



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 13 June 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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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, ie 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

Ms Ali Hale Tilley from Sadhana Yoga – Public art in Marton

- Make an audit of Marton's public art
- Assess locations for new and replacement ready public art (sides of private and public buildings, parks, skateboard park etc).
- Invite artists both local and internationally, to submit proposals for chosen public art locations
- Announce bid winners and enter due diligence process

## 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 9 May 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 May 2019 [as amended/without amendments] 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 13 June 2019 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 and is now complete. The process following these assessments was outlined in the Committee's March 2019 meeting agenda.

An application was submitted to the Lotteries Heritage and Environment Fund in February 2018 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, continued in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, with revised timing of elements in the 2019/20 Annual 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. Last year's appointment of a Strategic Advisor Iwi/Hapu is enabling 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. The Memorandum of Understanding – Tutohinga is currently under review.

There has been substantial Council involvement with Marton's Centennial Park skateboard park extension, the Marton Memorial Hall playground upgrade and the Hautapu River Parks development proposal in Taihape: both are community-led projects. *A similar involvement is envisaged for the revival of the Onepuhi Domain.* 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' in both Marton (in 2018) and Taihape (in 2019). The Rangitikei Youth awards were offered in 2016, 2017 and 2018, and *was* again in 2019. A Youth Council has been formed, and has now had *three* meetings. *The annual Youth Awards were presented on 23 May 2019.*

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.

The Council's role in responding to climate change has been highlighted in the Consultation Document for the 2019/20 Annual Plan and suggestions for further action *were received.*

A new Council brand is being implemented. The agendas for the October 2018 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. The roll-out of the new signage has started – at Hunterville. *More was done during May.*

## 9 Update on Communication Strategy

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Update on Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

## 10 Legislation and Governance Update – June 2019

A report will be tabled.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update - June 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 June 2019 be received.

## 11 Draft submission on proposed Building System legislation reform

In April 2019, the Government published its discussion paper on Building system legislative reform, requesting feedback by 16 June 2019. The discussion paper can be found at [www.mbie.govt.nz/building reform](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-reform).

The discussion paper aims to address long-standing problems that are holding the sector back. Last year the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) met with nearly 50 organisations representing stakeholders in the building sector.

The concerns raised fall under three common themes;

- Roles and responsibilities are not clear.
- Information is not available when it is needed
- It is difficult to hold people accountable for the quality of their work.

The discussion paper sets out the changes that aim to address these problems under five key building regulatory systems:

a) Building products and methods

- clarify roles and responsibilities for building products and methods
- require manufacturers and suppliers to provide information about building products
- strengthen the framework for product certification
- make consenting easier for modern methods of construction including off-site manufacturing.

b) Occupational regulation

- change the licensed building practitioners scheme to raise the competence standards and broaden the definition of restricted building work
- introduce a new licensing scheme for engineers and restrict who can carry out safety-critical engineering work
- remove exemptions that allow unlicensed people to carry out plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying work.

c) Risk and liability

- require a guarantee and insurance product for residential new builds and significant alterations, and allow homeowners to actively opt out of it
- leave the liability settings for building consent authorities unchanged.

d) Building levy

- reduce the building levy from \$2.01 including GST to \$1.50 including GST (per \$1,000)
- standardise the building levy threshold at \$20,444 including GST
- allow MBIE to spend funds raised by the building levy on broader stewardship of the building sector.

e) Offences, penalties and public notification

- increase the maximum financial penalties
- set different maximum penalties for individuals and organisations
- extend the time enforcement agencies can lay a charge from six months to 12 months
- modify the definition of 'publicly notify' in section 7 of the *Building Act*.

The discussion paper poses 97 questions which MBIE sees as important to consider. A suggested response from Council is attached. At its meeting on 30 May 2019, Council delegated authority to the Policy/Planning Committee to approve a submission.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the 'Draft submission on proposed building law reform' 2008' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.
2. That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegated authority, authorise His Worship the Mayor to sign the submission [as amended/without amendment] to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on the proposed building law reform.

## 12 Remits to Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting

The complete set of remits is attached.

The Policy/Planning Committee is asked to make a recommendation on each remit for a final decision by Council at its meeting on 27 June 2019. This will guide the Council's delegates.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report 'Proposed submission on review of Walking Access Commission Act 2008' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.
2. That the Policy/Planning Committee makes the following recommendations to Council on the 24 remits to be considered at the Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Number	Topic	Support (Y/N)	Comment
1	Climate Change – local government representation		
2	Ban on the sale of fireworks to the general public		
3	Traffic offences – red light running		
4	Prohibit parking on grass berms		

5	Short-term guest accommodation		
6	Nitrate in drinking water		
7	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987)		
8	Weed control		
9	Building defects claims		
10	Social housing		
11	Procurement		
12	Single use polystyrene		
13	Local Governments Act 2002		
14	Campground regulations		
15	Living Wage		
16	Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act		
17	Greenhouse gases		
18	Climate Change – funding policy framework		

19	Road safety		
20	Mobility scooter safety		
21	Museums and galleries		
22	Resource Management Act		
23	Mayor decision to appoint Deputy Mayor		
24	Beauty industry		

### **13 Hawkes Bay Regional Council- Proposed Plan Change 7 – Outstanding water bodies**

At its meeting on 30 May 2019, Council authorised the Policy/Planning Committee to approve a submission to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Draft Plan Change 7 to the Regional Resource Management Plan. This change is implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management includes special provision to allow for exceptional water bodies to have special protection in regional policy statements and plans.

The attached document shows the proposed changes to the Regional Resource Management Plan.

The list of outstanding water bodies includes Ngaruroro River.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegated authority, approves His Worship the Mayor commenting on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 7 – Outstanding water bodies by noting.....

### **14 Update on the Review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan**

A verbal update will be provided.



**Recommendation:**

That the 'Update on the Review of the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.

**15 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – May 2019**

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

**Recommendation:**

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – May 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.

**16 Activity Management**

A report is attached.

**Recommendation:**

That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 June 2019 be received.

**17 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action**

None.

**18 Late items**

As agreed in Item 5.

**19 Future items for the agenda**

**20 Next meeting**

11 July 2019 at 1.00 pm.

**21 Meeting closed**