



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 11 July 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

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 13 June 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 13 June 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 11 July 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. *The Building Amendment Act 2019, which gives councils powers to evacuate, repair, or demolish buildings which an earthquake has caused to be unsafe, comes into effect in December 2019.*

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. *It is also a topic in the Productivity Commission’s draft report on local government funding and financing and an issue raised in the draft Council submission to the Climate Change Resposne (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.*

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, *and has extended to Taihape.* More was done during *June.*

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 11 July 2019 be received.

10 Legislation and Governance Update – July 2019

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendation:

That the ‘Legislation and Governance Update - July 2019’ to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

11 Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill

A draft submission is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-7

Recommendations:

1. That the draft Council submission to the 'Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 July 2019 be received.
2. That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegation authority, approve His Worship the Mayor signing, on behalf of the Council the submission [as amended/without amended] to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

12 Update on the State of the Environment report

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-PL-1-2

Recommendations:

- 1 That the 'Update on the State of the Environment report (June 2019)' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 July 2019 be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the current District Plan Change:
 - a) amend the objectives and policies to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the rural zone where the site does not have highly versatile soils or has a mix of highly versatile with other soil types;
 - b) amend the rule on dwelling density in the rural zone to allow for more than two dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances;
 - c) remove indicative flood areas leaving modelled flood areas as being the sole reference for such matters; and
 - d) align papakainga housing provisions to more closely resemble those adopted by the Hastings District Council.
- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the next review of the District Plan:
 - a) adopt a procedures manual which would

- (i) confirm the location and nature of additional material referred to at both territorial authority and regional council level,
- (ii) guidelines on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2;
- b) review rules on dwelling proximity to allow more discretion to Council;
- c) review rules for subdivision in the residential zone;
- d) prohibit successive extensions over time to habitable dwellings in the Taihape West Slip Zone (so that the cumulative area does not exceed 40m²); and
- e) implement a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines.

13 Preliminary results from the 2019 residents' survey

To be tabled at the meeting.

14 Public Art in Marton

An update will be provided to the meeting.

15 Proposed icon/symbol for Marton township signage

Concept designs will be tabled at the meeting.

16 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendation:

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

17 Activity Management

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-3-2

Recommendation:

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

18 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None.

19 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

20 Future items for the agenda

- Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties
- Jurisdiction Collaboration team
- Environmental compliance and infrastructure maintenance
- Dataco app – Antenno – presentation
- Closed landfills (currently not subject to monitoring)
- MoU framework (August)
- River walk tunnel between Utiku and Mangaweka (August)

21 Next meeting

8 August 2019 at 1.00 pm.

22 Meeting closed