



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 8 August 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 11 July 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 11 July 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 8 August 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. *At its meeting on 25 July 2019, Council approved the Mayor signing (on behalf of the Council) the Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Nga Wairiki-Ngati Apa and the Council and having a Councillor to represent the Council at the monthly meetings. This is the first such formal agreement by Council with an individual Iwi.*

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: all three 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 *four* 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 Response (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, *Turakina, Koitiata and Scotts Ferry*.

9 Update on Communication Strategy

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

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

10 Legislation and Governance Update, August 2019

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendation:

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update, August 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 8 August 2019 be received.

11 Local government funding and financing – submission to draft report from Productivity Commission

A presentation will be made to the meeting on the key issues proposed for the Council's submission. The final submission will be included in the Order Paper for Council's meeting on 29 August 2019. The submission is due that day.

File ref: 3-OR-3-7

Recommendation

That the draft submission to the Productivity Commission's draft report on local government funding and financing be extended/amended from the key issues suggested to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 8 August 2019 to cover the following points:.....

12 District Plan update

A report will be tabled.

File: 1-DP-2-9

Recommendations

1. That the report 'District Plan update' to the 8 August 2019 meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee be received
2. That, under delegated authority, the Policy/Planning Committee approves the public notification of the District Plan Change for rezoning rural to industrial at 1165 State Highway 1, Marton as specified by section 73 of the Resource Management Act 1991, subject to.....

13 Historic closed landfills not currently monitored – update

A schedule of the current understanding is attached. It includes those landfills being monitored.

File: 6-SO-1-8

Recommendation

That the schedule of known closed landfills (as at 23 July 2019) be received.

14 Improvement plans from 2019 residents survey

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

15 MoU framework

The MoU: tutohinga and requested values based framework is still under development with Te Rōpu Ahi Kā.

16 Public Art in Marton

Cr Ash will lead the discussion on this item.

17 River walk tunnel between Utiku and Mangaweka

Cr Richard Aslett will lead the discussion of this item

18 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – July 2019

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendation:

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – July 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 8 August 2019 be received.

19 Activity Management

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-3-2

Recommendation:

That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 8 August 2019 be received.

20 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None.

21 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

22 Future items for the agenda

- Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties

- Jurisdiction Collaboration team
- Environmental compliance and infrastructure maintenance
- Datacom app – Antenno – presentation – this will be deferred until the information services strategic plan has been finalised

23 Next meeting

12 September at 1.00 pm.

(This will be the Committee's last meeting for the 2016-19 triennium)

24 Meeting closed