Facilities/Services (user groups at Taihape Memorial Park; Queen's Park, Hunterville; Centennial Park, Marton; and Bulls Domain; and
- Increased engagement with wider/smaller communities of the ward represented.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/110** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-1**

The Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that Council encourages groups to approach the relevant Community Committee/Board prior to approaching Council. Where that is not possible Council will ensure the relevant Community Committee/Board is informed.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/111** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-1**

The Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that applicants for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are referred to the relevant Community Committees/Boards prior to the application being brought before Council.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/112** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-1**

The Policy Planning Committee recommends to Council that, where placemaking initiatives are taking place on Council land, they will be referred to the relevant Community Committee/Board before applying to the Chief Executive.

Cr Dunn / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Wilson left at 2:36

Cr Platt left at 2:40-2:42

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 reconvened at 3:04

10 Traffic and Parking Bylaw – reconsideration of section 16

Ms Gray spoke to her PowerPoint presentation

The Committee reworded section 16 of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw which will be circulated to stakeholders, with feedback presented to Council at the meeting on 30 November 2017.

Cr Platt left at 3:16 – 3:19

11 Youth Transitional Blueprint 2017/2018

Mr Jamieson spoke to his report drawing attention to the remaining budget through financial year end. The Committee's discussion highlighted the following points:

- The Taihape youth operation will be status quo until end of financial year.
- Volunteers will man the Marton Youth Zone during the open hours stipulated within the report.
- Reports on what is happening with the Marton Youth Zone will be shared with relevant Community Committees/Boards.
- A MoU Agreement with Bulls Community Development Trust will enable the Bulls Youth Zone to be open and supervised.
- The Committee was reassured that the building proposed for the Marton Youth Zone is not structurally unsound.
- Collecting demographic data on youth zone users will be undertaken.
- Youth Zone advertising will be wide spread.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/113** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-4**

That the report 'Youth Transitional Blueprint 2017/2018' to the Policy/Planning Committee's 9 November 2017 meeting be received.

Cr Peke-Mason /Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/114** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-4**

That the position and direction taken in the report 'Youth Transitional Blueprint 2017/2018'

be endorsed by the Policy/Planning Committee; being in agreement that this direction acts an effective a pathway for the Youth Development programme.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 – 4:20

Cr Peke-Mason left at 4:14

12 Update on Communications Strategy

The report was taken as read. Mr Hodder highlighted the focus on the District's upcoming new branding and messaging on the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long-Term Plan.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/115** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the 'Communication Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 November 2017 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

13 Legislation and Governance Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

14 MinTAS Youth Festival

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/116** **File Ref** **4-EN-12-1**

That the report 'MinTAS Youth festival 2017' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 November 2017 be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Ash. Carried

15 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

His Worship the Mayor questioned the reasons and outcomes for some of the meetings listed and noted his preference to be invited to them.

Resolved minute number **17/PPL/117** **File Ref** **1-CO-4**

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

Cr Dunn / Cr Ash. Carried

16 Questions put at previous meetings for Council advice or action:

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

17 Activity management

The report was taken as read, and there were no questions from the Committee.

Resolved minute number	17/PPL/118	File Ref	5-EX-3-2
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That the activity management templates for October 2017 for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Platt. Carried

18 Late items

There were no late items.

19 Future items for the agenda

No items were requested.

20 Next meeting

Thursday 8 February 2018, 1.00 pm.

Note: Activity and compliance reports for November will be uploaded on 15 December 2017; those for December will be uploaded on 12 January 2018.

21 Meeting closed

4.43 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: