



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 September 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Graeme Platt
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents:

Item 7	Chair's Report
Item 15	Draft submission on Proposed priority products and priority stewardship scheme guidelines
Item 16	Draft submission on Proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1.08pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Sheridan be received.

Cr Aslett/Cr Dunn. Carried

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.

Ms Hiroa declared a potential Conflict of Interest with item 14. The Committee agreed that there was no Conflict of Interest.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed, apart from item 11 as the information was not available.

There were no late items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/085	File Ref	3-CT-15-2
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 8 August 2019 (without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Aslett. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The tabled report was taken as read.

His Worship the Mayor circulated copies of his speech on 5 September 2019 to the Select Committee's session in Palmerston North considering submissions to the Climate Change Amendment Bill.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/086** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Ash. Carried

8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Update on Communication Strategy

The report was taken as read.

Ms Gordon briefly highlighted the committee:

- Walton Street house – The house is to be cleaned this weekend and ready for promotion and advertising for the Auction on 2nd of November 2019. There will be an event held for those who have helped throughout the process, held at the Rathole on the 23 October 2019.
- B & C Dams – Final community planting day is this weekend 14 September 2019, which is also the beginning of conservation week. The Downs group and Rangitikei District Council.

His Worship the Mayor updated the Committee that there have been no submissions to date in response to the District Plan Change.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/087** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the 'Update on Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Ash. Carried

10 Legislation and Governance Update, September 2019

This item was parked and re-visited later in the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1.36pm-1.44pm.

11 Improvement plans from 2019 residents' survey

The information was not yet available to present to the Committee.

12 MoU framework

The draft Memorandum of Understanding was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/089** **File Ref**

That the 'Draft Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga' to the 12 September 2019 Policy/Planning Committee be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/090** **File Ref**

That the relationship of Ngati Waewae with the Rangitikei District Council would be better dealt with by way of a Rangitikei River accord.

Cr Gordon/Cr Belsham. Carried

13 TAB Venue Policy and Gambling Venue Policy (Class 4) Review

Mr Forster took the report as read. He explained to the Committee that public consultation is required because legislative change requires public consultation because Council must consider a relocation clause in the Class 4 Venues Policy.

His Worship the Mayor left 2.12pm-2.20pm.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/091** **File Ref**

That the 'TAB Venue Policy and Gambling Venue Policy (Class 4) Review' report to the 12 September 2019 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Aslett/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/092** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommend to Council that the draft TAB Venue Policy, draft Gambling Venue Policy (Class 4), Statement of Proposal and supporting information are released for public consultation.

Cr Aslett/Cr Belsham. Carried

14 Review of policies on reducing or waiving fees

The memorandum was taken as read.

Ms Hiroa left 2.47pm-2.49pm.

Cr Dunn left 2.49pm.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/093** **File Ref** **3-PY-3-11**

That the memorandum 'Review of policies on reducing or waiving fees' to the 12 September 2019 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Ms Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/094** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the policies on reducing or waiving fees – use of Council facilities and internal consenting costs be amended by adding additional hall charge for small rooms by 1/3 of the supper room charge.

Cr Belsham/Ms Hiroa. Carried

Meeting adjourned 3.02pm-3.18pm.

15 Draft submission on Proposed priority products and priority products stewardship scheme guidelines

The tabled draft submission was considered. The Committee asked that 20 litre plastic industrial containers be added to the proposed scope of the priority products.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/095** **File Ref**

That the 'Draft submission on Proposed priority products and priority products stewardship scheme guidelines' to the 12 September 2019 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received and referred to Council as amended.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

16 Draft submission on Proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land

The tabled draft submission was considered. The Committee was asked to provide comment to Mr Hodder for inclusion in the draft for consideration at Council's meeting on 26 September 2019.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/096** **File Ref**

That the 'Draft submission on Proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Platt. Carried

10 Legislation and Governance Update, September 2019

Mr Hodder took the report as read.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/088** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update, September 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett/Cr Platt. Carried

17 Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Committee agreed that something needs to be done in this area. This might be advanced for consideration as one of Council's strategic objectives for the 2019-22 triennium and, if that is decided upon, it would be advanced during the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

His Worship the Mayor left 3.46 pm.

18 Jurisdiction Collaboration team

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

19 The case for a geopark in the Rangitikei

The Committee discussed the potential for a geopark in the Rangitikei and agreed this would be an Economic Development opportunity.

20 Public Art in Marton

Cr Ash updated the Committee on Public Art in Marton.

The Committee was updated on the following:

- Still to meet up with team to discuss how Public Art will be implemented.
- Will start the project in Marton to begin with on a smaller scale and then will move out into the district.
- Need to identify places around Marton where Public Art could go and how to link with existing art in the township so it is not disjointed.
- To connect in with the Marton Playtrail

21 Mangaweka to Utiku Disused Rail Tunnels Walk

Cr Aslett briefly highlighted the Committee on his report:

- The views are spectacular, and is recommended to everyone to do this if they can.
- It is a seasonal walk, and does require permission from landowners before entering property.
- There is potential for a cycleway in the future and teaming up with tourism providers in the district.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/097** **File Ref** **4-ED-4-5**

That the report 'Mangaweka to Utiku Disused Rail Tunnels Walk' to the 12 September 2019 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Aslett/Cr Ash. Carried

22 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – August 2019

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/098** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – August 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/099** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

That the Policy/Planning Committee approve the funding application to the Whanganui Community Foundation of up to \$10,000 for the Swim 4 All programme 2019/2020.

Cr Ash/Ms Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/100** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

That the Policy/Planning Committee approve the funding to Kiwi Sport of up to \$8,000 for the Swim 4 All programme 2019/2020.

Cr Ash/Ms Hiroa. Carried

23 Activity Management

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/PPL/101** **File Ref** **5-EX-3-2**

That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett/Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Platt left 4.22pm-4.26pm.

24 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None.

25 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

26 Future items for the agenda

27 Next meeting

This was the final meeting of the 2016-2019 triennium.

The inaugural meetings of the three standing committees is tentatively scheduled for 19 December 2019, starting 9.00am.

28 Meeting closed

4.31pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Confirmed/Chief Executive: _____

Date: