



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 September 2018 – 1:00 pm

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
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 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
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents **Item 7** Chair's Report
Item 13 Incentivising residential development

1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 1.05pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Dunn be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

4 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.

Ms Hiroa declared that her conflict would be with the Youth Space Taihape as Mōkai Pātea Services holds the contract for this.

5 Confirmation of order of business

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/100	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 August 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair's tabled report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/101	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the 'Chair's report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr Gordon / Ms Hiroa. Carried

8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs took the report as read.

Key points that were discussed were:

- Media attention around the construction phase of the Bulls Community Centre has been positive.
- Rubbish and recycling public consultation is due to go out in October-November 2018 following minor points of clarification in Council workshop.
- Website traffic has increased due to constant updating of Social media which links back to the website
- The Mayor and deputy Mayor have taken part in media interviews highlighting the government earthquake strengthening regulation and the impact on the regions
- Ms Downs encouraged Councillors to take photos of events they attend in the district so they can be used in public communication

Undertaking Subject

Staff to send the media links of the earthquake strengthening interviews with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to elected members.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/102** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

10 Legislation and Governance Update – September 2018

Ms Webb-Moore took the report as read.

Discussion took place regarding the Healthy Homes standard and the impact it will have to Council as a landlord. It was suggested that the Survey by Statistics New Zealand "The Measuring our wellbeing" be shared through Council's communications team to the public. While much of the submissions from councils (including Rangitikei) to Productivity Commission's discussion paper on the Transition to a low emissions economy was included in their final report however no mention was made of aquaculture, suggested for consideration by Rangitikei. The reason for this will be investigated.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/103** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

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

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

11 Annual residents' and stakeholder surveys

Mr Jamieson took the report as read and thanked the respondents, managers, staff and Stuart Hylton for their work. He highlighted that there were around 850 respondents to the survey with the most respondents being in the 65+ age range. The cost benefit of the annual survey was raised and discussion was had on alternative options to capture a wider resident audience and perspective. Also of note were talks around how Council is following up with the comments that are being made in the survey.

Undertaking Subject

That staff undertake the viability analysis of alternative options for the residential survey.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/104** **File Ref** **5-FR-1-2**

That the report '2018 Annual Residents Survey – Improvement Plan' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/105** **File Ref** **5-FR-1-2**

That a report on progress with the activity improvement actions in response to the Annual Residents' Survey and Stakeholders 2018 be provided to the March 2019 meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

12 Review of Liquor Control in a Public Place Bylaw

Ms Gray took the report as read, highlighting the consultation that had taken place with key stakeholders including local police, community patrol and community boards/committees.

The Taihape community support group has committed to sending the public consultation to their members

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/106** **File Ref**

That the report 'Review – Liquor Control in a Public Place Bylaw' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/107** **File Ref**

The Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that in accordance with Section 147A(2) of the Local Government Act, the Control of Liquor in a Public Place Bylaw is required as it is likely that the level of crime or disorder is likely to return to the liquor control areas if the bylaw does not continue.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/108** **File Ref**

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 crime associated with the consumption of liquor in public places, the draft Control of Liquor in a Public Place Bylaw 2018 is the most appropriate form of a bylaw and there are no implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/109** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the Control of Liquor in a Public Place Bylaw 2018, is adopted for consultation, in accordance with the engagement plan, statement of proposal, summary of information and submission form and that the hearing of oral submissions is delegated to the Policy/Planning Committee's 8 November 2018 meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Cr Sheridan left at 2.01-2.03pm

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13 Incentivising residential development

Mr Hodder talked through the tabled document and invited input from elected members.

Discussion points were:

- Rates remissions on new or relocated dwellings
- Rates remission on residential subdivisions
- That the engagement plan includes public meetings and an invitation to Real Estate Managers, Property Developers and other interested parties to discuss the proposal.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/110** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-29**

That the tabled memorandum 'Incentivising residential development' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/111** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-29**

That, regarding the proposed policy on incentivising residential development, the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that it be adopted as amended for consultation coinciding with consultation on the revised Animal Control Bylaw, including an engagement plan which includes a public meetings and sessions with interested parties

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

14 Update on Community Engagement and Development Programmes/Activities – August 2018

Mr Jamieson took the report as read.

Discussion was had over the various services which address the issue of suicide. Mr Jamieson stated that staff involvement is as support and facilitation when appropriate. The meeting with Solarcity indicated an appetite from them to train 10 Rangatahi in basic health and safety training relating to electrical work with the aim of taking two through a full electrical apprenticeship.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/112** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

That the memorandum 'Update on Community Engagement and Development Programmes/Activities – August 2018' to the Policy/Planning committee on 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr Ash/ Ms Hiroa. Carried

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

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/113** **File Ref**

That the 'Draft Maori land rates remission form' to the 13 September Policy/Planning be received.

Cr Belsham / Ms Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/114** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee adopt (without amendment) the 'Draft Maori land rates remission form'.

Cr Belsham / Ms Hiroa. Carried

16 Activity management

Mr Hodder took the report taken as read.

Elected members discussed economic development, district promotion and the current status of the Swim for All programme.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/115** **File Ref**

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

Ms Hiroa / Cr Ash. Carried

17 Late items

None

18 Future items for the agenda

None

19 Next meeting

Thursday 11 October 2018, to follow Council.

20 Meeting closed

2.46 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: