

# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 15 March 2018 – 1:00pm



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**Present:** Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Graeme Platt  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Ms Carol Downs, Executive Officer  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner  
Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents** Item 6: Chair's Report  
Item 14: Path to Wellbeing report – Questions from Elected Members

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies for the absence of Cr Dunn and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

## 3 Members' conflict of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 4 Confirmation of order of business

There was no scheduled change to the order of business, however Item 9 was taken before Item 8.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/PPL/013**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-2**

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.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 6 Chair's Report

Cr Gordon took his report as read, however highlighted the Ngati Rangī Deed of Settlement signing which he attended on 10 March. His Worship the Mayor commented that he will present a framed photo of Mark Gray signing the Deed to Mark Gray in acknowledgement of his service to the District and Ngati Rangī.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/PPL/014**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Platt. Carried

## 7 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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Council staff to check whether the new agreement for continued delivery of infrastructure services by Manawatu District could be included with the first quarterly report later in March.

## 9 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs spoke to the update. Further to the update it was noted that:

- 99.9% of the LTP public meeting are scheduled, His Worship the Mayor encouraged all Councillors to attend the meetings particularly those in their ward.
- The majority of LGOIMA requests received are from the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union.

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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Cr Sheridan requested copies of the Grants Brochure for the next street table.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>18/PPL/015</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-15-1</b>
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That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 March 2018 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Platt. Carried

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

Cr Gordon spoke to the Item. Considerable discussion took place. The main points raised were:

- The current procurement framework does not give local content weighting consideration to potential contracts.
- Some councils give local content a percentage weighting for lower value contracts.
- The procurement process could further include questioning of potential tenders as to the local content of their subcontractors and/or employees. But the potential for takeover of local businesses involved in a contract would not normally be a reason to suspend that contract.

- Environmental aspects, Council's reputation and the sense of social responsibility were all potential non-financial considerations.
- In considering a draft framework/policy with such aspects, important to be clear about the objectives – and with alignment with the four well-beings which the new Government has indicated it will be restoring in an amendment to the local Government Act.

**Undertaking****Subject**

Council staff to investigate local content in procurement processes of other Councils and report back to the Policy/Planning Committee

**10 Legislation and Governance Update**

Ms Webb-Moore took the report as read.

It was noted that Government has given no clear indication on who would bear the financial cost should any District Health Board decide that a local council in its area be required to fluoridate drinking water.

His Worship the Mayor noted that at the recent LGNZ Rural and Provincial Sector meeting it had been made clear that the question of fluoridation would be dealt with as part of the wider reforms over drinking water and its treatment.

**Undertaking****Subject**

Council staff to give consideration to a local Sale and Supply of Liquor Policy, giving the Committee an indication of the process and cost of implementation and adoption.

**Resolved minute number****18/PPL/016****File Ref****3-OR-3-5**

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

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

**11 Policy review programme 2018**

Miss Gray took the agenda note and schedule as read.

**Undertaking****Subject**

That the Annual Residence Survey include a question on resident's satisfaction levels of MoU Partner Organisations.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/PPL/017**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

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

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Ash left at 2:17-2:20

## **12 Review of speed limits – Dixon way**

Ms Webb-Moore took the report as read.

There was discussion about extending the area covered by the proposed reduction in speed limits, but the Committee decide to leave the draft as presented – except for specifying Rauma Road in the text to align with the map.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Rauma Rd in Taihape requires speed limit signs indicating the 50km/h speed limit.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/PPL/018**                      **File Ref**                      **1-DB-1-7**

That the report 'Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 – Dixon Way' be received

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/PPL/019**                      **File Ref**                      **1-DB-1-7**

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 That the Taihape Community Board is requested to consider submissions, including hearing oral submissions and deliberations and provides a recommendation back to Council.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

### 13 Section 17A review – campgrounds

Ms Prince took the report as read.

The grant allocation to Dudding Lake reserve reflects that it is a designated camping ground (not a remote one, where the standards are less) and has considerable servicing costs. His Worship the Mayor noted that before the current lessees took over the management of the campsite, it had cost Council twice as much and the facility was underused.

The question of other areas being designated campsites – e.g. Santoft Domain, Bulls Domain, Taihape Memorial Park – was raised. Freedom campers could use them.

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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To investigate the Reserve Management Plans with consideration in particular to freedom camping.	
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<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>18/PPL/020</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>6-CF-4-16</b>
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That the report 'Section 17A Review – Camping Grounds' to the Policy/Planning Committee on the 15 March 2018 be received

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>18/PPL/021</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>6-CF-4-16</b>
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- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 14 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

Mr Jamieson took his report as read. The following comments were in reply to tabled questions:

- Ms Bowler, the Southern Youth Co-ordinator, has taken over the facilitation of the Northern Advisory Board within her current hours, since Ms Mortland ceased involvement with the Taihape Youth Zone at the end of January 2018. Weekly youth events have been run by volunteers.
- MoU negotiations with Mokai Patea will include a youth component.
- The merit of financial investment in further yearly youth forums was weighed against progressing desired outcomes from previous forum workshops.

His Worship the Mayor requested reporting on outcomes from the various meetings listed and noted his preference to be invited to them. Requests could be made to meeting organisers to establish whether they were agreeable to such governance level attendance.

### Undertaking                      Subject

Mr Jamieson to include significant outcomes from meetings as part of the Path to Wellbeing report.

**Resolved minute number                      18/PPL/022                      File Ref                      1-CO-4**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – February 2018' be received.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

**Resolved minute number                      18/PPL/023                      File Ref                      1-CO-4**

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorse the application to the Four Regions Trust for \$8000 towards the publishing costs of Les Vincent's memoirs.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Platt left at 3:10 - 3:13

His Worship the Mayor left at 3:13 - 3:14

## 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

**Resolved minute number**                    **18/PPL/024**                    **File Ref**                    **5-EX-3-2**

That the activity management templates for February 2018 for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being be received.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                    **18/PPL/025**                    **File Ref**                    **5-EX-3-2**

That the memorandum 'Questions of Policy/Planning Reports March 2018' to the Policy Planning Committee meeting on 15 March 2018 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 17 Late items

None

## 18 Future items for the agenda

The aesthetic impact on new builds in the Marton CBD taking into account the plans for this area to be a heritage precinct.

## 19 Next meeting

Thursday 12 April 2018, 1.00 pm.

## 20 Meeting closed

3:29 pm

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

Date: