



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 15 November 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

Note: This meeting is scheduled to end at noon.

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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, 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 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 11 October 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 11 October 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 15 November 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

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. Rangitikei was a participant in the September 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 Marton'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 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 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The major project is the linkage of Marton 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 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. 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. *The Komiti has yet to nominate 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 Marton's Centennial Park skateboard park extension and the Papakai Park development proposal in Taihape: both are community-led projects. Complementing this, Council has secured community engagement in projects it has led, notably the planting at Marton'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 2018, 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 *included* clarification on Council's plans and process for town and District signage *and sought their views on local icons to be included*.

9 Oral Submissions to the Control of Liquor in a Public Place Bylaw

All submissions received are attached. One submitter has asked to speak with the Council.

- Meretini Bennett Huxtable – Healthy Families Whanganui Rangitīkei Ruapehu

10 Update on Communication Strategy

An update is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 November 2018 be received.

11 Legislation and Governance Update, November 2018

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

1. That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update, November 2018' be received.
2. That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign (on behalf of Council) the submission [as amended/without amendment] to the Parliamentary Primary Industries Committee on the Dog Control (Category 1 Offences) Amendment Bill.

12 Review of Community Initiatives Fund

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Review of the Community Initiatives Fund' to the Policy/Planning meeting 15 November 2018 be received.

- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the use of SmartyGrants™ as the funding platform to manage the Community Initiatives Scheme [and/or] Creative Communities Scheme, Event Sponsorship Scheme, and Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund and that a simulated funding assessment using the SmartyGrants™ online platform be provided to the November 2018 meeting of the Finance/Performance Committee.
- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends that, with respect to the Community Initiatives and Events Sponsorship Scheme,
 - each Community Board/Committee is asked to nominate an assessor, each of whom will assess the merits of each application;
 - the Chair and Deputy Chair of Finance/Performance Committee are appointed assessors, each of whom will assess the merits of each application;
 - a report collating the individual assessments will be provided to the Finance/Performance Committee which will decide the amount to be granted to each applicant; and
 - the funding rounds of both schemes coincide.

13 Mōkai Pātea Services – Taihape Community Board Investigation Request

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-10-4

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Mōkai Pātea Services – Taihape Community Board Investigation Request' be received.

14 The case for establishing a Rangitīkei Youth Council

A presentation will be provided to the meeting with supporting documents attached.

Recommendation:

That the presentation on 'Establishing a Rangitīkei Youth Council' and supporting documentation provided to the Policy/Planning meeting 15 November 2018 is received.

15 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties and establishing a Jurisdiction collaboration team are noted as items for the agenda in 2019.

16 Update on Community Engagement and Development Programmes/Activities – October 2018

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Update on Community Engagement and Development Programmes/Activities – October 2018' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 15 November 2018 be received.

17 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.

18 Quarterly Update – Māori Responsiveness Framework

A memorandum is attached.

File: 4-EN-8-2

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Quarterly Update – Māori Responsiveness Framework' to the 15 November 2018 meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee be received.

19 Late items

As agreed at item 5

20 Future items for the agenda

Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties

Establishing a Jurisdiction collaboration team

21 Next meeting

Thursday 14 February 2019, 1.00 pm

22 Meeting closed