



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes– Thursday 14 February 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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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 Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services & Communications Team Leader  
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor  
Mr Robert Peterson, Senior Animal Control Officer  
Ms Nardia Gower, Youth Development Officer  
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents:** **Item 7** Chair's report  
**Item 12** Mechanics of voluntary programme for de-sexing of cats –  
PowerPoint presentation  
**Item 14** Approach for 2019 Annual Resident's Survey

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started 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 Ms Hiroa and the late arrival of His Worship the Mayor be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. 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.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

There were no late items to the order of business.

Item 12 will follow Item 9

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/001	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 15 November 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

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That the 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 February 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham.

## 8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## 9 Update on Communication Strategy

Ms Gordon spoke to her report.

She noted that the communications team was kept busy throughout the Marton Water supply issues in January. Also that the Bulls newsletter would be going out at the end of the month featuring the development of the new Bulls Community Centre.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/003**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 February 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 12 Mechanics of voluntary programme for de-sexing of cats

Mr Peterson spoke to his PowerPoint presentation.

The Committee discussed the following points:

- Who would be eligible for the subsidy for the cost of de-sexing and microchipping of cats and how would it be assessed?
- That Vet clinics in Bulls Marton and Taihape would need to be part of the programme
- The programme be seen as a trial and be a package programme with de-sexing and microchipping combined.
- The level of subsidy.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/004**                      **File Ref**                      **2-RE-1-8**

That the PowerPoint presentation 'Mechanics of voluntary programme for de-sexing of cats' be received.

Cr Platt / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/005**                      **File Ref**

That a 50% subsidy for de-sexing and microchipping cats be implemented as a trial, to qualify a person must have a community services card.

Cr Platt / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 10 Legislation and Governance Update, February 2019

Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

The Committee discussed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and what enforcement powers that they could be likely to hold and how it will affect Council.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/006**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-5**

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update, February 2019' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

## 11 Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw – western end of Hendersons Line, Marton – Consultation Documents

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/007**                      **File Ref**                      **1-DB-1-7**

That the draft amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw concerning the western end of Hendersons Line (Marton), the Summary of Proposal, the Engagement Plan and Submission form be received.

That the draft amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw concerning the western end of Hendersons Line (Marton), the Summary of Proposal, the Engagement Plan and Submission form (without amendment) be approved, with consultation to occur from 21 February 2019 to 21 March 2019, with oral submissions heard at Council's meeting on 28 March 2019.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

## 13 Submission to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry onto local government funding and financing

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Committee went through various questions and amended the document for Mr Hodder to complete, with possible further input from His Worship the Mayor.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/008**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-5**

That the draft response to the questions posed in the Productivity Commission's issues paper on local government funding and financing be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/009**                      **File Ref**

That, in terms of the delegation from Council to the Policy/Planning Committee, His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign (on behalf of the Council) the draft response as amended to the questions posed in the Productivity Commission's issues paper on local government funding and financing

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **14 Approach for 2019 Annual Residents Survey**

Mr Jamieson spoke to his tabled memorandum.

The Committee discussed the modes in which the survey or notice of the survey will be circulated to the region, letter box drop (using the postcard approach used in the survey on a kerbside rubbish/recycling service), face to face, online and social media. Also how to get better feedback from the surveys by fine tuning the questions that will be asked.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/010**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-1-4**

That the memorandum 'Approach for 2019 Annual Residents' Survey' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/0011**                      **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the activities/expenditure for the 2018/2019 'Annual Resident's Survey' as listed in the memorandum 'Approach for 2019 Annual Resident's Survey'.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **15 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action**

None.

## **16 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report**

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report.

The committee discussed the Marton signage and the possibility of having an activity/up and coming events board underneath the signage.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/012**                      **File Ref**

- 1 That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 14 February 2019 be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee approves staff undertaking funding applications, on behalf of the Council to the:
  - Ministry of Youth Development Partnership Fund [AND]
  - Ara Taiohi for \$1000 for the Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Dunn. Carried

## **17 Activity Management**

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/013**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 14 February 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett

## **18 Late items**

As agreed in Item 5.

## **19 Future items for the agenda**

What's coming up – list of policies etc.

## **20 Next meeting**

Thursday 21 March 2019, 1.00 pm.

## **21 Meeting closed**

4.15pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: