

Rangitīkei District Council

Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 April 2019 – to follow Assets/Infrastructure 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
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 Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure
Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents **Item 7** Chair's Report

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1.07pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the lateness of His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, be received.

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.

Cr Cath Ash and Ms Tracey Hiroa both declared a conflict of interest with the MoU funding in agenda item 10.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed. Because item 10 would be taken from 2.00 pm, some subsequent items on the agenda could be dealt with before then.

There were no late items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/024	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 21 March 2019 without amendments be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair's tabled report was taken as read.

There was a discussion around the landfill erosion article in the Dominion Post recently¹. Mr Hodder noted that investigations of old closed landfills had started following the exposure of

¹ Paul Gorman, 'Tip of the trash iceberg', Stuff, 9 April 2019

the Putorino landfill alongside the Rangitīkei River. The Chair noted the register of contaminated sites

Undertaking Subject Future agenda item

Council to investigate and report back to the Committee regarding the landfills in the Rangitīkei District. What is the current policy, where are they located, and what are the associated/future potential risks.

Resolved minute number 19/PPL/025 File Ref 3-CT-15-1

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 April 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Dunn. Carried

8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Update on Communication Strategy

Ms Gordon provided a brief update:

- The Annual Plan was the main focus for last month
- A fact sheet has been prepared for Ratana to address the water issues
- The Consultation Document is smaller than those previously created, which is proving more popular with residents.

The Committee asked that next year the Council meeting for CD sign off be held earlier, to allow more time for notifying public meetings for consultation. The Committee would also like to see the Communications team link into the rural Facebook pages, as for most these are the best way to communicate.

Resolved minute number 19/PPL/026 File Ref 3-CT-15-1

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 April 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

11 Legislation and Governance Update – April 2019

Mr Hodder provided commentary to the Committee:

- Since the report was generated there the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill had had further debate in Parliament.
- With the introduction of the Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines, and Parts) Amendment Bill, Council checked whether there was any impact on the weapons held by the Animal Control team. Minor modifications were required on one weapon.
- Privacy Bill – the report from the Justice Committee has modified the notifiable breach provision. This substantially addressed the concern expressed by Council in its submission on the Bill last year.
- Delegations under the Reserves Act – with the recent receipt of the submission prepared jointly by the Local Authority Property Association and Local Government New Zealand and an extension of the due date to 17 May 2019, the Committee agreed that the final submission be considered by Council at its meeting on 2 May 2019.

His Worship the Mayor expressed concerns over Ministerial powers in sections 15 and 24 of the Reserves Act, and how this could increase existing issues in the district with landlocked and abandoned land. He was also concerned with section 51, whereby the Minister could authorise new flora and fauna to be introduced into reserves.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/027** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update, April 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 April 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

12 The process following Council's inspection of potentially earthquake-prone buildings

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda, and enquired as to the current process for identifying earthquake prone buildings in the district.

The Committee were advised that 50% of building have already been identified, and council is on track to identify all building within the time frame allotted.

13 Review of Water-related Services Bylaw 2013

The report was taken as read. Mr Forster and Mr Benadie answered questions.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/028** **File Ref**

That the report on the 'Review of the Water Related Services Bylaw 2013' be received.

Cr Aslett/ Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/029** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council, that in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, a Water Related Services Bylaw is the most appropriate way of dealing with the management of water supply, wastewater and stormwater, private drains and watercourses, and trade waste.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/030** **File Ref**

That Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that a review of the Trade Waste Operational Guidelines 2013 be carried out and they come back to the Committee for noting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/031** **File Ref**

That Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that a review of the Water Supply Operational Guidelines 2013 be carried out and they come back to the Committee for noting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

10 Review of the Memorandum of Understanding Partnering Organisations

Presentations were made by the five MoU partnering organisations, outlining their achievements during the year and their plans for 2019/20.

- Bulls & District Community Trust
- Project Marton
- Mōkai Pātea Services
- Taihape Community Development Trust

Ms Hiroa and Cr Ash left the meeting 3.37pm

10A Public Excluded

3.38pm

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/032** **File Ref**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Memorandum of Understanding Partnering Organisations funding

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Memorandum of Understanding Partnering Organisations funding	To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>sections 7(2)(i)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left at 3.50pm

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10B Open Meeting

4.04 pm

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/034** **File Ref**

That the public excluded meeting move into open meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

14 Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohinga

The report was taken as read. Mr Jamieson advised that he is still waiting on the Values Based Addendum from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, to add to this.

Undertaking **Subject** **TRAK Strategic Plan**

Mr Jamieson is to circulate a copy of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Strategic Plan to Elected Members as soon as possible.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/036** **File Ref**

That the 'Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohinga' to the Policy/Planning Committee 11 April be received.

Cr Sheridan / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

15 Update on State of Environment report

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

16 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None.

17 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – March 2019

The report was taken as read. Mr Jamieson provided an update to the Committee:

- Township signage – Marton has progressed this month, with amendments made to the graphics. – Mangaweka are discussing their graphics at present, and are looking to potentially use a black weka.
- Ngāti Hauiti – engagement continues as they look to increase the capacity of their site. Parewahaha have also expressed interest in engaging with Council.
- As foreshadowed in the Consultation Document for the 2019/20 Annual Plan, an application has been made to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for funding for the installation of public toilets at Centennial Park, Marton and the planned upgraded playground alongside Marton Memorial Hall.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/037** **File Ref**

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – March 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 April 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

18 Activity Management

The report was taken as read.

Undertaking	Subject	Rates remission update
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The Committee has requested an update on the takeup of the new house build rates remission.

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That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 April 2019 be received.

19 Late items

None

20 Future items for the agenda

- Closed landfills
- Jurisdiction Collaboration Team
- Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties'
- MoU framework
- River walk tunnel between Utiku and Mangaweka.

21 Next meeting

9 May 2019.

22 Meeting closed

4.33 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: