



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 July 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

Contents

1	Welcome	3
2	Public Forum	3
3	Apologies/Leave of Absence	3
4	Members' conflict of interest	3
5	Confirmation of order of business	3
6	Confirmation of Minutes.....	3
7	Chair's Report	3
8	Progress with strategic issues – Update	3
9	Update on Communication Strategy.....	4
12	Update on the State of the Environment report	4
10	Legislation and Governance Update – July 2019	5
11	Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.....	6
13	Preliminary results from the 2019 residents' survey	6
14	Public Art in Marton.....	7
15	Proposed icon/symbol for Marton township signage.....	7
16	Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019.....	7
	Cr Dunn departed at 3.17 pm.	7
17	Activity Management	7
17	Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action.....	8
18	Late items.....	8
19	Future items for the agenda	8
20	Next meeting.....	8
21	Meeting closed.....	8

Present: Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Lynne Sheridan
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present: Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Also in attendance: Mr Tony Thomas

Tabled Documents	Item 7	Chair's Report
	Item 13	Preliminary results from the 2019 residents survey
	Item 15	Proposed icon/symbol for Marton township signage

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1.05 pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Aslett and Ms Hiroa be received.

4 Members' conflict of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed other than Item 12 was moved between Item 9 and Item 10. There were no late items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/057	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	------------------

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019 (without amendments) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The tabled report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/058	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	------------------

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

His Worship the Mayor, advised the Committee that he will be attending a meeting with the Minister of Building and Construction, Jenny Salesa on Sunday 14 July 2019 about the Government's review of earthquake strengthening requirements.

9 Update on Communication Strategy

The report was taken as read.

Ms Gordon updated the Committee with the following highlights:

- There has been a lot of media coverage around Athol Sanson and the Parks and Reserves team.
- Ms Gordon (together with many representatives from other councils) attended the Dark Sky Forum in June hosted by Mackenzie District Council. The Mackenzie District Council is promoting astro-tourism, which has increased the visitor numbers to that region. Several other districts are following suit by making changes with street lights and are thinking outside the square to maximise use of natural light.

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/059	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	------------------

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

12 Update on the State of the Environment report

The memorandum was taken as read.

The Committee discussed whether there would be restrictions on the usage of bird scaring devices along with processes on how to apply restrictions and how to operate a device. It was agreed this would be discussed in future as part of the report.

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/060	File Ref	1-PL-1-2
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	-----------------

That the 'Update on the State of the Environment report (June 2019)' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 July 2019 be received.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/061	File Ref	1-PL-1-2
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	-----------------

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.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/062** **File Ref** **1-PL-1-2**

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 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) review a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines;
- together with the review of district lighting standards with respect to light pollution.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

10 Legislation and Governance Update – July 2019

The report was taken as read. Mr Hodder and His Worship the Mayor spoke to the report:

- Ngati Rangi Claims Settlement Bill - 3rd and final reading is on 25 July. His Worship the Mayor will be in attendance.

- Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill – There are three absolutes from Parliament in regards to water: Mana of the River – to be a constant flow, human health and industrial / horticulture / agriculture.
- Productivity Commission – Close consideration will be given by the sector to the draft report on local government funding and financing. There are linkages to the Government’s thinking about the future management of the three waters.
- Building Amendment Act – this gives local councils more power after earth quakes.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/063** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

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

Cr Dunn / Cr Sheridan. Carried

11 Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill

A draft submission is attached.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/064** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-7**

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.

Cr Gordon / His Worship The Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/065** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-7**

That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegation authority, approve His Worship the Mayor signing, on behalf of the Council the submission as amended to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

13 Preliminary results from the 2019 residents’ survey

The tabled report was taken as read. Mr Jamieson briefly discussed the preliminary results:

- There were 281 Submissions in the 2019 resident’s survey.
- An area of focus is the fixit form.
- The results have been passed onto managers for their specific area and consideration.
- A full detailed report will be provided at the next meeting.

14 Public Art in Marton

Cr Ash provided an update in regards to Public Art in Marton. She has had meetings to look at opportunities for public art as a starter in Marton; however public art district wide would be fantastic. They looked at the skate park and have had beginner discussions with an artist who is in Marton for a few months. Cr Ash would like to see mapping of where art can be placed or done in Marton.

15 Proposed icon/symbol for Marton township signage

The tabled report was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the three designs provided - Barley, Harvest theme and the Kowhai. The consensus was that the harvest theme is most suitable for the Marton Township. This is to be taken back to the Marton Community Committee before the image is rendered.

Cr Dunn left 3.06 pm – 3.08 pm.

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

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

The TRYB (The Rangitikei Youth Body) website is two weeks off being completed. The website is a youth focused website which will include Youth Council, Councillors, events, part-time employment opportunities, apprenticeships, and scholarships. Ms Gower is creating a platform to liaise with businesses within the district to ensure the information is up to date and relevant. The website will be user friendly on all devices.

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/066	File Ref	1-CO-4-8
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	-----------------

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

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Dunn departed at 3.17 pm.

17 Activity Management

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/067	File Ref	5-EX-3-2
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	-----------------

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

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

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

20 Next meeting

8 August 2019 at 1.00 pm.

21 Meeting closed

3.21 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: