



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 9 August 2018 – 1:00 PM

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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 on 12 July 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 12 July 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 at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the 'Chair's report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 August 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. The initial formal assessments of building in Marton's CBD area will start this month.

An application was submitted to the Lotteries Heritage and Environment Fund in February 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 had been agreed to between the parties. However, Lotteries declined the application. An approach is being made to the Provincial Growth Fund.

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 Manawatū 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 is provided to the Finance/Performance Committee, starting April 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. New members were nominated (and subsequently accepted by Council) for Assets/Infrastructure and Policy/Planning Committees. The recent appointment of a Strategic Advisor Iwi/Hapu will enable more meaningful relationships with Māori outside Te Roopu Ahi Kaa; the reorganisation of the delivery of youth programmes is securing greater interest and participation from this target group. .

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, which it did. Following deliberation on submissions at Council's meeting on 31 May 2018, the policy was adopted.

A new Council brand is being implemented. The agendas for the August meetings of Community Boards and Community Committees include clarification on Council's plans and process for town and District signage.

8 Update on Communications Strategy

An update will be provided at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 August 2018 be received.

9 Legislation and Governance Update – July 2018

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update- July 2018' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 August 2018 be received.
- 2 That resolution 18/PPL/044 made at the 10 May 2018 meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee be revoked as not fully stating the statutory requirements to give effect to the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry and the following words be substituted for inclusion in the District Plan:

“The above standards (struck out) were removed as they conflict/ duplicate regulations in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017. The requirements in the NES-PF prevail over the district plan and must be complied with.”

10 Conservation Order – Ngaruroro River

Advice of additional public notification of a Water Conservation application on the Ngaruroro and Clive rivers is attached. The north-west catchment of the Ngaruroro River is in the Rangitikei District.

Submissions may be made until 4.00 pm on 22 August 2018.

11 First set of National Planning Standards

At its meeting on 30 July 2018, Council delegated to the Policy/Planning Committee, at its meeting on 9 August 2018, to authorise the Mayor to sign a submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the First set of National Planning Standards.

A draft submission will tabled at the meeting and electronically circulated beforehand.

File: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendation:

That His Worship the Mayor sign the submission [without amendment/as amended] to the Ministry for the Environment on the First set of National Planning Standards, and that the signed submission be included in the Order Paper for Council's meeting on 30 August 2018.

12 Earlier implementation of the National Planning Standards (in particular an e-Plan)

As there will be further sets of the National Planning Standards, including definitions, it is preferable to implement those when the next review of the District Plan is undertaken. However, a staged implementation of an e-Plan is feasible. Council's GIS Officer will be in attendance to explain how this could be done and the likely cost.

A presentation will be provided to the committee.

13 LGNZ Climate change project – draft sector response on mitigation

Local Government New Zealand has released a position paper on climate change mitigation (attached) and is seeking feedback from local authorities. The paper sets out the ambition of local government for, and the commitments it makes to contributing to the overall effort to reduce emissions in New Zealand, as well as outlining the support local authorities need to enhance their contributions to emissions reductions. The Committee is asked to consider whether there are any issues raised in the position paper that it particularly supports, or would like to be changed.

Feedback is due 30 August 2018

14 Review of Liquor Control in a Public Place Bylaw

At the July 2018 meeting the Policy/Planning Committee indicated a desire to continue with the existing Bylaw. To do this Council is required to determine *that "the level of crime or disorder experienced before the bylaw was made (being crime or disorder that can be shown to have been caused or made worse by alcohol consumption in the area concerned) is likely to return to the area to which the bylaw is intended to apply if the bylaw does not continue"*.

A request has gone out to the Community Committee/Board meetings in August for comment on the Bylaw to help inform this assessment and to see whether any amendments to the Bylaw are necessary. Officers are also working on gaining additional information required for Council to continue make this assessment. An update will be provided at the meeting.

15 Animal Control Bylaw

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-DB-1-9

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Animal Control Bylaw Review – proposal for consultation' to the 9 August 2018 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that, in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act, a bylaw is the most appropriate way of dealing with the management of nuisances created from animals, the draft Animal Control Bylaw 2018 is the most appropriate form of a bylaw and there are no implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the draft Animal Control Bylaw [as amended], engagement plan, summary of information and submission form be adopted for consultation, with the specific consultation dates to be approved at the 13 September 2018 Policy/Planning Committee meeting.

16 First Draft of the Community Housing Policy

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 6-CF-1-14

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'First Draft of the Community Housing Policy' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 9 August be received.

- 2 EITHER

That the first draft of the Community Housing Policy [as amended/without amended] be adopted and a copy provided to each tenant, to the local offices of the Ministry of Social Development and to the Rātana Communal Board of Trustees

OR

That further work be done on the first draft of the Community Housing Policy, including and brought back to the September 2018 meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee for further consideration

17 Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – July 2018'

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – July 2018' to the Policy/Planning committee on 9 August 2018 be received.

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

At its meeting on 14 June 2018, the Committee sought an understanding of the process and documentation used by Horizons Regional Council on its policy of rates remission for Māori freehold land. The policy (which is similar to that adopted by the Rangitīkei District Council) is attached, together with the application form.

19 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 July 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 9 August 2018 be received.

20 Late items

21 Future items for the agenda

22 Next meeting

Thursday 13 September 2018, 1.00 pm.

23 Meeting closed