



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 October 2018 – Following Council meeting

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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 Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Principle Advisor Infrastructure
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Carol Downs, Executive Officer
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents: Item 7 Chair's report
Item 10 Building Amendment Bill Presentation

1 Welcome

Meeting opened at 1.51pm

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Ms Hiroa be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. 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.

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of order of business

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/116	File Ref
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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.

Cr Aslett / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair's tabled report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number	18/PPL/117	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the 'Chair's report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 October 2018 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs took her report as read.

Points highlighted were:

- The Welcome to Rangitikei Information Packs for new residents – There are several circulated by organisations within each community, with varying degrees of success. The Committee expressed their desire to see Council produce one district wide new resident’s pack for distribution.
- Kerbside Rubbish and Recycling Postcard – Information is scheduled for print in the District Monitor next week. Postcards will be delivered to all urban households and alternatively to post-boxes in appropriate communities. No public meetings are scheduled; however, staff are willing to meet specific communities if requested.
- Councillor Social Media Support – The communications team have requested Councillors to support social media posts by liking and making comments on posts.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/118** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

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

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/119** **File Ref**

That Rangitikei District Council complete the new residents’ information package process with urgency.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

10 Legislation and Governance Update – October 2018

Mr Cullis spoke to his presentation.

The Committee discussed the proposed changes of the draft Building Amendment Bill including buildings affected by emergency, powers of those in charge and Chief Executive

investigations. Highlighted was the proposal to allow territorial authorities the ability to designate part or a whole area without declaring a State of Emergency. This will allow for limited access to certain areas in instances of localised damage or disaster.

Mr Hodder spoke about the Community Wellbeing Bill noting that the select committee was unable to reach agreement on whether to recommend that the bill be passed due in part to the inclusion of development contributions.

Undertaking

Subject

Staff to report to Policy on Planning on further developments of the Community Wellbeing Bill and the effects for Council.

Resolved minute number

18/PPL/120

File Ref

File: 3-OR-3-5

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

Cr Belsham / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number

18/PPL/121

File Ref

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the issues proposed to be included in the Council's submission on the Building Amendment Bill, with the following changes/additions to be included for Council's consideration at its meeting on 25 October 2018.

- Reference as to the legal age to give consent to enter premise or household unit is raised from 14 to 18 years of age
- That infringements fines are included along with the proposed prosecution fine

Cr Aslett / Cr Platt. Carried

Meeting Adjourned 2.36pm and reconvened at 2.53pm

His Worship the Mayor left at 2:53 – 2:55pm

Cr Wilson left at 2.53 pm

Meeting adjourned at 3.29 – 3:47pm

His Worship the Mayor left at 3.47 – 3.50pm

11 Submission to proposed healthy homes standards

Mr Jamieson spoke to the draft submission.

The committee raised concerns with mandatory multi room heating requirements. Notes was potential flow on costs to tenants in both subsidising the landlords purchasing heating appliances along with the ongoing electrical bill for heater use. The committee agreed to the

amended the draft submission by removal of open fires as a source of home heat (in 1.5), due to environmental concerns.

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/122** **File Ref**

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

Cr Dunn / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/PPL/123** **File Ref**

That the Policy/ Planning Committee authorise His Worship the Mayor to sign (on behalf of the Council) the submission as amended the submission on proposed Healthy Homes Standard to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

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

Mr Jamieson took his report as read and welcomed questions.

Points of discussion were:

- Economic Development – With the awaited appointment of an Economic Development Advisor there will be more progress to report in the coming months.
- Taihape Youth Development – Mokai Patea Services h signalled staffing strain in fulfilling the MoU agreement. Staff are investigating solutions.
- Iwi/Hapū Development – Staff have been working alongside Ngāti Hauiti with initial conversations on building capacity and capability. Projects with Ngāti Whitikaupeka and Ngāti Tamakopiri are progressing. Cr Gordon, Mr Jamieson and Mr Meihana met with the trustees of Ngāti Hinemanu and Ngāti Paki, building Council's relations.
- Rātana Centenary, 7–9 November 2018 – a newspaper advertisement noted incorrect dates for the celebration resulting in a correction reprint. Mr Meihana is working closely with Council's Roading department formalising the Traffic Management plan.

His Worship the Mayor left at 4.37 – 4.50pm

Undertaking **Subject**

Staff to provide a report on the Taihape Youth Space to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting 15 November 2018

Undertaking Subject

Staff to provide a breakdown of Iwi/Hāpu development projects and associated funding.

Resolved minute number 18/PPL/124 File Ref 5-EX-3-1

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

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

13 Activity Management

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report.

Key points highlighted from the report were:

- Bulls Community Centre – although early days we should be considering the décor on the inside of the building. There were several suggestions on how this could be done and what could be put in and who should have input into the décor. It was suggested a subcommittee could be established for this purpose.
- Building Consent – it was noted that the completion of building consents for this period was 56.5%. Mr Cullis explained this was due to temporary staffing resource issues which are now rectified.

Resolved minute number 18/PPL/125 File Ref 5-EX-3-2

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

Cr Dunn / Cr Ash. Carried

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

Mr Hodder gave a verbal report about policy options available to council to address the poor state of unoccupied CBD properties. The committee noted that the focus should be that of incentivising instead of punishing landlords.

Undertaking

Subject

Staff to provide the Policy Planning Committee with detailed options available to Council to address the poor state of unoccupied CBD properties.

15 Late items

None

16 Future items for the agenda

Community Initiatives Fund

Service Collaborations between Rangitikei District Council, Manawatu District Council and Horizons Regional Council to address jurisdictions issues

Resolved minute number

18/PPL/126

File Ref

That a subcommittee be formed as the Jurisdiction Collaboration team.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan.

17 Next meeting

Thursday 15 November at 11.00 am.

18 Meeting closed

4.58pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: