



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 11 October 2018 – Following Council meeting

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The quorum for the Policy and 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, ie 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 Public Forum

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

4 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.

5 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.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 September 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 13 September 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 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 11 October 2018 be received.

8 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

Marion. 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. Rangitikei was a participant in a recent forum of regional mayors with the Minister of Building and Construction, Jenny Salesa, who undertook to review how the legislation affects rural towns. The initial formal assessments of building in Marion's CBD area *started in September*.

An application was submitted to the Lotteries Heritage and Environment Fund in February for a grant towards a feasibility study on establishing the Marion 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 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The major project is the linkage of Marion to Bulls and subsequent discharge to land, which Council confirmed as its preferred option at its meeting on 30 August 2018.

Regarding priority 5 projects, a new agreement for the continued delivery of Infrastructure Services by Manawatu 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. This is one of the key priorities for the Principal Advisor – Infrastructure, Arno Benadie, who started on 3 September 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. At its October meeting, the Komiti will give further consideration to nominating a member for the Finance/Performance Committee. 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.

There has been substantial Council involvement with Marion's Centennial Park skateboard park extension and the Papakai Park development proposal in Taihape: both are community-led projects. Conversely, Council has secured community engagement in projects it has led, notably the planting at Marion's B & C Dams.

A review of the arrangements to support young people in the District resulted in the appointment of a full-time Youth Co-ordinator (instead of two part-time co-ordinators) and the opening of new youth centre 'The Lobby'. Negotiating is continuing for an equivalent space in Taihape. The Rangitikei Youth awards were offered in both 2017 and 2018.

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 October meetings of Community Boards and Community Committees include clarification on Council’s plans and process for town and District signage.

9 Update on Communications Strategy

An update is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the ‘Communications Strategy Update’ to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 October 2018 be received.

10 Legislation and Governance Update – October 2018

A report is attached.

File: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

1. That the report ‘Legislation and Governance Update, October 2018’ be received.
2. That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the issues proposed to be included in the Council’s submission to the Building Amendment Bill, with the following changes/additions to be included for Council’s consideration at its meeting on 25 October 2018:
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11 Submission to proposed healthy homes standards

A draft submission is attached.

Recommendation:

That the draft ‘Submission to proposed healthy homes standards’ to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting 11 October 2018 be received.

12 Update on Community Engagement and Development Programmes/Activities – September 2018

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-3-1

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Update on Community Engagement and Development Programmes/Activities – September 2018' to the Policy/Planning committee on 11 October 2018 be received.

13 Activity Management

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-3-2

Recommendation:

That the 'Activity Management report' to the Policy Planning committee on 11 October 2018 be received.

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

- Policy options a round poor state of unoccupied CBD properties
- Productivity Commission's view of aquaculture as an opportunity to reduce agricultural emissions.

A verbal update will be provided to the meeting.

15 Late items

As agreed at item 5

16 Future items for the agenda

17 Next meeting

Thursday 15 November at 1pm

18 Meeting closed