

Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 April 2018 – 1:04 PM



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

In attendance: 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 Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents

Item: 6:	Chair's report
Item 12:	Enforcement matrix diagram
Item 13:	Presentation on key issues for Council's submission on the Government Policy Statement – Land transport 2018
Item 17:	Late Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consultation by the Minister of Transport on KiwiRail becoming an approved public organisation under the Land Transport Management Act 2003 and a draft feedback letter.- Horizons' Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan , together with a discussion paper on key issues for inclusion in the Council's submission.

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the early departure of His Worship the Mayor and Cr Dunn be received.

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.

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

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, the following items were accepted to be dealt with as late items at the meeting:

- **Consultation by the Minister of Transport on KiwiRail becoming an approved public organisation under the Land Transport Management Act 2003) and a draft feedback letter;**
- **Horizons' Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, together with a discussion paper on key issues for inclusion in the Council's submission**

There was no scheduled change to the order of business.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/026	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 15 March 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

6 Chair's Report

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/027	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the Chair's Report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 April 2018 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Dunn. Carried

7 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda. It was further noted that Te Roopu Ahi Kaa have made recommendations for representatives to sit as contributing members to the Policy/Planning and Assets/Infrastructure Committees. The recommendations will go before Council at its 26 April 2018 meeting for endorsement.

Tracey Hiroa has been nominated to the Policy/Planning Committee.

8 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Hodder spoke to the update. The weekly digests were being produced every week so it was not immediately apparent why they were not accessible for Elected Members in their section of the website.

Undertaking Subject

That media activity in future Updates on the Communication Strategy is identified in the following ways:

PR =Press release and **I** = Interview

Undertaking Subject

That the Weekly Digest in the councillor's area of the website be updated.

Undertaking Subject

That the Weekly Digest has local media content where possible.

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/028	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 April 2018 be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Representation review – pre-consultation

Ms Gray spoke to the item. Points raised were:

- Maps are intended to be available on the Council website, in Council service centres with requests being made of our partnering networks to share the information to the wider District.
- Press releases will reference the maps back to the website, service centres and other identified locations.

The following feedback was given for the upcoming public consultation:

- A clear understanding of the ratepayer cost of Community Committees and Community Boards be stated.
- To be included in the first paragraph - there is no rate payer cost variance associated with the number of councillors sitting on Council.
- Retain in the Survey a question on the submitter's ward of residence, but include the option of not sure / don't want to answer.
- Map to include an indication of the direction in which the boundaries of a ward are expanding or shrinking.

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Representation review packs to be provided for distribution at the Long Term Plan public meetings.	
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Resolved minute number	18/PPL/029	File Ref	3-OR-3-8
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That the 'Survey and engagement plan for pre-consultation on the representation review' provided to the Policy/Planning Committee's 12 April 2018 meeting be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/030	File Ref	3-OR-3-8
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That the Policy/Planning Committee approves the survey (as amended) and engagement plan for pre-consultation on the representation review.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

10 Actioning the Māori Responsiveness Framework

Mr Jamieson spoke to the item. It was noted:

- The Strategic Liaison: Iwi-Hapū role is currently being advertised on Trademe, SEEK and Council's website.
- The responsiveness framework is intended to be a living document. The appointee to the strategic liaison role will have input into the performance measures and desired outcomes of the framework.

- Through the required process of iwi engagement, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa has recommended that the focus of the strategic liaison role be primarily on iwi and hapū of the district. It will be for Council to decide the parameters they want the role to include, for example, urban Māori.
- The operational funding of the framework is within current budgets.

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Mr Jamieson to discuss with management the option of the Strategic Liaison: Iwi-Hapū role being fixed term for one year.

11 Draft Rental Policy for Community Housing

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

His worship the Mayor left at 1:45 pm

12 Proposed Enforcement Strategy

Mr Cullis spoke to the item. The following was highlighted:

- In developing the strategy, staff have compared other councils' strategies along with what the Solicitor General has advocated as standard practice.
- Enforcement staff have been involved in the process of developing the strategy.
- Internal structures are to be utilised in an appeal process. The ultimate decision will sit with the Chief Executive.
- The Hearings Committee will still be used when required.
- Flow charts will be included.

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/031	File Ref	2-RE-1
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That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the proposed Enforcement Strategy (and prosecution policy) be adopted, taking into account the points raised at the Committee's meeting and including an executive summary.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr Ash left at 2:08 pm - 2:14 pm

13 Legislation and Governance Update

Ms Webb Moore spoke to the report, highlighting the following:

- The Government is proposing to restore the four well-beings back into the Local Government Act.
- Registration for interest in consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill is an indication of the value placed on the environmental issue.

Elected members discussed the merits of a regional fuel tax (as proposed in the Land Transport Management (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill versus tolling roads of significance.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/032** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/033** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the Policy Planning Committee requests a submission (for consideration by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive) be drafted to the Government on the Land Transport (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill supporting the use of tolling roads of significance and not supporting a regional fuel tax, and, if sent, provided to Council's meeting on 26 April 2018 for endorsement.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

A presentation was provided (and tabled) on key issues for Council's submission on the Government Policy Statement – Land transport 2018/19-2028/28. The following points were suggested for including in the submission.

- Support greater funding for local and regional roads
- Request a stronger use of rail for freight along with commuters
- Support focus on safety but opposes a blanket lowered speed limit on rural roads.
- Request considering Ohakea as a regional cargo hub to reduce congestion from the region
- Request inclusion of drug testing for drivers and accidents
- Suggest a greater picture of connectedness i.e. location of ports and airports
- Suggest a wider focus for efficient/effective public transport beyond the metro centres, and to consider connectivity for economic and social growth.
- Suggest an integrated land transport strategy that takes into account air, land and sea (including, reducing the number of trucks on the road by putting freight on to rail.
- Suggest a consideration of electric rail
- Request Taihape – Napier Road be designated a state highway, in terms of resilience, benefits to tourism, opening up land-locked land and the economy of the region.
- Suggest a number of inland ports throughout the country
- Note the national walkway and the lack of separation of walkers and vehicle on SH3

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that, while it was appropriate to have a comprehensive statement of Council's views in the submission, for the oral presentation he would need to concentrate on a maximum of four topics.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/034** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That a submission for Council's consideration at its meeting on 26 April 2018 be prepared on the Government Policy Statement – Land Transport 2018/19-2027/28, having regard for the discussion at the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 April 2018.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Dunn left at 2:41 pm
His Worship the Mayor returned at 2:41 pm
Adjourned 3:25 and reconvened at 3:36 pm

14 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report.

The meeting with Horizons transport team was discussed. A supplementary meeting will be scheduled, with an update to be provided the Policy/Planning Committee meeting, 10 May 2018.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/035** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left at 3:59 pm – 4:00 pm
His Worship the Mayor left at 4:04 pm – 4:05 pm

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

The answers include in the agenda were noted.

16 Activity management

Undertaking **Subject**

Report back to Policy/Planning Committee meeting, 10 May 2018, on the Legal compliance Project - future planned work 'Finalise outstanding issues'

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/036** **File Ref**

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/037** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Questions of Activity Management Templates' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 April 2018 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

17 Late items

1 **KiwiRail**

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/038** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee authorises His Worship the Mayor to send the proposed response [with editorial amendments by the Mayor] to the Minister of Transport's letter requesting the Council's view on whether KiwiRail should become an approved public organisation under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, noting that it will be put to full Council for endorsement at its meeting on 26 April 2018

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

2 **Horizons' Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan (link below), together with a presentation on key issues for inclusion in the Council's submission.**

Mr Hodder spoke to the item with the following points discussed:

- The comparatively high increase in Horizons' rates in 2018/19 for the Rangitikei District is due in part to the recent revaluations by Quotable Value. Rangitikei Council may want to suggest that all councils in the region do their revaluation at same time or, alternatively, that Horizons applies a differential rate for Rangitikei residents. There are several ways in which a differential could be dealt with.
- River schemes throughout the region have also impacted rates.

Mr Hodder requested feedback to be received over the coming days from Elected Members on the discussion draft tabled at the meeting,

Not mentioned in the discussion paper, but also potential topics for the draft submission were

1. Funding mechanism for the pest plant 'old man's beard'.
2. Consenting fees change.
3. Specific mention on the commuter issue.

18 Future items for the agenda

None

19 Next meeting

Thursday 10 May 2018, 1.00 pm.

20 Meeting closed

4:24 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: