

Rangitīkei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 9 May 2019 – 12:45 p.m.



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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr C Ash
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Ruth Rainey
Ms T Hiroa
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

Also Present: Ms Bonnie Clayton

Tabled Documents None

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12.45pm

2 Public Forum

Nil.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

There were no apologies.

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. No conflicts were declared.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided, Agenda item 11 will be deferred to the June meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/039	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 11 April 2019 without amendments be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

7 Chair's Report

A report will be circulated to the Committee before the next meeting.

8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Update on Communication Strategy

Ms Gordon spoke to the report:

- There was a spike in website hits for April, 12,000. This was due to an anomaly, where people who were searching for alcohol sales during Easter, were directed to an old Council article.
- Annual Plan public meetings have been held, rural attendance was high.
- There have been a few spot interviews for the Walton Street house.
- A quarterly newsletter (paper and electronic) will be circulated to the residents, outlining the current top 10 projects, and any future projects.
- Currently working to convert the district plan to an e-plan within the next 12 months.

Undertaking Subject Dudding Trust

Send out communications advising that the Dudding Trust is open for applications.

Resolved minute number 19/PPL/040 File Ref 3-CT-15-1

That the 'Update on Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 May 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

10 Legislation and Governance Update – May 2019

Mr Hodder spoke to the report:

- Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Bill, has had its third reading, and is currently going for royal assent, after which it will come into force.
- Food Act – The Ministry for Primary Industries visited all councils last year; however, the report was never finalised, and feedback was never provided. There is now a statutory requirement to complete these reviews so a different process is being used.
- National planning Standards, we are currently working towards achieving these, with a goal of being able to link the district plan with the rates/zones

Resolved minute number 19/PPL/041 File Ref 3-OR-3-5

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update - May 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 May 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

11 Revised MoU framework

Deferred to the June meeting.

12 Progress with survey of historic landfills

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Mr Hodder noted:

- The 18 sites have been identified via searching previous records
- The search is still ongoing, and will include going out to the local communities for more information

- A progress report will be available for the next meeting
- Formal management of these identified sites may be a requirement.

13 Railway tunnel walk between Utiku and Mangaweka

Cr Aslett provided an update to the meeting:

- A railway tunnel walk or cycle way is a possibility
- There is interest from tourists
- A potential issue could be railways that now run through public land
- A report will be provided to the committee at the next meeting

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/042** **File Ref**

That the verbal 'Railway tunnel walk between Utiku and Mangaweka' update to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 May 2019 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

14 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None.

15 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – April 2019

Mr Jamieson spoke the report:

- Township signage – a design for altering the existing signs has been supplied to the Lions Club for consideration. Permission to make alterations is being sought. Their decision will affect the locations of the new signage.
- Youth -76 nominations were received for 112 youth for the 2019 Youth Awards, which is a significant lift in numbers compared to previous years. We have been networking with 100% Sweet Whanganui, who have a large presence in the Rangitikei.
- Healthy Families – we are acting as a steering group for Te Oranganui to discuss issues.
- Iwi/Hapu Engagement – we have attended the final feasibility study workshop with the trustees of Ngati Hauiti. A date will be set for the formal handover of the study and drawings.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/043** **File Ref**

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – April 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 9 May 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

16 Activity Management

The report was taken as read.

His Worship the Mayor commented that the Local Government Excellence Programme has committed to going into the second round. Rangitikei will participate in 2020.

Mr Hodder provided an update on the Incentivising new residential development policy:

- There have been no applications to date
- Building practitioners have been e-mailed, and there are leaflets in the Marton Office
- We still need to build more awareness as part of the consent process

Resolved minute number

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That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 9 May 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

17 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

18 Future items for the agenda

Jurisdiction Collaboration Team

Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties

Environmental compliance and infrastructure maintenance

Datacom app – Antenno – presentation

19 Next meeting

13 June 2019 at 1pm.

20 Meeting closed

1.42pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: