



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 July 2018 – 1:00 PM

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Graeme Platt
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present: Cr Ruth Rainey

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Carol Downs, Executive Officer
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 10	Review of Liquor Control Bylaw
	Item 11	Consultation on First set of National Planning Standards
	Item 15	International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1:05. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

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

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. 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.

There was declared conflict of interest.

4 Confirmation of order of business

There were no late items or scheduled change to the order of business.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/075	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 14 June 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/076	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 July 2018 be received.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

7 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

8 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs spoke to the update noting the use of Facebook in promoting positive features and stories. Comments by Elected Members are noted:

- A correction to an article published on 28 June is that Central House Movers have not donated, but supplied at cost, the house for resale for a Bulls Community Centre fundraiser.
- Headlines can be misrepresentative of the article and used as an attention grabbing tool, which can be damaging if the reader doesn't read the associated text.
- Every month the Council website has approximately 30-40 % new visitors.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/077** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 July 2018 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

9 Legislation and Governance Update

Miss Webb-Moore took the report as read and took questions. The Committee agreed that the Local Government Regulatory Systems Amendment Bill was of an administrative nature and not something the Council would wish to submit on.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/078** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

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

Cr Dunn / Ms Hiroa. Carried

10 Review of Liquor Control Bylaw

Ms Gray spoke to the tabled presentation. Comments discussed were:

- It was noted that the Bulls liquor ban area may not be commonly known or advertised.
- Statistics on minor ban infringements are not likely to be held by Police.
- Temporary Liquor Control areas are an additional liquor ban area (not an exemption).
- Committee members were in favour of retaining the existing Bylaw without amendment.
- It was suggested that within the bylaw consultation it is made known that parties can apply for an exemption to the liquor ban areas.

- Outside the scope of the Bylaw - discussion was held on what reminders Council provides for Liquor Permit holders. It was noted that reminders far enough in advance of the expiry are important to ensure continuity of licencing.

11 Consultation on First set of National Planning Standards

Ms Webb- Moore spoke to the tabled presentation. Comments from discussions were:

- 2023 is when the next full District plan review is due; this coincides with the effective date of the National Planning Standards.
- Carrying out a rolling plan change would have the advantage of spreading work load.
- E-plans are hugely beneficial, but uncertain whether the Government would create a nation-wide platform that each local authority would use.

The Ministry for the Environment has stated that 109 definitions have been created to be used nationally and indicated that more will be added; however, no timeframe was given. The mechanism for adding new definitions into Council plans without the requirement of a formal change of plan process was discussed.

The Committee requested the following be included in the submission to Government:

- that colour differentiation should take into account the colour impaired – and when one colour overlaps another i.e. residential and flood that it is clear.
- that Central Government provide funding to local authority toward the costs of implementing e-plans

Undertaking

Subject

That a report is presented to the Policy/Planning Committee's next meeting analysing the benefits of introducing the National Plan standards earlier than required by Central Government.

Undertaking

Subject

That the Policy/Planning Committee be provided at its next meeting with information pertaining to the Governments plans to have a nation-wide e-plan system.

Undertaking

Subject

That information be circulated to the Policy/Planning Committee about the cost of New Plymouth District Council's e-plan

His Worship the Mayor left at 2:19 to 2:26

12 Review of the Animal Control Bylaw

Ms Gray spoke to the report and draft bylaw. Discussion highlighted following points:

- Specific consultation should occur with small communities rural communities on retaining their urban status and what each option would mean.
- The merits of requiring a Council permit for keeping beehives in urban areas was discussed, with mixed views. The majority view was in favour of consulting on the options of a permit system for all beehives, or an exemption for two beehives. A setback for beehives in rural areas of five metres should be put into the Bylaw for consultation.
- Discussion was held about the powers Council has available to address stray cats. Committee members were supportive of
 - a possible Council programme (in conjunction with local vets) to subsidise the de-sexing of cats, and
 - lobbying Central Government to address the issue of stray cats – including financial support and legislation.
- The potential to charge for a permit was discussed. It was agreed that this cost should be \$50, but a question should be asked in the consultation about whether permits associated with beehives should be exempted.

Undertaking	Subject	Predator Free 2050
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Provide elected members with information about what Central Government is doing to achieve its goal of Predator Free 2050.

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/079	File Ref	1-DB-1-9
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That the report 'Animal Control Bylaw - Review 2018' be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Ash. Carried

Adjourned at 2:47 reconvened at 2:55

His Worship the Mayor left at 2:55 – 2:59

13 Survey on strengthening New Zealand's protection system for heritage buildings

Ms Gray spoke to the item. Minor amendments to the suggested responses were made as follows:

- Q6 – local people understand local issues, but there still needs to be a national backstop.
- Q9 – strongly disagree – note that this a separate process.
- Q23 – strongly disagree
- Q25 – existing non-financial methods are unknown.

- Q26 – local government should be responsible for providing funding if they list buildings additional to the Heritage NZ listed buildings.
- Q27 – do not need additional monitoring mechanisms.
- Q32 – switch economic benefits and understanding of the past.
- Q33 – note differences between brick and wooden construction
- Q36 – note that heritage sites have not been addressed.

His Worship the Mayor left at 3:36 – 4:08

Cr Dunn left at 3:43.

14 Food Act audit

Mr Hodder spoke to the item. It was noted that Council does not pay for the audit, but does bear the cost of staff time involved in the process.

15 International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy

Mr Hodder spoke to his presentation and stated a draft submission will be circulated to Elected Members for comment prior to submission due date later in month. Committee discussion highlights were:

- \$35 as the proposed levy for tourists.
- Spending of levy proceeds on 'Conservation and Biodiversity activity' is important.
- Dividing the allocation could have benefits – Conservation, LGNZ and the Tourism Industry Association would have a good idea how to spend money in their specific areas and be best able to specify criteria.

16 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

Mr Jamieson took the report as read.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/080** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/081** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorse the funding application to the Whanganui Community Foundation of \$8,000 for the publishing of Les Vincent's Memoirs.

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorse the funding application to the Ministry of Youth Development of \$99,500 for the 'Kiritau – Helping Others' mentoring programme.

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorse the funding application to the Ministry of Youth Development of \$14,320 for the youth-led social enterprise for an event business.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

17 Youth Development Programme Update

Ms Gower spoke to the report with following updates:

- The TRYB Facebook page is live.
- The 'Kiritau-Helping others' mentoring programme that an MYD application has been made to assist in funding will is in draft form. The programme would be aimed towards 20 at risk youth between the ages of 12 – 18 and includes one-one and group mentoring. Further development of the programme will follow a successful application result.

Committee members discussed the role that local government plays in social services of the community and how that fits with the upcoming 4 Wellbeings being reintroduced by Central Government.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/082** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

That the memorandum 'Youth Development Programme Update – July2018' to the Policy/Planning Committee 12 July 2018 be received.

Cr Belsham / Ms Hiroa. Carried

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

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

19 Activity management

Mr Hodder took the reports as read.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/083** **File Ref**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Platt. Carried

20 Late items

21 Future items for the agenda

Results of annual residents' survey

Procurement Policy and Contract Management Policy

22 Next meeting

Thursday 9 August 2018, 1.00 pm.

23 Meeting closed

4:50pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: