

Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 15 March 2018 – 1:00pm



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The quorum for the Policy/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.

1 Welcome

2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

3 Members' conflict of interest

Members are 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

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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting from 15 February 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 15 February 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

6 Chair's Report

A report will be tabled

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the Chair's Reports for March 2018 to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 March 2018 be received.

7 Progress with strategic issues – Update

With priority 4 projects (Earthquake-Prone buildings), Council agreed to undertake consultation on the location of priority areas in the urban centres over the period 7 October to 7 November 2017, with oral submissions being heard by this Committee at its meeting on 9 November 2017. As well as advising the Bulls, Marton and Hunterville Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board and making letter drops to all potentially affected businesses and property owners, there were public meetings held in Taihape and Marton. At its meeting on 30 November 2017, Council resolved not to adopt any priority areas under section 133AF of the Building Act 2004 and to send a strong message to

Government about the severe impacts of the legislation on the viability of many businesses and sustainability of the District's towns.

An application has been submitted to the Lottery Heritage and Environment Fund for a grant towards a feasibility study on establishing the Marton Heritage Precinct Project as a collaborative initiative between private building owners and the Council. Funding of up to \$100,000 has been agreed to. Outcome of the application is expected in June.

Further work to safeguard water and wastewater treatment plants was included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan programme, and is continued in the draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Regarding priority 5 projects, a new agreement for the continued delivery of Infrastructure Services by Manawatu District Council has been finalised between the Chief Executives of both councils. It builds on the original foundation of collaboration, but introduces a more structured arrangement and explicit performance framework. Quarterly reporting will be provided to Council, starting March 2018.

A member of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa was appointed to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee (from its February 2017 meeting) with full speaking and voting rights. Discussions last year with the Komiti showed interest in this being extended to other Council Committees. At its meeting on 1 March 2018 Council resolved to formally extend the invitation to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa offering them a seat as contributing members to the Policy/Planning and Finance/Performance Council committees

The Policy/Planning Committee recommended to Council that the Significance and engagement policy be adopted for consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long term Plan. At its meeting on 1 March, Council decided to defer that consideration until its meeting on 29 March.

A new Council brand is being implemented.

8 Factoring in a broader view when considering alternative ways of providing services

When Council discussed the potential implementation of kerbside recycling and rubbish services last year, there was an awareness that it could impact on current local providers of such services – i.e. result in a loss of local jobs, with broader consequences for local spending and population. Council's focus on an improving local economy makes it the more important to ensure this perspective is taken into account.

A review of the procurement policy is soon to commence. It would be feasible to require from tenderers for services above a specified sum to indicate the number of local residents they employ, the number of local contractors they may be able to sub-contract to and the number of local businesses they could use. However, what will require closer examination is the extent to which the conditions of contract could enforce (say) a percentage of work being undertaken by local subcontractors.

Council currently has two instances where it applies non-financial attributes. These are the remission of rates as an incentive for business expansion and the policy on disposal of

surplus land and buildings. The relevant schedules are attached. It would be feasible to develop a matrix of socio-cultural factors to be taken into account in evaluating tenders.

9 Update on Communications Strategy

An update is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 March 2018 be received.

10 Legislation and Governance Update

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendation:

That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update, March 2018' be received.

11 Policy review programme 2018

The Policy Review Programme for 2018 is attached. The programme sets out the piece of work required, the rationale for completing the work and the anticipated timeframes for an initial workshop session or initial consideration by the Policy/Planning Committee. The work includes a range of both statutory reviews, and other policy work requested by Council.

File ref: 5-EX-3-2

Recommendation:

That the 'Policy Review Schedule 2018' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 March 2018 be received.

12 Review of speed limits – Dixon way

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-DB-1-7

Recommendation:

- 1 That the report 'Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 – Dixon Way' be received
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee considers that the proposed changes to the Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 – Dixon Way will not have a significant impact on the public

and therefore, consultation will occur in accordance with Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Section 22AD of the Land Transport Act 1998.

- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the Amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 – Dixon Way be adopted for consultation in accordance with the Engagement Plan as follows:
 - The Taihape Community Board is delegated responsibility (if they agree) for hearing oral submissions and undertaking deliberations on all submissions received, and providing a recommendation back to Council.
 - That consultation will take place for a four week period, thus meeting requirements under s 82 of the Local Government Act.
- 4 That the Taihape Community Board is requested to consider submissions, including hearing oral submissions and deliberations and provides a recommendation back to Council.

13 Section 17A review – campgrounds

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-CF-4-16

Recommendation:

- 1 That the report 'Section 17A Review – Camping Grounds' to the Policy/Planning Committee on the 15 March 2018 be received
- 2 That, having considered options for governance, funding and delivery, Council continues to take responsibility for the governance and funding of the campgrounds at Scott's Ferry, Koitiata, Dudding Lake and Mangaweka and to outsource the delivery of services to these sites.
- 3 That expressions of interest be invited from the present lessees/custodians of the campgrounds at Scotts Ferry, Koitiata and Dudding Lake and through public advertisement, with the decision being delegated to the Chief Executive.
- 4 That in all instances, irrespective of current arrangements, the new contracts for delivery of services at the campgrounds at Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Dudding Lake and Mangaweka specify the matters noted in section 17A(5) of the Local Government Act 2002, with an emphasis on public safety.

14 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – February 2018' be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee endorse the application to the Four Regions Trust for \$8000 towards the publishing costs of Les Vincent's memoirs.

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

There were no questions put at meeting of 15 February 2018 for Council advice or action.

16 Activity management

The Activity Management Templates (project reporting) for the following non-asset based groups of activities are attached:

- Community leadership
- Environmental services
- Community well-being

In accordance with Council resolution 17/RDC/055 which amended Standing Order 20.3 'Questions to staff', the following arrangement applies:

In the email advising Elected Members that the Committee Order Papers have been uploaded, they will be asked to email questions before the meeting to the relevant Group Manager (and copied to the Governance Administrator). The answers will be copied to all Elected Members, the Chief Executive and the Governance Administrator. The full email exchange will be tabled at the meeting. Outstanding questions will be noted in this document.

Questions may still be asked at the meeting. The minutes will record those which require further clarification or actions by staff and note whether this is to be by email before the next meeting (in which case it will be included as a document in the Order Paper) or through a report or agenda note at the next meeting.

Recommendations:

- 1 That the activity management templates for February 2018 for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being be received.
- 2 That the memorandum 'Questions of Activity Management Templates' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 March 2018 be received.

17 Late items

18 Future items for the agenda

19 Next meeting

Thursday 12 April 2018, 1.00 pm.

20 Meeting closed